



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

May 20, 2022

From Pastor Mike...



175th anniversary
Friendship Church *celebration*

**Joint Worship Service and
International Banquet**

with Jehovah Jireh,

Saturday, May 21st at 6:00 PM

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

Sunday May 22, 2022

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

God is always at work around us. As followers of Christ, He is also at work in us and through us. Due to our hurried and busy lifestyles as Americans, I'm afraid we miss way too many "God sightings." God knew we would experience Him do mighty works among us and then immediately forget, so He had His chosen people build memorials.

In **Deuteronomy 6:12** God told His people, *"Be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."* The meaning of the Hebrew word for memorial is "to remember." God would have the people build an altar of stones to commemorate or memorialize a significant event.

This week, Friendship Church celebrates a significant milestone – 175 years of ministry in East Springdale. What began as a calling and vision of a horseback riding pastor from West Tennessee in 1847 continues on in 2022. As the Hebrew writer penned, *"Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus..."* **Hebrews 12:1-2a**

We have a great adventure planned for us by God from the beginning of time. May He fulfill His eternal purposes through us as we trust and obey. May we run the great race of faith and not grow weary and lose heart. The Best is yet to come!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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 11: Praying (2 Thess. 2:13-3:5)

Attendance—May 15

Sunday Worship: 115

Sunday School: 60

Tithes & Offerings—May 15

General Offering: \$5,345.00

Birthdays

May 27—John Lane

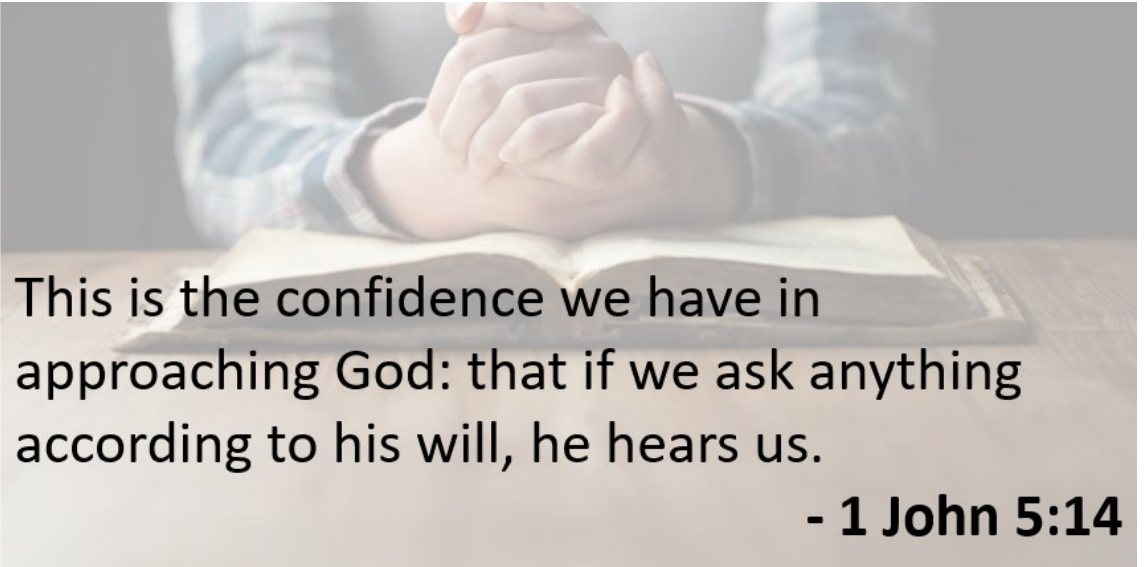
May 27—Jaiden Blackston

Anniversaries

May 22—Nathan and Paig Sypult

May 24—Mike and Pam Sypult

May 27—Wes and Savannah Stevenson



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.



FRIENDSHIP FARM VBS

Help us plant the “SEEDS OF FAITH” June 12-15 6:00-8:00

We're getting ready for a great VBS! It will be here before we know it!!

This year's theme is **Growing in Friendship with Jesus at Friendship Farm**. The VBS children will learn that Jesus is a friend that is always with us!

Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS and make a commitment to be a part of this event as we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with God's children in our congregation and our community?

The dates are: Sunday evening June 12th through Wednesday evening June 15th.

We will begin each **evening at 6:00** in the sanctuary. Then at **7:30**, we will wrap up outside with snacks and games until **8:00**.

Wednesday evening will be **Friendship Farm Family Fun Night Fellowship**. We will invite families to join us. There will be hot dogs, snacks, and games for everyone.

Consider helping in one or more of these areas and then let me know:

Decoration and set up- Saturday morning June 11 and Sunday afternoon.

“Farmers”- be willing to sit at a table with a group of kids each night and help them as they interact with the songs, stories, and activities.

Game monitors- outside from 7:30-8:00, manage a game station.

Snack prep and serve- from 7:30-8:00 manage the snacks.

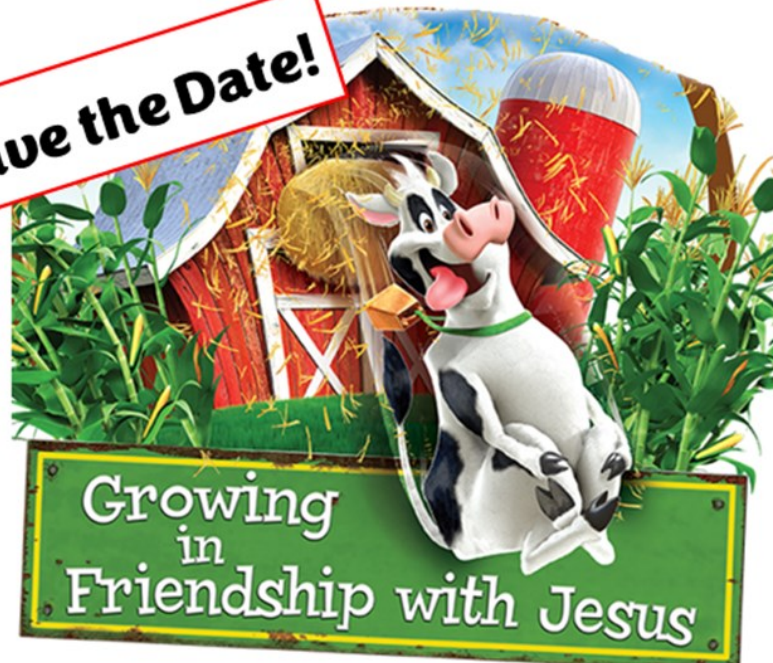
Wednesday evening-food prep and serve

We would also like to feed the VBS volunteers 3 nights- Sunday-Tuesday. If you would like to provide or help with a snack-type meal one of those nights, please let me know.

Thanks for taking time to pray and consider this.

FRIENDSHIP FARM VBS

Save the Date!



Growing
in
Friendship with Jesus

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