



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

January 8, 2021



2021 GOAL

To build a church where
God is pleased to dwell.

**Facebook Live Church
Service Only
Zoom Small Groups**

Sunday January 10, 2021

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

From Pastor Mike...



Joshua 1:8-9 says, *"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

Like so many other promises in Scripture, this word gives us assurance that *"the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* He is the Lord. This means He is sovereign and in control so we don't have to be. He's got this!

Secondly, He is your God. He is personal and available to all who call upon Him. He made you and wants to know you personally. He desires intimate fellowship with you each and every day.

Finally, God promises to *"be with you wherever you go."* This is Emmanuel – God with us! In Jesus's Great Commission to us He says, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 18:19-20

The promise of His presence! The promise of His peace and grace right when we need it! Call upon Him – He is near!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

This Sunday's Gospel Project Lesson (small groups)

The Mission Begins

Sunday's lesson "*Empowered by the Holy Spirit*" - [CLICK HERE](#) to download your Sunday School lesson!

In the beginning, the all-powerful, personal God created the universe. This God created human beings in His image to live joyfully in His presence, in humble submission to His gracious authority. But all of us have rebelled against God and, in consequence, must suffer the punishment of our rebellion: physical death and the wrath of God.

Thankfully, God initiated a rescue plan, which began with His choosing the nation of Israel to display His glory in a fallen world. The Bible describes how God acted mightily on Israel's behalf, rescuing His people from slavery and then giving them His holy law. But God's people—like all of us—failed to rightly reflect the glory of God.

Then, in the fullness of time, in the person of Jesus Christ, God Himself came to renew the world and to restore His people. Jesus perfectly obeyed the law given to Israel. Though innocent, He suffered the consequences of human rebellion by His death on a cross. But three days later, God raised Him from the dead.

Now the church of Jesus Christ has been commissioned by God to take the news of Christ's work to the world. Empowered by God's Spirit, the church calls all people everywhere to repent of sin and to trust in Christ alone for our forgiveness. By God's grace in Christ, repentance and faith restores our relationship with God and results in a life of ongoing transformation.

The Bible promises that Jesus Christ will return to this earth as the conquering King. Only those who live in repentant faith in Christ will escape God's judgment and live joyfully in God's presence for all eternity. God's message is the same to all of us: repent and believe, before it is too late. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe with your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved.

Most classes meeting online using Zoom. Check with your Sunday School teacher for dates and times.



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Darkness comes. In the middle of it, the future looks blank. The temptation to quit is huge. Don't. You are in good company... You will argue with yourself that there is no way forward. But with God, nothing is impossible. He has more ropes and ladders and tunnels out of pits than you can conceive. Wait. Pray without ceasing. Hope.

-John Piper

Friendship Birthdays

January 13 – Daniel Valencia

January 15 – Logan Pelton

Friendship Attendance, Jan 3

Small group Bible study - 41

Celebration worship - 58

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Jan. 3—\$3,366.22

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News



Gospel Project for Kids News

This week we will start a new unit of study in our Gospel Project lessons. We took a break from the chronological study of the Bible to spend a few weeks on the Christmas story. We pick back up in the New Testament as the Early Church becomes empowered by the Holy Spirit.

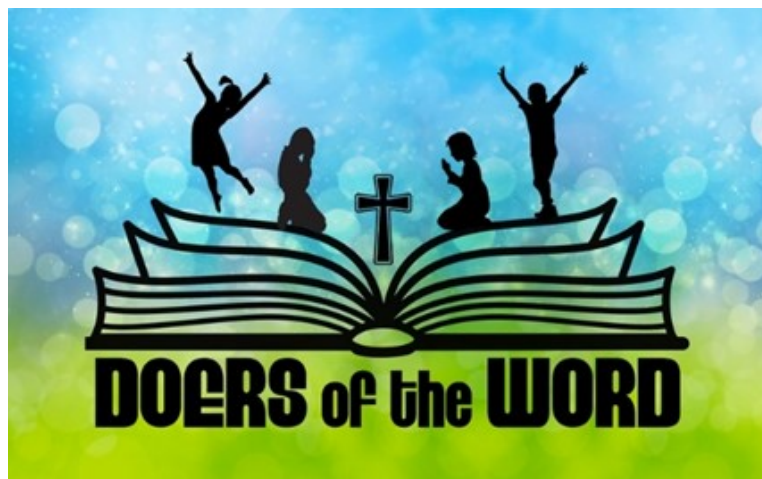
This week the kids will learn about Ananias and Sapphira's sin. As sinners we struggle with the temptation of greed. In our lesson, we want kids to see their need for Jesus as the one who forgives our greed and changes us through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit changes our hearts to want to share with those in need because Jesus generously gave all He had so we can share in His riches and have forgiveness and eternal life.

The Big idea that we want our kids to understand this month is: The Church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.

Our memory verse for January is:

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

If we truly believe that the Bible is for everyone including children, then simply teaching boys and girls about the Bible isn't enough. As parents and teachers, we can equip kids to be DOERS, too!



If we look in the Bible for references of kids serving we see several: A shepherd BOY who ministered to the king (1 Samuel 16:14-23); a slave GIRL who ministered to her master's husband (2 Kings 5:1-15); a BOY king who led his kingdom (2 Kings 22:1-2); and a BOY who ministered to thousands of hungry people (John 6:1-13).

Obviously, children are quite capable of ministering. In their own, appropriate ways, they are to be doers in their Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth!

Blessings, Mary Ann

