

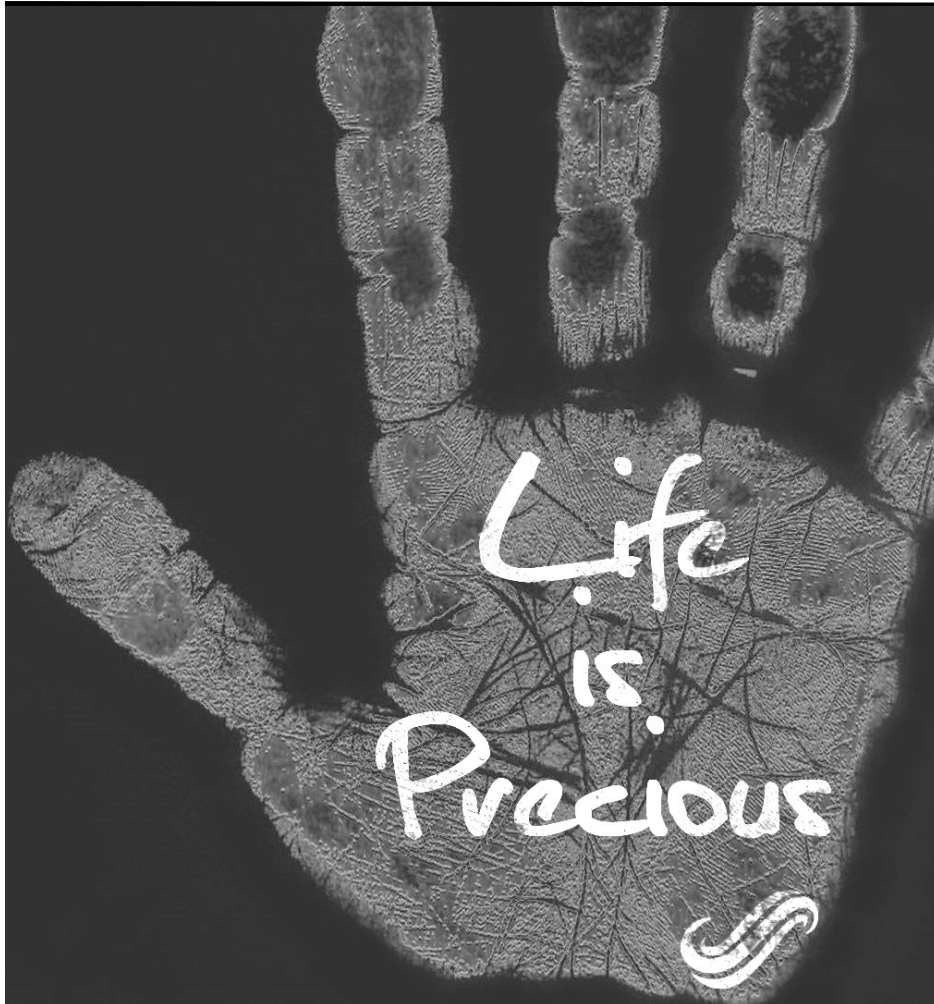


Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

January 21, 2022

From Pastor Mike...



**In person and Facebook
Live Church Service**

Small Groups

Sunday January 23, 2022

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

Life is a gift from God. Of all of God's creations, human life stands out from all the rest. We are made in God's image, we bear His likeness! God is so amazingly creative – just look at all the variety He has created. Every single human being is uniquely, fearfully and wonderfully made.

All people matter to God. All lives matter to Him and should matter to us. Whether young or old, infirmed or unborn, every single life is a creation of God to be valued and cherished. People are not things or objects to be used. People are a precious gift of God to the world.

As our culture further degrades into sin, we see the devaluation of human life. Abortion, euthanasia, suicide, human trafficking, genocide, murder, child abuse, genetic engineering – these things happen because of sin. God has told us what is right and what is wrong. When we celebrate human life and defend and protect it, God is pleased.

This Sunday, we observe the 2022 "Sanctity of Human Life" Sunday. I praise God that President Ronald Reagan declared this sacred day back in 1984. Even through our current president does not acknowledge it due to the fear of man and the sickness of our culture, we will observe this day and I will preach a message entitled "Life Matters." May we all be resolved to value and protect human life! Everyone matters to God!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
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 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 8: Integrity Established (Dan. 1:8-21)

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.

Birthdays

Jan 23—Jenny Shrum

Jan 25—Michele Williams

CHILDREN NEED MODELS

by Neil Anderson



Your children will become what you are; so be what you want them to be.
David Bly.

A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher (Luke 6:40)

Your children need to see how you handle failure even more than how you handle success. If you make a mistake, you need to own up to it and ask forgiveness if the situation calls for it. If you don't model how to deal with your own fleshly responses, how are they going to learn how to own up to their mistakes and resolve them biblically?

One Sunday morning my daughter wasn't ready when I wanted to leave for church. I fumed about it until I exploded with anger. After the service I was about to say grace before a meal when I felt the convicting hand of God weighing heavily upon me. I stopped and asked my family to forgive me for my outburst of anger. I didn't

confess my daughter's tardiness because it wasn't my responsibility. Nor did I ask their forgiveness in hopes that my daughter would own up to her tardiness. I asked their forgiveness because my outburst of anger was a deed of the flesh. I had to ask forgiveness to be right with God myself.

You never lose esteem in your child's eyes when you do what God requires you to do. You gain esteem because you are an honest person, and in the process, you are modelling what they need to do when they blow it. Children need models, not critics. Modelling is what establishes our credibility to "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

Lord, help me model a life of obedience and honesty before my children and others who look to me as an example. And when I fail, give me grace to admit my mistakes and resolve my conflicts.

Neil Anderson

Blessings, Mary Ann

