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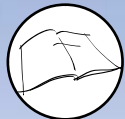
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..as a light shining in a dark place.

2 Peter 1:19



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Daily Bible Reading

A daily Bible study schedule for the month of June.



Ministry Highlights

Benevolence and Outreach Ministries are highlighted this month.



Calendar of Events

A calendar highlights special dates along with listings of special events and birthdays for the month of June.

MINISTERS

MIKE MCALISTER, PULPIT
MIKE ROSS, OUTREACH
JUSTIN BRUNER, YOUTH AND FAMILY

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASSES 9:00 A.M.
WORSHIP 10:15 A.M.
CARE GROUPS 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY

LADIES BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASSES 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY

LADIES CLASS 10:00 A.M.



Mike McAlister

What Will It Mean, Jesus?

- A prayer for church -

"I want to know Christ . . ." (Philippians 3:10)

What will it mean to know You, Jesus?

What will it be like to look at the people around us through Your eyes?

What treasure will we see in others that we have missed until now?

Who will You send us to love that, until now, we have avoided?

Who will You call us to forgive that, until now, we have justified resenting?

What distasteful traits of others will we no longer be able to avoid?

How long will we have to bear with the inconsistencies and ineptitude of others who claim to follow You?

And which of our rationalities will shrivel under Your discerning gaze?

Which personal idols of ours will You have to expose and destroy?

Which "comfort zones" that we treasure will You call us to disdain?

Why do You insist on a cross before we can experience Your resurrection?

And how will You teach us to care about others in ways that leave Your fingerprints on their lives?

What joy do You have for us to know in Your presence?

What power do You have for us to know in Your service?

What comfort do You want us to have in trusting Your sufficiency?

Let it begin, Jesus.

Whatever it will mean, Jesus,

let it begin until nothing satisfies us but You.

Mike McAlister
June 2005

Ministry Spotlight

Benevolence & Outreach

JUNE DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

1 2 Chron. 4-6 John 12:20-50	16 Nehemiah 1-3 Acts 2:1-13
2 2 Chron. 7-9 John 13:1-17	17 Nehemiah 4-6 Acts 2:14-47
3 2 Chron. 10-12 John 13:18-38	18 Nehemiah 7,8 Acts 3
4 2 Chron. 13-16 John 14	19 Nehemiah 9-11 Acts 4:1-22
5 2 Chron. 17-19 John 15	20 Nehemiah 12,13 Acts 4:23-37
6 2 Chron. 20-22 John 16:1-15	21 Esther 1-3 Acts 5:1-16
7 2 Chron. 23-25 John 16:16-33	22 Esther 4-6 Acts 5:17-42
8 2 Chron. 26-28 John 17	23 Esther 7-10 Acts 6
9 2 Chron. 29-31 John 18:1-23	24 Job 1-3 Acts 7:1-19
10 2 Chron. 32,33 John 18:24-40	25 Job 4-6 Acts 7:20-43
11 2 Chron. 34-36 John 19:1-22	26 Job 7-9 Acts 7:44-60
12 Ezra 1,2 John 19:23-42	27 Job 10-12 Acts 8:1-25
13 Ezra 3-5 John 20	28 Job 13-15 Acts 8:26-40
14 Ezra 6-8 John 21	29 Job 16-18 Acts 9:1-22
15 Ezra 9,10 Acts 1	30 Job 19,20 Acts 9:23-43



Adam Reeder

We are called the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12). At times, our body will suffer injury in some way—be it the size of a paper cut or as serious as a broken leg. We have to take care of the body when it is injured, or it will become diseased, infected, and in danger of dying. When we give our time and resources to nurturing and taking care of our body, it can heal and thrive. Once healthy again, the part that was broken can in turn work to help care for another the next time there is a need. Not only that, our body can work to help others outside it, so that they can have an opportunity to know Jesus. As Christians, sharing Jesus

with a sin-sick world is our primary function.

Some of the many ways we care for each other and show Christ to those around us are Benevolence, Outreach, the Card Ministry, and the Visitation Ministry.

Our Benevolence Ministry mostly aids people in a financial manner. Our body meets needs within itself and in the community ranging from electric bills, grocery expenses to gasoline. Besides meeting a person's immediate financial need, we endeavor to fill any spiritual need they may have as well, also inviting them to worship with us.

The Outreach Ministry's goal is to reach out into our community and touch people's lives by introducing them to the life-changing Christ. Some of the Outreach Ministry's activities include distributing contact cards, Jesus videos, welcome packets, and pamphlets, as well as arranging certain special events.

The Visitation/Card Ministry is a purposeful way for us to encourage people with specific needs in a very personal way. Ministry participants team up so that one to two people commit to visiting someone twice a month for six months.

Because all of us are members of Christ's body, all of us have an obligation to be involved in supporting His body in some way. Please consider how you can help the body thrive in this place. If you would like to participate in any of the above ministries, please contact me at 281-997-5567, or contact Keesha McAlister at 281-482-7966 and she will relay the information to me.

In Christ,
Adam Reeder

Knowing Christ
Growing in Christ



Announcements



Visitation Ministry – Ladies, have you ever considered visiting special older women in our congregation? Have you admired their knowledge and life experience? If so, this is the ministry for you. We want you to join us as we get to know these women and share new experiences with them. Each member of this ministry will have the joy of visiting with a special older lady for at least 2 hours a month for 6 months. We have openings for 5 new members that need to be filled immediately. Young moms are encouraged to join us. If you are interested in participating in this great ministry, please see Susan Khonsari, Lynda Harris or Keesha McAlister.

Robert & Connie Young are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Carey, to Lars Cristor Svensson of Linkoping, Sweden. The couple will reside in Houston.



FUSION Update

Mexico Mission Trip 2005 is coming. For anyone interested in going, see Justin Bruner.

We will be doing a few fundraisers for the Mission Trip over the next couple of months:

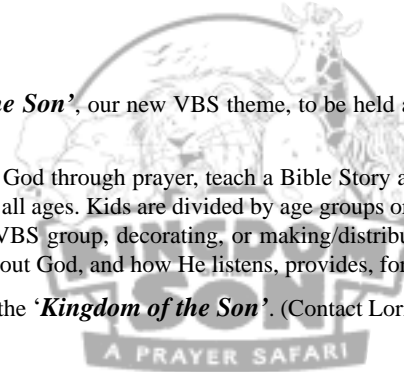
- ✂ **Teen Auction – Sunday, June 12th** – immediately following worship, you can bid on *Fusion* Students. Winning bidders will receive 4 hours of service (yard work, babysitting, etc.).
- ✂ **Yard Sale – Saturday, June 25th** – Please pre-price and donate your items the week of June 12th (we do not have storage room for all the items before then).
- ✂ **Fusion Work Camp – June 26-30** – *Fusion* students will teaming up with Christian Alliance, a Christian humanitarian aid organization based in Pearland. Activities will include painting, helping them inventory warehouses and bagging beans and rice for distribution to Third World countries. The cost is \$25.00. For more information, talk to Justin.

Thanks for your support – you make this trip possible!

Kids will go WILD for '*Kingdom of the Son*', our new VBS theme, to be held at our church *July 10 – 13 (Sun – Wed. nites)* from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Each night we will focus on communicating with God through prayer, teach a Bible Story and memory verse, and have a cool craft, snacks, and a short skit. VBS traditionally involves members of all ages. Kids are divided by age groups or grade levels. Elementary age kids and teens are active helpers, care groups participate by hosting each VBS group, decorating, or making/distributing snacks. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors (and grandkids!) to learn about God, and how He listens, provides, forgives & protects.

Please begin now to make plans to be involved in the '*Kingdom of the Son*'. (Contact Lori Veatch) All ages are welcome! More news on this will be out as the dates draw near.



Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 - Joshua Curlin, Jerry Scott | 7 - Carol McDaniel, Eddie Turpin, | 21 - Bryan Watson, Lisa Taliaferro |
| 2 - Sondra Jackson | Lon Van Pelt, Mendy Davis | 22 - Carey Young |
| 3 - Janet Kirklin, Ryan Taliaferro, | 14 - David Romero, Mickey McDaniel | 24 - Eleanor Nunnally, Lynda Harris |
| Christian Van Pelt, | 16 - Wayne Vowell | 28 - Hunter Bouley |
| Jackson Mitchell | 17 - Carol Berger | 29 - John Bailey |
| 4 - James Thomas, Traci Curlin | 18 - Deanna Daniels | 30 - Jillian Hughes |
| | 19 - Zackary Kingham, Chad Moffitt | |

Communion Preparers

Chris Kirklin

Greeters

Kelly Debner, Betty Watson
Ted & Hazel Jagen

Contribution Counters

Weldon Womack & Jerry Scott

June 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	QUILTING NIGHT 7:00 P.M. 2	3	4
<i>Fusion 316</i>						
5	6	7	8	QUILTING NIGHT 7:00 P.M. 9	10	11
ELEMENTARY CAMP						
<i>Fusion 316</i>						
12	13	14	15	QUILTING NIGHT 7:00 P.M. 16	17	18
FUSION TEEN AUCTION <i>Fusion 316</i>					NON-MEMBER WEDDING REHEARSAL	COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST @ HOPE LUTHERAN 7:10-9:00 A.M. NON-MEMBER WEDDING
19	20	21	22	QUILTING NIGHT 7:00 P.M. 23	24	25
<i>Fusion 316</i>						FUSION GARAGE SALE
26	27	28	29	QUILTING NIGHT 7:00 P.M. 30		
FUSION WORK CAMP						

Kyle McGinn has done a fantastic job creating our new church website. Make it a habit to check the website frequently to keep up to date with church events and news. It is updated regularly to stay current, and a calendar has been set up listing upcoming events. The website has a clean look it that is easy to navigate and is friendly to those of us who still have a dial-up connection. Please take advantage of this cutting edge resource, and share the address with your friends.

The new website address is fwdcofc.org.



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