



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

April 8, 2022

From Pastor Mike...



Jesus is the vine; we are the branch. Jesus is the tree, we are the limb. The branch is dependent upon the tree. True life is in the vine, but if we don't stay connected daily, we begin to wither. Without the True Vine, we are nothing.

I had the privilege last evening to explore John 15:4-8 with our congregation. We spent some time discussing what is meant by "abiding in Christ." Some answers included union with Christ, intimacy with Christ, resting in Christ, knowing Christ, being close with Christ, a real and vital connection. Fellowship. Devotion. Fullness of fellowship, a life hidden in Christ, a deeper life, time, communion. To be held, kept continually, and to dwell, remain, and be present.


I am reminded of Larnelle Harris' words to the song, "I Miss My Time With You." God speaking: *"I miss My time with you. Those moments together. I need to be with you each day, and it hurts Me when you say, 'You're too busy,' Busy trying to serve Me, but how can you serve Me when your spirit's empty? There's a longing in My heart wanting more than just a part of you. It's true, I miss My time with you."*

God doesn't *need* us, but He sure *wants* us! Corrie Ten Boom once said, "If the devil cannot make us bad, he will make us busy." In this busyness, we forget God and we dry up spiritually.

So, what to do? Make an appointment – preferably in the morning when you are at your best. Slow down – breathe – and take time to spend with the Master, sitting at His feet and listening to His voice. Only one thing is necessary. (Luke 10:42)

I love you all,

Pastor Mike



*I am the vine, ye are the
branches: He that abideth
in me, and I in him, the
same bringeth forth much
fruit: for without me ye
can do nothing.*

John 15:5 (KJV)

**In person and Facebook
Live Church Service**

Small Groups

Sunday April 10, 2022

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, April 9	10am	Community Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 10	6:00pm	Spring Family Forum
Sunday, April 17	10:30am	RESURRECTION SUNDAY
Saturday, April 30	8:30am	We Are One Women's Conference— Elmdale Baptist Springdale
Sunday, May 1	12:00 noon	Ken & Cheryl Roetzel Wedding Shower
Thursday, May 5		National Day of Prayer
Sunday, May 8	10:30am	MOTHER'S DAY, Loving Choices Baby Bottle, Parent/Child Dedication

Spring Sunday School Study:

1, 2 Thessalonians

The truths found throughout Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians continue to guide believers toward a meaningful walk with Christ and an effective witness to the world. 13 sessions)

Session 6: Promised (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223352309?pwd=NEpmdjBvby9nS1hsK3Z1S3hBMVVPZz09)

ID: 862 2335 2309

Passcode: 553985

Attendance—April 1

Sunday Worship: 91

Sunday School: 72

Birthdays

Apr 10 — Jonathan Guenther

Apr 11 — Rebekah Albertson

Apr 15 — Bianca Lane

Apr 16 — Aika Sakanoue

Tithes & Offerings

General Offering: \$5,678.00



Tidbits from Diane Moss-

Col. 1:27 "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the *hope* of glory".

Paul was a prisoner as he penned his letter to the believers at Colosse. He was never concerned for his own needs, but always thinking of the needs of others and encouraging them in their walk with Christ.

I really like Col 2:2 where Paul goes on to encourage with these words "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love". Together we create a beautiful tapestry or a watercolor on canvas!

"Lord, am I reflecting your glory today"? Is my hope anchored in you today? If not, why not? Some day, my hope in Jesus may be all that I have to hold on to. 💕



For **Cheryl McCoy**
May 1 @ 12 noon
In the Fellowship Hall



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

This is a an easy way to share the gospel this Easter with kids. Just grab some jelly beans and use the jelly beans to share what each color represents.



nursery

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



This is Callie, she is the daughter of Wes and Savannah Stevenson. Callie loves balls. She is one of the cute faces in our nursery that you can interact with when you volunteer to help once, every 4-5 weeks during the Sunday morning service.

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

This week our lesson is about how Jesus fulfilled every promise that God ever made about Him. God always keeps His promises. He keeps big promises (such as His promise that the Messiah would come and take away our sin), and He keeps small promises (such as His promise that the Messiah would come to Jerusalem on a donkey). You and I have difficulty remembering things that we talked about 3 or 4 weeks ago, but God never forgets. We might forget things that we said we would do, but God does not. If He says He will do something, you can trust that He will do it, no matter what. That is who God is! God is true. God is faithful. He is the King. Because of who God is, we should praise and worship Him!

Pray: God, thank You for always keeping Your promises, no matter what. You are good, faithful, and true. Help our faith in You grow each day. Amen.

**JESUS' ENTRANCE IN JERUSALEM
SHOWED PEOPLE THAT JESUS
WAS THE MESSIAH.**



Blessings, Mary Ann

