



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

February 18, 2022



From Pastor Mike...



In person and Facebook
Live Church Service
Small Groups

Sunday, February 20, 2022

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

Jesus said in the great Olivet Discourse of **Matthew 24**, “*You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed.*”

Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.” (v.6)

We live on a broken planet – a planet broken by sin. Because of sin, Jesus said we will hear of wars and rumors of wars. But then, notice what He says next, “See to it that you are not alarmed.” The Prince of Peace tells His children – “Don’t be afraid and don’t worry.”

God has a sovereign plan that is playing out before our eyes. We know His plans are perfect even though we don’t understand it all. We have a wonderful future promise in God’s Word through the prophet Isaiah: “*He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.*” (**Isaiah 2:4**) One day, God will end all wars and rumors of wars in the Millennial Kingdom here on earth. What a glorious day that will be!

So, what are we to do between now and then? Well, let’s be about the Father’s business as Jesus was when He was here on earth. Let’s spend time with the Father by sitting at His feet and listen to His voice (Luke 10:39). Let’s love God and others. Let’s share the greatest news of all – the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. Like the old hymn says, “We’ll work ‘til Jesus comes, then we’ll be gathered home.”

I love you all,
Pastor Mike



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
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 13

General Offering: \$6,153.01

SS—71

Worship—100

Birthdays

Feb 20—Sam Pollari

Feb 22—Angela Tippet

Feb 26—Claudia Wooldridge

Feb 26—Ramona Swanson

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)

FUTURE SEEN—DANIEL 7:1-28

Around 553 BC, during King Belshazzar of Babylon's first year, Daniel had a vision that he then wrote down (7:1) . This vision was the first of four visions Daniel 7-12 records. The visions highlight God's sovereignty over all nations and kingdoms and the ultimate victory of God and His people.

As Daniel looked, he saw four huge beasts coming out of the sea (vv.2-3). The first beast resembled a lion but had eagle's wings (v.4). As Daniel watched, its wings were removed, and it was given a human mind. The second beast Daniel saw resembled a bear (v.5). It had three ribs in its mouth and was gorging itself on its prey. The third beast Daniel saw resembled a leopard but with four heads and four wings (v.6). The fourth beast Daniel saw was terrifying and crushed all the other beasts (v.7). The beast had many horns, and one of those horns continued to utter arrogant boasts (v.8).

Daniel kept watching as the scene shifted to heaven. The Lord took His seat on heaven's throne as thousands attended Him (vv.9-10). Meanwhile, the little horn continued boasting but then was swept away along with the fourth beast (v.11). The first three beasts continued living for a while with limited power (v.12). Daniel then saw a human-like figure coming on the clouds and approaching God's throne (v.13). He was given authority to rule and an everlasting dominion that would never pass away (v.14).

Daniel was deeply distressed over the vision and wanted to understand more (vv.15-16). One of those in Daniel's vision told him the four beasts represented four kingdoms of the earth, but in the end, God's kingdom would prevail (vv.17-18). Daniel inquired further about the nature of the fourth beast, which was more frightening than all the rest(vv.19-22). In the vision, Daniel had seen this beast prevail over God's people for a time until God intervened and ended the beast's reign.

Daniel learned the fourth beast represented a kingdom different from all other kingdoms; it would devour the whole earth(v.23). Ten kings would arise from this kingdom; an eleventh would speak boastfully against God and oppress God's people (vv.24-25). However, at the appointed time, the fourth beast would lose its kingdom, and God's people would reign with God forever (vv.26-27) . Daniel remained alarmed after receiving the visions interpretation, and decided to keep the matter to himself (v.28).

THE BRONZE SNAKE



John 3:14-17

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”¹⁶

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16 is one of the most well-known verses in the Bible. You might be familiar with John 3:16, but the verses before and after are not quite as well-known. This week we will learn more about them.

In these verses, Jesus made a connection between Numbers 21 and His coming death on the cross and redemptive work. In our Bible story this week, the Israelites faced death because of their sinful choices. The people repented, and God provided an opportunity for salvation.

Moses raised up a bronze snake on a pole, and anyone who looked at the snake and trusted in God was saved.

In our lives, we face death because of our sinful choices (Romans 3:23: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;” Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”).

Just like God provided salvation for the Israelites, God has provided for our salvation from sin and death through Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection. Just like the bronze snake was raised up on a pole, Jesus was raised up on the cross. Anyone who looks to Jesus and trusts in Him “will not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

God has always been in the business of rescuing His people from sin and death. God rescued the Israelites in the wilderness, and God has provided a way to rescue you, too. You can trust Jesus to save you from the penalty for your sin.

Pray:

Dear God, thank You for providing a way to rescue me from sin and death. Thank You for loving the world so much that You gave Your one and only Son. Thank You for offering me eternal life through Jesus.

Help me to trust Jesus to save me, and help me to follow Him. Amen.

Blessings, Mary Ann

