



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

February 11, 2022



From Pastor Mike...

I WANT TO
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LIKE *Jesus* LOVED

In person and Facebook
Live Church Service
Small Groups

Sunday February 13, 2022

9:30 AM Small Groups — 10:30 Church Service

What does it mean to love like Jesus? How can we even *begin* to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, let alone, love our neighbor as ourselves? Jesus gave us this, the greatest command in **Matthew 22:37-39**. I don't believe He would give us a command without a way to fulfill it.

In order to give something, we must first receive it. **Romans 5:5** tells us, *"God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us."* The question is – are we receiving God's love, or do we think we are too undeserving of His outpouring? Well, the truth is, we are undeserving – but He loves us anyway! **I John 3:1** says, *"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"* God said, "You are loved" – and that settles it!

I would like to encourage you to get alone with the Lord and be still and listen. Then, after some time of quietness, ask Him, "God, what do You think of me right now?" Be still, wait and listen to what He tells you. Write it down. You will be amazed at how good He is!

As we receive God's love, He frees us to love Him back with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. He also enables us to truly love those around us with His love! He is the author and perfecter of love – it all flows from Him. There is no condemnation in Him. Believe Him – received His love – and pour it out back to Him and to others. This is what it means to love like Jesus!

I love you all,
Pastor Mike

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, February 13		Super Bowl Sunday Fellowships
Monday, February 14		VALENTINES DAY
Sunday, March 6	10:30am	Week of Prayer for North American Missions (Annie Armstrong Offering)
Saturday, March 12	5:00pm	Spring Banquet and Silent Auction (Missions Fundraiser)
Sunday, March 13		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
Saturday, April 2	8:00am	Mission Springdale 2022-Community Eye Glass Clinic (10am-2pm)
Sunday, April 3	6:00pm	WMBA Evangelism Rally at Friendship
Saturday, April 9	10:00am	Community Easter Egg Hunt Outreach
Sunday, April 10	6:00pm	Spring Family Forum
Sunday, April 17	10:30am	RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Tithes & Offerings—February 6

General Offering: \$3,653.98

SS—54 Worship—70

Birthdays

Feb 16—Diane Moss

Feb 17—Kasey King

Feb 17—Wes Stevenson

Anniversaries

Feb 10— Keith & Liz Oetting

Wednesday Evening Service

6:30 PM

In Sanctuary

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting

at 6 PM on Zoom

ZOOM link for PRAYER MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223352309?pwd=NEpmdjBvby9nS1hsK3Z1S3hBMVVPZz09>

ID: 862 2335 2309

Passcode: 553985



Women's One Day Conference

"LIVE THE GOSPEL"

April 30, 2022 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Elmdale Baptist Church, Springdale

\$20 before April 15th | \$25 after April 15th

Fee includes light breakfast, lunch, study

materials, and more!

REGISTER NOW SPACE IS LIMITED



Winter Sunday School Study:

Ezekiel; Daniel

God doesn't just want us to read His Word, He wants us to know it and live its truth. That's why Explore the Bible: Adults takes groups book by book through Scripture, framing every passage in its appropriate biblical and cultural context. This winter, we are studying the Books of Ezekiel and Daniel. From familiar stories that have been cherished for generations to intriguing visions of the end times, each book offers its own unique perspective on how God works among His people and how He steadfastly reigns as Lord of all. (13 sessions)

Session 11: Trust Exhibited (Daniel 6:10-24)

INTEGRITY WILL BE VINDICATED by John Macarthur

“Then Daniel spoke to the king, ‘O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime.’ Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children, and their wives into the lions’ den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones” (Daniel 6:21-24).

God will always vindicate His people.

One of the challenges of the Christian life is to react properly when being unjustly accused. Our natural inclination is to defend ourselves, which is appropriate at times. But there are other times when we must remain silent and trust the Lord to defend us.

Apparently Daniel said nothing in his own defense when he was charged with disregarding the king’s decree to stop praying. Of course the charge itself was true, but his motives were righteous, and he knew he was innocent before God. Therefore, like Jesus Himself before His accusers, Daniel chose to remain silent and entrust himself to God, who “judges righteously” (1 Peter 2:22-23).

Vindication doesn’t always come quickly, but in Daniel’s case it did. God affirmed his innocence by protecting him from the hungry lions. King Darius affirmed his innocence by putting his accusers to death. That was swift and decisive judgment.

Never lose heart or feel that God has abandoned you when evil people seem to prevail. The day will come when God will vindicate you. When He does, His judgment will also be swift and decisive.

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

THE TWELVE SPIES



What are some things that you are afraid of? Not everyone is afraid of the same thing. But there are some things that almost all of us fear. It is okay to feel afraid. God created fear as a way to help keep us safe from things that could harm us. It is even okay to fear death. The Bible says sin and death are our enemies, but the reason we can have hope through death is because of life in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:54-56).

Fear only becomes a problem when we allow fear to keep us from following God. That is what happened in this week's Bible story. Twelve spies went to check out the promised land. They found that the land was good, but it was filled with strong enemies in strong cities. Ten of the twelve spies gave a bad report. They said the Israelites would not be able to conquer their enemies, and they spread fear among the Israelite people.

Two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, gave a good report. They told the people to trust God. The ten spies did not have faith in God. They allowed fear to keep them from following God. Joshua and Caleb gave a good report because their faith in God was greater than their fear. They knew that it was God's plan to give the Israelites the promised land, so all they had to do was trust and follow Him.

In Psalm 56, King David said, "When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid" (Psalm 56:3-4a). When you and I are afraid, we can trust in God. You can follow God when you are afraid or when you have courage. You can follow God in good times and bad. God is always faithful, so you can put your trust in Him. Faith in God helps us move forward through fear.

Pray: God, You are always good and faithful. Help us to trust in You when we are afraid. Help us to always follow You, no matter what lies ahead.

Lifeway Resources

Blessings, Mary Ann

