



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

April 29, 2022

From Pastor Mike...



BLESSED ARE THE
merciful
FOR THEY SHALL
RECEIVE MERCY.

MATTHEW 5:7

In person and Facebook
Live Church Service
Small Groups

Sunday, May 1, 2022

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

Hungering and thirsting for God. Jesus talked about this in the fourth Beatitude: *"Blessed (or happy) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled (satisfied)."* **Matthew 5:6.** Pastor John Piper has said, "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." How true!

C.S. Lewis once said, *"Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy."* Many people search for satisfaction and lasting happiness through things of this world, which cannot satisfy. There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of man that cannot be filled by anything – only God Himself.

If you are not hungering and thirsting for God, may I suggest you find someone who is hungry and thirsty for Him. A.W. Tozer said, *"The only Christian you want to listen to is the one who gives you more of a hunger for God."* Longing for God is contagious and being around people that want more of Him will help create a hunger and thirst in you. **Psalm 107:9** "The Lord satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." May we all stay hungry and thirsty for more of Him!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 1	12:00pm	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
Sunday, May 15	10:30am	GRADUATE SUNDAY
Saturday, May 21	6:00pm	Friendship 175 th Birthday Joint Worship Service and International Banquet
Sunday, May 22	10:30am	Friendship 175 th Birthday Guest Speaker Dr. Gary Oliver – Lunch fellowship
Sunday, May 22	6:00pm	Friendship 175 th Birthday Bluegrass Concert and Ice Cream Social
Tuesday, May 24		Mission Dominican Republic 2022 (through May 31)
Sunday, June 12	6:00pm	"Yee Haw" Vacation Bible School (Sunday to Wednesday)
Sunday, June 19	10:30am	FATHER'S DAY
Sunday, July 3	8:00pm	Fireworks fellowship
Monday, July 4		INDEPENDENCE DAY – OFFICES CLOSED
Sunday, July 10	6:00pm	Summer Family Forum
Saturday, July 23		Mission Colorado 2022 Trip (through July 29) – Longmont, CO
Sunday, July 31	6:00pm	Fifth Sunday Ministry Nite and Lord's Supper

Wednesday Evening Service

6:30 PM

In Sanctuary

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting

at 6 PM on Zoom

ZOOM link for PRAYER MEETING:

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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 9: LIVING (I THESSALONIANS 5)

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (Matt. 5:7).

Mercy is not a human attribute. It is God's gift to those who seek Him. Psalm 103:11 says, "As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him" (KJV).

The verb form of "merciful" appears many times in Scripture and means "to have mercy on," "aid the afflicted," "give help to the wretched," or "rescue the miserable." In general it refers to anything you do to benefit someone in need. The noun form is used only twice: here in Matthew 5:7 and in Hebrews 2:17, which reads, "[Christ] had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest." Christ Himself is both the source and illustration of mercy.

Christ modeled mercy throughout His earthly ministry. He healed the sick and enabled the crippled to walk. He gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and speech to the mute. His redeeming love embraced sinners of all kinds. He wept with those in sorrow and comforted the lonely. He embraced little children and the elderly alike. His mercy was compassion in action!

Despite His abundant mercy, Jesus received no mercy from His enemies. They hated Him without cause, accused Him falsely, beat Him, nailed Him to a cross, spat upon Him, and cursed Him. Even then He sought mercy for them, praying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).

Many Christians have incurred slander, rebuke, lawsuits, and even death for their noble efforts. Jesus didn't guarantee merciful treatment from others. His emphasis was that God shows mercy toward those who show mercy to others.

Don't ever be reluctant to show mercy to others—even when they misunderstand or mistreat you. God will use your kindness for His glory and reward you accordingly. John MacArthur

Attendance—April 17 & 24

Sunday Worship: 133 & 100

Sunday School: 52 & 53

Tithes & Offerings—April 17 & 24

General Offering: \$3,269.05 &
\$3,324.00

Birthdays

April 26—Carla Tubbs

April 26—Sherry Moore

May 3—Zac Pollari

May 4—Cliff Walker

May 4—Paislee Hooper

May 4—Kaitlyn Hooper

May 6—Jael Holcomb



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



Please lift up our mission teams
as they prepare to be God's
hands in the Dominican Republic
(May 24—31) and in Colorado
(July 23—29).

EASTER EGG HUNT

The eggs were empty and so was the tomb! Children of all ages enjoyed hunting for the empty eggs after listening to the story of how the tomb was empty on Easter morning. Thank you, Friendship Family, for the candy donations and the time spent making this community outreach event possible.



nursery

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



This is Thomas. He is the son of Brad and Rosemary Ellison. Thomas loves building with the blocks. He 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.



Blessings, Mary Ann