



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

May 13, 2022

From Pastor Mike...



**UPON THIS ROCK
I WILL BUILD
MY CHURCH**

AND THE GATES OF HADES WILL NOT OVERPOWER IT

Matthew 16:18

The church is a living organism that has stood the test of time. It has been attacked, criticized, undermined, and condemned, and yet it has lasted for over 2,000 years. Jesus said to Peter in **Matthew 16:18**, *“On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”*

A gate is not an offensive weapon, it is a defensive one. The church is marching on and the gates of the abode of the dead (Hades) will not be able to stop her! The most powerful offensive weapon known to man is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Death, sin, hell and the grave have been defeated!

Brothers and sisters, we are called to make faith come alive in spiritually dead people. We have the gospel which is the power of God unto eternal salvation for those who will believe. Our cure is better than the cure for Covid or cancer! Christ didn't come just to make bad people good – He came to make dead people live!

For 175 years, God's little bride called Friendship has been making Him know in Northwest Arkansas. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who are cheering us on. We are just about to the finish line. *“Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for You, Jesus!”* Even so come, Lord Jesus, come!

On mission,

Pastor Mike

**In person and Facebook
Live Church Service
Small Groups**

Sunday May 15, 2022

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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:

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

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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 11: Observing (2 Thess. 2:1-12)

Attendance—May 8

Sunday Worship: 115

Sunday School: 55

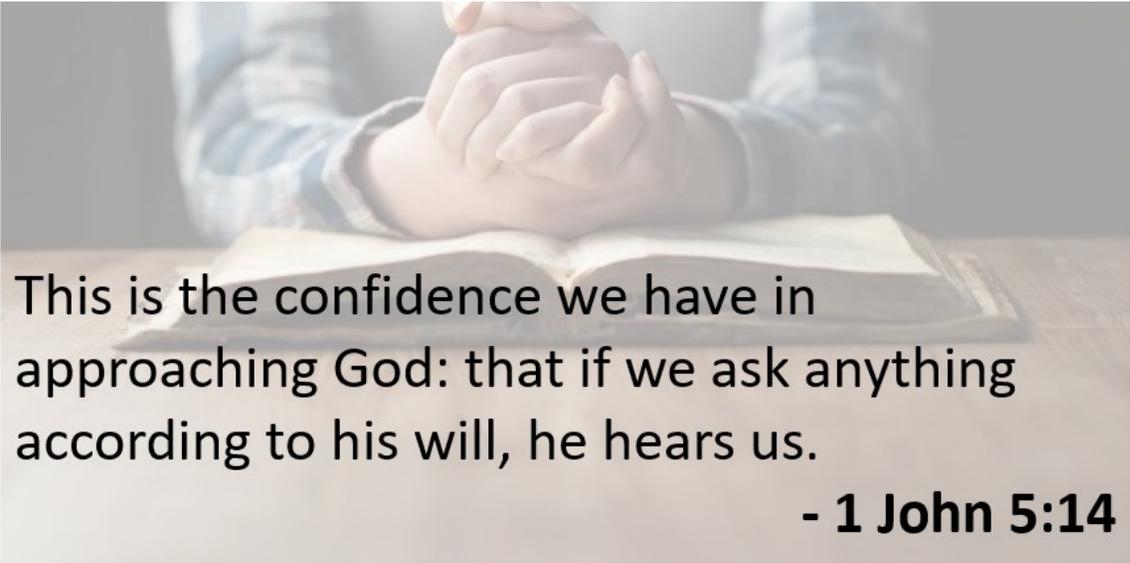
Tithes & Offerings—May 8

General Offering: \$4,197.83

Birthdays

May 15—Nolan King

May 21—Nancy Valencia



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

- 1 John 5:14

Church Prayer Opportunities

- Mission Dominican Republic 2022
- Mission Colorado 2022

Please consider praying for the many needs of our upcoming mission trips, that God will meet both spiritual and physical needs for these events.

175th anniversary

Friendship Church *celebration*

Joint Worship Service and International Banquet

with Jehovah Jireh, Saturday, May 21st at 6:00 PM

There is a signup sheet in the foyer, please sign up to bring a dish of your choice!

International flavors welcome but not required!



Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." – Psalm 32:8

Friendship families dedicate their children to the LORD.



**GOD GAVE US THE BIBLE
TO HELP US KNOW, LOVE,
AND OBEY GOD.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God^[a] may be complete, equipped for every good work.

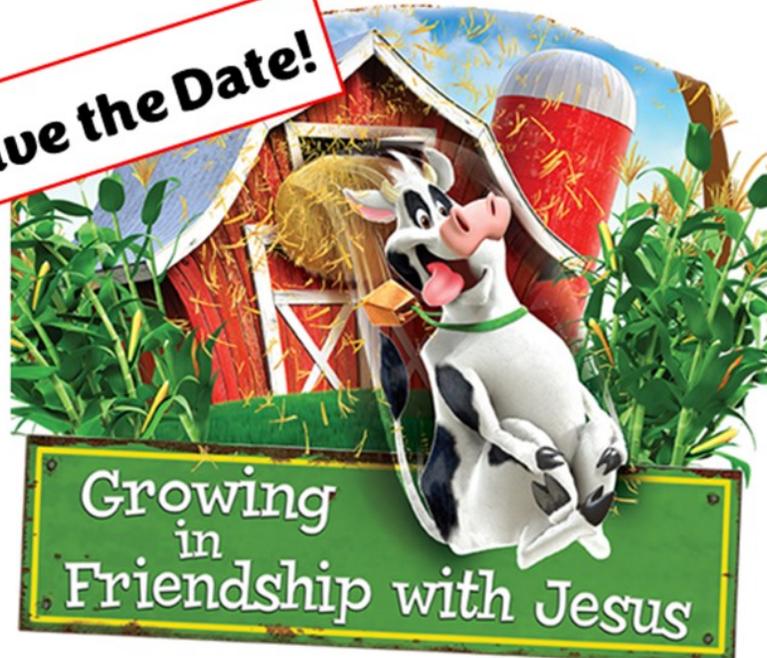
This week we will continue learning about Paul's letters as we read passages from 2 Timothy.

Paul's final and important instruction to Timothy was to proclaim the message, or to tell other people the truth about Jesus. Paul said Timothy should tell others about Jesus when it was easy and when it was difficult. If people did not believe the truth, Paul said that Timothy should challenge them or correct them (stand up to them), but with patience. No matter if people listened or not, Paul wanted Timothy to keep preaching the truth. If you are a Christian, God has given you a mission to tell others about Jesus and to make disciples. We can think about the instructions Paul gave Timothy and apply them to our own lives. We should always be ready to tell other people the truth about Jesus. If people do not believe, we can try to convince them of the truth, but we can do that with love and patience. God wants us to be a part of His mission to tell others about Jesus.

Pray: Dear God, please help me to have courage to tell other people about Jesus

FRIENDSHIP FARM VBS

Save the Date!



At **Friendship Farm VBS**, seeds of faith will be planted as kids grow in friendship with Jesus through Bible stories, songs, games, and snacks.

Children aged 4-11

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

June 12-15

6:00pm-7:30pm



Blessings, Mary Ann