



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church



LIVE LONG AND PROSPER

I was thinking back on a conversation I had with a man several years ago. This fellow had an impressive resume. He is a medical doctor, has a Master of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry degree. As if that is not enough, he is also credentialed to practice as a therapist. All of this is to say that when he told me what he told me, I believed him. It didn't hurt that I liked what he told me. You see, what this esteemed man told me was that there are studies that show people who attend worship at least once a week live longer, are healthier, and overall, they rate themselves as happy people. In other words, you can almost say those who worship once a week live long and prosper.

Did I tell you the man was a doctor? Some of you will read the phrase, "Live long and prosper" and you will think of Spock. Not Doctor Spock, although Dr. Benjamin Spock was a well-known pediatrician. The Spock you will be thinking of, especially if you are a Trekkie, a fan of the original Star Trek series, the Spock you will be thinking of is the pointy eared character played by Leonard Nimoy, who would hold up his double-fingered V and say, "Live long and prosper."

Whoever comes to mind for you when you hear the phrase, "Live long and prosper", I hope you and I can affirm the findings of the studies that say those who worship at least once a week live longer, are healthier, and overall rate themselves as happier. That is not why we worship, but it does make sense that there are benefits to worshipping God.

Regardless of the benefits, we worship God not because we might live long and prosper. We worship God because...

- We are created in the image of God
- God's very breath has been breathed into us
- Loving God is the first and greatest commandment, loving God with all of our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength
- The psalmist cries out, "Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker."
- And again, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."
- And yet again, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

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- We worship God knowing that one day every knee will bow down in heaven and on earth and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
- We worship God because we have received a vision from heaven where all the heavenly host who surround the heavenly throne cry out with praise and adoration, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."
- We worship because God alone is worthy to receive all glory and honor and praise.

We worship because the catechisms capture the fullness of our devotion to God. The Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith begins with this question: "What is the chief end of man?"

The answer: "The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

I do believe what the studies show, and I am very glad the studies show what they show, that those who worship God live long and prosper. And yet, we worship not for our own sake. We worship because in worship we encounter the living God. In worship we enjoy this God as we lift God's name in praise and adoration. In worship we are reminded in no uncertain terms that we are not God, and so in confession and repentance we lay our sin, pride, and idolatry before God. In worship God conveys the profound grace and mercy that brings forgiveness by casting our sin as far away as the east is from the west. In worship we hear the incredible good news that in Jesus Christ God has reconciled the world to himself and through the death and resurrection of his beloved Son we are adopted as children of the living God. Our lives find their purpose and their passion in this great story of salvation.

To you, our dear friends and family at the Atascocita Presbyterian Church, I hope you know what a joy it is, not only to serve as your pastor, but also to join with you week after week as we gather in worship. May these words of the psalmist find a home in our hearts as we worship the Lord our God who is worthy of all honor and praise.

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God." (Psalm 84:1,2) So I bring this article about worship to a close with something a friend used to sign off on all of her correspondence.

SYIC (See You In Church)

With the love of Christ,

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:14-16 NRSV

Worship in June

6/2 "Jars of clay"
II Corinthians 4:5-12

6/9 Partners in faith "Moses: The path to the Passover"
Exodus 3:1-10

6/16 Partners in faith "Caleb: The footprints of faith"
Numbers 13:26-33

6/23 Partners in faith "Aaron and Hur"
Exodus 17:8-15

6/30 Partners in faith "Miriam: The Dancing Queen"
Exodus 15:19-21

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Pastor Wayne Eberly
Office Coordinator.....Carroll Hebert
Director of Music.....Joe Weir
Pianist.....Carl Braden

Pastor Wayne is in the office Monday through Wednesday, 9 am until 2 pm.
Carroll Hebert is in the office Monday through Friday, 9 am until 2 pm.

Children's Faith Formation Classes

Pre-school (ages 2-4) and Children's (K-grade 5) classes are on summer break in June, July, and August.

Nursery care will be open each week during FF and worship hours for children who haven't yet entered Kindergarten. Sundays 9:30-11:30 am in the nursery.

Please feel free to contact Terri Thomson with any questions or concerns related to APC Children's Ministries by email (apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org).

Youth Faith Formation

Youth 6th - 12th grade classes are on summer break in June, July, and August.

Although Sunday classes are on hold, there are plenty of opportunities to get together for fellowship.

Iglesia Latina Youth Synod Workshop Fundraiser, **Sunday, June 2, 1 pm.** Hosted by Iglesia Cristiana Latina Presbiteriana, 1330 Studewood St, Houston, 77008. Come help our youth go further in their faith.

Northwoods Presbyterian Church youth group has invited APC youth to their **"Summer Lock-In," Wednesday, June 12 from 7 pm until 7 am.** Activities include games, karaoke, trivia, movies, and more! A parent permission slip is available in the youth room.

An invitation from Presbytery of New Covenant to join with other youth groups in the Presbytery for a volunteer day building beds for kids through the Sleep in Heavenly Peace program. **On Thursday, July 18 from 8-10:30 am, the bed building takes place in their workshop at 13000 Jones Road, Houston.** Wear comfortable, old clothes (in case you're staining wood). Bring a water bottle, no previous skills or experience required. Sign-up [link](#) that includes a waiver.

Contacts for the Youth program are Julie Eberly, Joe Breda, Joyce Olson, and Terri Thomson.

Adult Faith Formation

*****Doug's class, 9:15 am in the library.**

A new unit that explores sin and solutions to sin beginning with the fall. The text covers events in Genesis and Exodus. Class will continue through summer.

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*****Sermon Scripture Study is on summer break in June, July, and August. See you Sunday, September 1!**

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*****Christian Chat and Coffee, 9:30 am in classroom 104.**

Everyone is welcome for an easy hour of discussions and fellowship.

Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study

Meet **Wednesday, July 10 at 11:30 am.** Please bring a simple dish or salad to share for a potluck lunch.

PW will continue at noon with a time of sharing some of our family roots. Please bring a picture of your parents along with a story to tell about the life of our loved ones.

For more information, please contact Linda Andrus (harley3064@aol.com).

Time Out for Men

Return in September, the second Wednesday of each month, APC men are invited to join Pastor Wayne in a program that gives everyone a chance to have fellowship, share a meal, and grow together in faith. We look forward to our time together!

Meet at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall to share a potluck lunch with Presbyterian Women who meet for their monthly Bible study. At noon, the men's group will gather in classroom 102 for their fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Some events request an rsvp.
Please respond by email to rsvp@apchumble.org.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery

Saturday, June 1, 8:30 am meet in the APC parking lot to load your truck and get your delivery route. Adult and teen volunteers are needed! Sign up on the website (shpbeds.org/chapter/tx-houston-n) or use this [link](#).

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Wednesday Night Dinner

June 5, 5:30 pm, fellowship hall. Serving fajitas - beef and chicken - with all the fixins!

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3 - 12 years. Under 3 yrs free. Volunteers are needed for set-up, food prep, grilling, and clean up.

Email your RSVP to rsvp@apchumble.org. For more information, please contact Susan Sheridan (susan@jssheridan.com).

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Baby Shower Honoring Katie and Jamie Hannan

Sunday, June 9, 2 pm, fellowship hall. It's twins! Registered on Amazon Baby.

Email your RSVP to rsvp@apchumble.org. For more information, please contact Janet Griffin (281-221-2118).

APC Needlers

Meet the second Tuesday each month. The next meeting is **June 11, 7-9 pm** at a location to be determined.

For those who knit (or want to learn), crochet, or sew, there are projects to do. Currently we are working on baby booties and caps for a charity organization.

For more information, please contact Karen Frye (vkfrye62.kf@gmail.com) or Rosemary Mumford (rosesmum@aol.com).

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Seniors and Friends



Meet for lunch on the third Thursday of the month. Join us **June 20,**

11:30 am at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 FM 1960 E, 77346.

Email your RSVP to rsvp@apchumble.org. For more information, please contact Bonnie Carr (bncrr1@gmail.com)

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Empty Nesters



Meet for dinner the last Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant and twice a year in someone's

home. Meet for dinner the last Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant and twice a year in someone's home. The next gathering is **June 25, 6 pm**, at Marsalas Italian Grill, 5324 Atascocita Rd Ste J, 77346

Please **RSVP by email to rsvp@apchumble.org** so the restaurant can plan for the appropriate number of people.

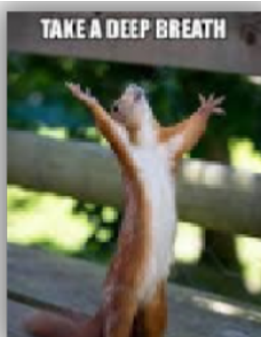
For more information, please contact Nancy Anderson (nancy.anderson56@yahoo.com).

Pictorial Directory Update



The Pictorial Directory Committee members will be taking free pictures of individuals and households before and after Sunday worship in June.

Photos will go in our online members and friends directory. Bring your smiles to share God's love with one another!



Yoga for all!

Meet Monday mornings at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Bring your exercise mat.



Game Day for Grownups!

WILL NOT MEET IN JUNE



Mission Crafters on Summer Break

Mission Crafters are taking a break during the month of June. The store will remain accessible on Sundays.

In July, the group welcomes those who need to satisfy that creative strain by joining them every Tuesday from 10 am until 3 pm.

CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER Summer Camps

children ages 18 mo thru those entering first grade next fall

3 weeks - Tuesday thru Thursday

1st week June 11-13
2nd week June 18-20
3rd week June 25-27

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Camp fee is \$150 per week. If you register for all 3 weeks, you will receive a \$25 discount
 Registration: please email Cathy at cathy@apchumble.org

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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

Earth Care Corner

Ways to Cut Down on Plastics Reduce Single-use Plastics

Set yourself free from single-use plastics! Plastic purgers suggest you can reduce, if not eliminate, your plastic consumption by changing a few daily habits.

For starters:

- Carry reusable bags when shopping at any store.
- Use plastic-free containers - glass, metal, or re-fillable jars - at home to store dinner's leftovers or most any other storage need.
- Pack a travel kit - bamboo cutlery, non-plastic food tray, straw, and water bottle. Restaurants and vendors everywhere are getting used to people bringing their own containers.
- Buy in bulk or buy used items. Recycle "good" plastic - #s 1 and 2; Plastics #3-6 are more difficult to recycle. "Keep Kingwood Green" recycle events at the Kingwood Park & Ride accept mixed plastics and Styrofoam if bagged properly before tossing in the heavy-duty containers.
- Wear natural clothes - cotton, wool, hemp, and silk.
- Do without - If it's plastic or nothing, you can always choose nothing.

(from NYT)



**APC is a certified Earth Care
Congregation of the PC(USA).**



Houston Food Bank Needs Volunteers

Serving Houston and southeast Texas since 1982, Houston Food Bank's mission is to provide food for better lives.

Volunteers are essential to Houston Food Bank's operations and are needed now more than ever. Houston Food Bank is a resource for individuals and families in times of hardship and is called upon in times of disaster. They are currently supporting relief efforts across the Greater Houston area which was impacted by the recent storms and tornadoes, and additional helping hands are needed to sort and pack product to deliver out into the community - including designated cooling centers - are needed!

Individuals - including kids - as well as groups are welcome to volunteer, and registration can be done online for a shift(s):

- 8 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm, Monday to Saturday;
- 6 to 9 pm, Monday to Friday;
- and 9 am to noon Sundays.

There is a significant need for volunteers during the 6-9 pm shifts.

To register and see available time slots, visit:

www.houstonfoodbank.org/ways-to-give/give-time/volunteerwithhfb/

Activities include sorting and packing non-perishable foods and cleaning supplies; repacking dry food into family-sized bags; and packaging hot meals in our commercial kitchen.

Most Needed Pantry Items

- Water
- Crackers
- Granola bars and other protein snacks
- Canned tuna, salmon, chicken, sardines (in water) - preferably pull top
- Dry cereal
- Canned soup and ravioli - preferably pull top

Other needed items include paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, plastic cups and utensils, and cleaners.

Secure monetary donations can be made at www.houstonfoodbank.org/donatenow. Also mail donations by check to 535 Portwall, Houston, 77029.

A gift of \$10 provides 30 meals for a hungry child, senior, or adult. Funds also help cover transportation and logistics needs.



- 6/3 Joyce Olson
- 6/9 Elijah Strader
- 6/11 Marilyn Friedersdorf
- 6/13 Joe Breda
- 6/15 Emily Reppucci
- 6/19 Doug Kennard
- 6/23 Grace Burgos
- 6/24 Chris Friedersdorf
- 6/24 Gina O'Toole
- 6/30 Ryan Lauer
- 6/30 Susan Sheridan



- 6/2 Shelley & Forrest Craig
- 6/10 Cathy & Ron Fovargue
- 6/12 Bonnie & Tommy Russell
- 6/15 Ellen & Russ Nipe
- 6/18 Linda & Gene Andrus
- 6/21 Karen & Don Frye Jr
- 6/21 Traci & Steve Hlavaty
- 6/22 Jackie & Jim Hannan
- 6/23 Carl Braden & Joe Weir

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and in other parts of the world where there is war.
- Praying for peace in Israel and Palestine.
- Victims, families, and communities affected by violence.
- People of Ecuador as they deal with turmoil and unrest.
- People of Haiti in their country's unrest.
- Those impacted by recent floods and other natural disasters and weather extremes.
- Victims and families caught in recent gun violence.
- Peace and safety for all who are serving in the military away from home.
- Peace and patience for Pastor Wayne as his recovery takes another "step" closer to a full recovery.
- Elroy McHenry in treatment for heart condition.
- Rita Bradfield, cousin of Ray Peregoy, recovering from brain surgery, potential cancer. Prayers it is benign.
- Ronnie Knecht, son-in-law of Joyce Olson, for successful back surgery May 23.
- Peace and comfort to family and friends of Phyllis Schroeder, aunt of Patty Williams, she has passed away.
- Nathan Rewerts, friend of Forrest and Shelley Craig, recovering from neck and spine surgery.
- George Grego, brother-in-law of Lizzy Frye, is in hospital with sepsis.
- Communities in Arkansas recently hit by tornadoes. Katie Hannan has family and friends there.
- David McPherson, travel mercies with him to New Mexico and back home safely.
- Katie Hannan, safety and strength in her pregnancy with twins.
- Ongoing concerns: Sine McCarty, Garland McCarthy, Anne Wallace, Michael Burgos, Ann Owen, Connie Brown, Carl Braden, Pat Litzinger, Russ Nipe, Judi Anderson.

Please email prayer requests to the church office (apc@apchumble.org).

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for June, Terri Thomson (713-205-0115).

2024 Worship Attendance and Offering Summary

Date	In Person	BoxCast Live	Facebook Live	Total Viewers	Offering Total
5-May	na*	22	71	93	
12-May	99	10	37	146	\$1,948
19-May	112	9	99	220	\$6,848
26-May	117	19	34	170	\$8,454
May End of Month Credit Card Receipts					
Total Offerings for Year-to-date					\$105,202
Budgeted Offerings for Year-to-date					\$112,371