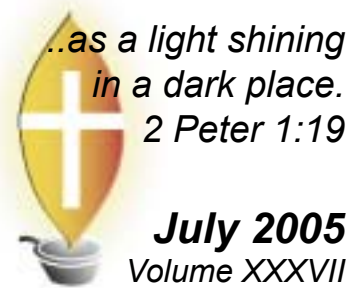


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...as a light shining
in a dark place.
2 Peter 1:19

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The Jesus Touch

I have spent a lot of time lately contemplating the life of Jesus. Honestly, whenever I spend a good amount of time meditating on and studying the life of my Savior – I become excited about who He is, and I am amazed by how He lived.

Something that makes me love Jesus so much is how much He loved other people. Jesus was constantly with people – walking with them, teaching them, eating with them, healing them: God who touches the lives and hearts of His creation. A peculiarity about Jesus was His love for EVERYONE – not just the elite; not just those who “measured up” – who looked and acted the right way; and not just those people who loved Him back – Jesus loved everyone.

In fact, Jesus spent more of His time with the people you and I might consider a little shady than He did with the people who thought they deserved His time and attention. Jesus can be seen regularly eating with tax collectors and other “sinners.” There is a story about this in Matthew 9: 10-13:

That night Matthew invited dinner guests, along with other notorious sinners. When he heard this, Jesus does your teacher eat with a doctor—sick people do.’ meaning of this Scripture: ‘I think they are already good

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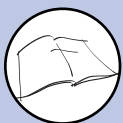
Jesus and his disciples to be his fellow tax collectors and many The Pharisees were indignant. ‘Why such scum?’ they asked his disciples. replied, ‘Healthy people don’t need Then he added, ‘Now go and learn the want you to be merciful; I don’t want come to call sinners, not those who enough.’” (NLT)

When I read this story and see how much Jesus loves people – I am certain that Jesus loves me, and would have wanted to have a meal at my house – and that makes me want to be just like Him.

This July, FUSION Student Ministries is going to embark on a Christ-like adventure to Mexico. We will be going to a small village a few hours south of the border to love a group of people with Jesus’ love. The people of Carboneras live on less than \$3 a day, in substandard conditions, and we have an opportunity to eat with them, to teach their children, to serve them, and to love them like Jesus loves us. And it makes me wonder: how can we do this in the Friendswood community?



Justin Bruner



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.

Ministry Spotlight

Local Outreach

JULY DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

1 Job 21,22 Acts 10:1-23	17 Psalm 22-24 Acts 20:1-16
2 Job 23-25 Acts 10:24-48	18 Psalm 25-27 Acts 20:17-38
3 Job 26-28 Acts 11	19 Psalm 28-30 Acts 21:1-14
4 Job 29,30 Acts 12	20 Psalm 31-33 Acts 21:15-40
5 Job 31,32 Acts 13:1-23	21 Psalm 34,35 Acts 22
6 Job 33,34 Acts 13:24-52	22 Psalm 36,37 Acts 23:1-11
7 Job 35-37 Acts 14	23 Psalm 38-40 Acts 23:12-35
8 Job 38,39 Acts 15:1-21	24 Psalm 41-43 Acts 24
9 Job 40-42 Acts 15:22-41	25 Psalm 44-46 Acts 25
10 Psalm 1-3 Acts 16:1-15	26 Psalm 47-49 Acts 26
11 Psalm 4-6 Acts 16:16-40	27 Psalm 50-52 Acts 27:1-25
12 Psalm 7-9 Acts 17:1-15	28 Psalm 53-55 Acts 27:26-44
13 Psalm 10-12 Acts 17:16-34	29 Psalm 56-58 Acts 28:1-15 210
14 Psalm 13-16 Acts 18	30 Psalm 59-61 Acts 28:16-31 211
15 Psalm 17,18 Acts 19:1-20	31 Psalm 62-64 Romans 1 212
16 Psalm 19-21 Acts 19:21-41	



David Romero

Ministries that we support to the local Houston community include our Friendswood Christian School (FCS), our Christian Counseling Center (CCC), Impact Houston Church of Christ, and the Homes of St. Mark (HSM).

FCS has just completed another outstanding year. Approximately 95 children received a quality Christian education, learning about Jesus in addition to math, science, reading, writing, and other studies. In addition to ministering to the children, the school touches their families. We ended the year spiritually strong, academically sound, and on solid financial footing. Janet McGinn did an excellent job of leading the FCS staff

and Jerry Scott did a tremendous job of leading the FCS Board. The school is in great position for progress next year with 65 students already enrolled.

The CCC continues to grow by providing professional, Christian counseling that is confidential and affordable. Leah Blackburn, Carol McDaniel, and Mike Ross use Biblical principals in the counseling sessions. In addition to working with members of our Church and our community, the CCC has established and is expanding relationships with other local churches to provide service to their membership as well.

Impact Houston Church of Christ is Houston's inner city ministry. They are committed to helping hungry, homeless, hurting people every day. Impact has over 400 members now. The summer program reaches over 1800 children and adults through VBS, Random Kindness People, a strong youth program, and other summer activities. The Impact distribution center gives out over \$400,000 of food, furniture, clothes and household items each year. Impact asks for our prayers, our time as volunteers, and financial support for the Lord's work there.

Homes of St. Mark provides children and families with adoption and family formation/preservation counseling services. Our own Celeste Ross leads the HSM, a licensed child placement agency serving primarily the Houston metropolitan area and surrounding counties. HSM provides foster care (serving children removed from their families due to neglect or abuse), a full range of adoption services, and maternity care for women with unplanned pregnancies. HSM finds loving families for about 50-60 children in adoptive homes and about 90 children in loving, healing foster homes each year.

Please join me in prayer for the success of these ministries.

In Christ,
David

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.



Announcements



Nursery Ministry – We need one volunteer in the nursery every Sunday. If you are willing to serve in this area, please sign up at the greeter’s booth or see Dian Kirklin.

Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, July 16th at Heritage Park Baptist Church from 7:10 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP by contacting Ed Hoskins.

New Address – Please make a note of the new address for Norman and JoAnne Fry ...

**Norman Fry
2107 Madden Rd.
Temple, TX 76502
254.770.1692**



FUSION Update

Mexico Mission Trip 2005 is July 17th – 22nd. *FUSION* Student Ministries is going to embark on a Christ-like adventure to Mexico. We will be going to a small village a few hours south of the border to love a group of people with Jesus’ love. The people of Carboneras live on less than \$3 a day, in substandard conditions, and we have an opportunity to eat with them, to teach their children, to serve them, and to love them like Jesus loves us. For anyone interested in going, see Justin Bruner.

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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| 2 - Janna Romero | 17 - Lindsay Harrell | 26 - Jodi Byerly, Natalie Hoskins |
| 3 - Justin Warren, Peggy McCullum | 18 - Diana Bradshaw | 27 - Bruce Williams, Vernelle Hoskins |
| 5 - Kay Belk | 20 - Beverly Thomas | 28 - Dian Kirklin |
| 8 - Linda O’Brien | 21 - Janet McGinn, John Thomas, | 29 - Gayle Norman |
| 9 - Jeff Thomas | Margie Burns, Alex VanPelt | 30 - Ron Cox, Cara Hoskins |
| 15 - Conner Thomas | 22 - Donna Simpson, Lyndia Boggs | 31 - Jordan Moffitt, Leah Blackburn |
| 16 - Dick Bockart, Kirk McDaniel,
Ken Koester | 23 - Terri Hollingsworth | |

Communion Preparers

Davin & Jenny Martin

Greeters

Chad Adair, Kayla Whigham,
Rachel Smith & Jade Warren

Contribution Counters

Jim Smotherman &
Esther Scott

July 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				QUILTING NIGHT 7:00 P.M.	1	2
3	4 OFFICE CLOSED FOR JULY 4TH	5	6	QUILTING NIGHT 7:00 P.M.	7	8
10	11 SCIENCE ADVENTURES 8:00AM-4:00PM	12	13	QUILTING NIGHT 7:00 P.M.	14	15
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL / 3 YEARS TO FINISHED 4TH GRADE						
17	18 SCIENCE ADVENTURES 8:00AM-4:00PM	19	20	21	22	23
MEALS ON WHEELS					Wedding	Wedding
FUSION MISSION TRIP TO M·E·X·I·C·O					Rehearsal	
24	25 SCIENCE ADVENTURES 8:00AM-4:00PM	26	27	QUILTING NIGHT 7:00 P.M.	28	29
31					Maria Gonzales / Adolfo Lopez Wedding Rehearsal	Maria Gonzales / Adolfo Lopez Wedding

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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