



**August
2018**

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If we have missed your birthday or someone else's, please contact the office to inform us.

- August 1 John Pagani
- August 2 Ian Leathers
- August 8 Larry Driggs
- August 9 Adrian Dickson
- August 10 Phil Kloster
- August 14 Katelyn Meyerdirk
- August 18 Haley Meyerdirk
- Katie Neubauer
- August 19 Greg Sandberg
- August 21 Billie Simms
- August 22 Carol Dickson
- August 23 Diane Newman
- August 24 Carolyn Hunt
- August 30 Julianna Lownsdale



AWANA BEGINS

September 5th

Ages 3 yrs thru Junior High

6:30 pm to 8 pm

We know life is very busy these days, but we hope you will make the Fun, Bible Memory and Study of God's Word to be a priority for your family this School year.

**Professions of Faith
Concert**

**At Forest Hills EFC
Saturday August 11th 2pm**

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline for announcements, please email us or call by 10 a.m. Wednesday

Newsletter

Deadline for the Newsletter, please email by 17th of the month.

QUILTS FOR THE HOMELESS



In the fall we will be making quilts to be given to the homeless of Rockford. We can use your donations anytime between now and September. We can use any sheets in like new condition or used blankets - any size, plus fabric suitable for quilting. Thread is also needed. Donations can be placed in the Carpenter's Place basket under the table in the hallway.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning

- 9 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:25 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesdays

- Starting September 5th**
- 6:30 - 8:00 AWANA
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Saturday

- 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

Marks of the Early Church: Fellowship

“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42

We have been considering the marks of the Early Church. Last month we looked at their devotion to the apostles’ teaching, and this month we consider their fellowship.

There is much confusion about the meaning of fellowship. Many think to talk about the weather or sports among Christians is fellowship. Others would say simply eating a meal together as brothers and sisters in Christ constitutes fellowship. I would agree these activities are fellowship, but what makes these relational gatherings different than what everyone else is doing? The qualitative difference being described in Acts is they were engaged in Christian Fellowship. While many elements of fellowship are common to all people, if this is all our conversations and meals are, we have missed the true intention God has for our relationships as Christians.

Noah Webster, a devout Christian, in his 1828 Dictionary defined Fellowship as follows: “Companionship; society; consort; mutual association of persons on equal and friendly terms; familiar intercourse.” If we add to it the idea of Christian fellowship, then our association ought to be centered around Jesus Christ. A conversation between two Christians may be fellowship, but is it “Christian Fellowship?” Just because we pray before we eat, does that make it Christian Fellowship? Christ must be at the center of our conversations and relationships for it to be true fellowship. This does not mean every gathering needs to be a Bible Study, but there needs to be the presence of Christ in the midst of our fellowship.

The Apostle John tells us there is a character and purpose in our relationship with one another and with God:

“This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:5-7

The character of our fellowship is truth centered on Jesus Christ, and the purpose of our fellowship is to encourage one another to walk in the light of Jesus Christ. We share and hear the truth of Christ in our relationships with one another, and we shine as lights in the darkness to those who do not yet know Christ.

Looks can be deceiving. Fellowship does happen around the table and in the foyer, but it is not always easy to tell whether fellowship is Christ-centered or not.

Is your fellowship Christ-centered?

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:23-25

In His Grip & Grace
Pastor Mitch

Forest Hills Evangelical Free Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pastor Study Break	2 Pastor Study Break	3 Pastor Study Break Pastor's Day Off	4 Pastor Study Break 8:00 am Men Pray
5 Lord's Supper Pastor Study Break Phil Kloster SS & Pulpit 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	6 Pastor Study Break 7:00 pm CE MTG	7 Pastor Study Break	8 Pastor Study Break	9 Pastor Study Break	10 Pastor Study Break Pastor's Day Off	11 Pastor Study Break 8:00 am Men Pray Professions of Faith 2 pm
12 Ericksons - SS and Preaching - Potluck Pastor Study Break 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	13 Pastor Study Break Pastor's Study Day	14 Pastor Study Break 12:00 pm Diaconate Mtg 12:00 pm Missions Mtg	15 Pastor Study Break	16	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 8:00 am Men Pray
19 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	20 Pastor's Day Off	21 7:00 pm Council MTG	22 6:30 pm AWANA Leaders Meeting	23	24 Pastor's Study Day	25 8:00 am Men Pray
26 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	27 Pastor's Day Off	28	29	30 Goldenagers 12:00 pm	31 Pastor's Study Day	



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