




Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

January 14, 2022

From Pastor Mike...



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darkness to rescue the lost and
hurting because His Father shared
the power and plan with Him
through prayer.*

—Jim Maxim

In person and Facebook

Live Church Service

Small Groups

Sunday January 16, 2022

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

Time alone with the Father. As we consider how we might live, love, look, listen to and sound like Jesus in 2022, let's take a look at Jesus' priority and habits. **Luke**

22:39 says, "Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him." The New King James Version puts it this way, "He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed..." In other words, "as was His habit." And the primary reason Jesus went to the Mount of Olives was to pray and hear from His Heavenly Father.

God desires for His children to develop "holy habits" like this. Jesus modeled the best way to live for us. Prayer wasn't an afterthought or last resort – it was a way of life – a "rule of life." Jesus spent hours everyday communicating with His Father. He took the time to be still and listen to what the Father had to say to Him. He "waited upon the Lord."

I read a quote this week from Jim Maxim, "Jesus could reach through the darkness to rescue the lost and hurting because His Father shared the power and plan with Him through prayer." His power was in His prayer life! Prayer is a two-way love relationship with Abba Father. Prayer is a wonderful privilege afforded to all believers in Christ. I encourage you to set a holy habit of spending time alone with the Father – sitting at His feet and listening to His voice. You will be amazed the wonderful things He wants to share with you!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, January 19	6:30pm	"Reclaiming The Church" Wednesday Night Praise and Worship
Sunday, January 23	10:30am	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
Sunday, January 30	6:00pm	Fifth Sunday Ministry Nite and Lord's Supper
Saturday, February 12	5:00pm	Valentine Dinner & Silent Auction (Mission trip fundraiser)
Sunday, February 13		Super Bowl Sunday Fellowships
Monday, February 14		VALENTINES DAY
Sunday, March 6	10:30am	Week of Prayer for North American Missions (Annie Armstrong Offering)
Sunday, March 13		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
Sunday, April 3	6:99pm	WMBA Evangelism Rally at Friendship
Saturday, April 9		One Day Serve Local – Mission Springdale
Sunday, April 10	6:00pm	Spring Family Forum
Sunday, April 17	10:30am	RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Winter 2021 Sunday School Study:

Ezekiel; Daniel

God doesn't just want us to read His Word, He wants us to know it and live its truth. That's why Explore the Bible: Adults takes groups book by book through Scripture, framing every passage in its appropriate biblical and cultural context. This winter, we are studying the Books of Ezekiel and Daniel. From familiar stories that have been cherished for generations to intriguing visions of the end times, each book offers its own unique perspective on how God works among His people and how He steadfastly reigns as Lord of all. (13 sessions)

Session 7: Values

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Various ladies small group studies meet throughout the week at different locations and times. Please see Pam Sypult for information on which group best fits your desires.

NEW LADIES STUDY

Ready to go deeper into Scripture? We will be starting a new ladies Bible study on Tuesday evening, January 25, at 6:30pm. This study will be held in-person at the church for those wanting to meet in person, AND on Zoom for those that would like to participate but are unable to attend in person.

We will be studying Jen Wilkin's book, Better – At Study of Hebrews. We would love to invite all ladies to join us as we dig into God's Word and enjoy time together with other ladies in our church family.

See Pam Sypult for details.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

RECLAIMING THE CHURCH

6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Need encouragement and strength?

Join us Sunday evenings

at 6 PM on Zoom

ZOOM link for PRAYER MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223352309?pwd=NEpmdjBvby9nS1hsK3Z1S3hBMVVPZz09>

ID: 862 2335 2309

Passcode: 553985

By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. (1 Corinthians 15:10)

Grace is not only God's *disposition* to do good for us when we don't deserve it. It is an actual *power* from God that *acts* and makes good things happen *in* us and *for* us.

God's grace was God's acting in Paul to make Paul work hard: "By the grace of God . . . I worked harder than any of them." So when Paul says, "Work out your own salvation," he adds, "for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" ([Philippians 2:12-13](#)). Grace is power from God to do good things in us and for us.

This grace is past and it is future. It is ever-cascading over the infinitesimal waterfall of the present, from the inexhaustible river of grace coming to us from the future, into the ever-increasing reservoir of grace in the past.

In the next five minutes, you will receive sustaining grace flowing to you from the future, and you will accumulate another five minutes' worth of grace in the reservoir of the past. The proper response to the grace you experienced in the past is *thankfulness*, and the proper response to grace promised to you in the future is *faith*. We are *thankful* for the past grace of the last year, and we are *confident* in the future grace for the new year.

—John Piper



Attendance—January 9

Sunday Worship: 70

Sunday School: 62

Tithes & Offerings—January 9

General Offering: \$4,105.93

Birthdays

Jan 18—Loren Kelchner

Jan 18—Lisa Pelfrey

Jan 19—Debbie Davis



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Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News



This week our children's lesson is from a familiar passage in Luke. It is about the story of The Good Samaritan. This is a familiar story to many of us, teaching us what it looks like to love our neighbor.

As we teach the kids this lesson there are 3 things that we pray the kids will take away from this lesson.

The only thing that matters is what you do.

A good intention that is never acted upon is worth nothing in God's Kingdom. What matters to Jesus is the action we take in the form of the help and support we give to those in need.

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10

Don't let labels fool you.

Actions speak louder than any label, so don't judge a person by their title or appearance. People are not always who they seem to be.

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. Matthew 7:15

Don't search for a reward.

When there's something in it for you, your actions aren't in the spirit of the Good Samaritan message. The best reward that comes from helping someone when there's nothing in it for you is knowing that your actions are pleasing to God by caring for His people.

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve. Jeremiah 17:10

God has shown us through Jesus how to show love. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. The Bible story of the Good Samaritan shows us ways to love others through our acts of kindness, compassion, being selfless, and helping others when we can.

Prayer: “God, help us to love You with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We confess the times we didn’t show kindness and love. Thank you, God, for your forgiveness, kindness and mercy.”

Blessings, Mary Ann

