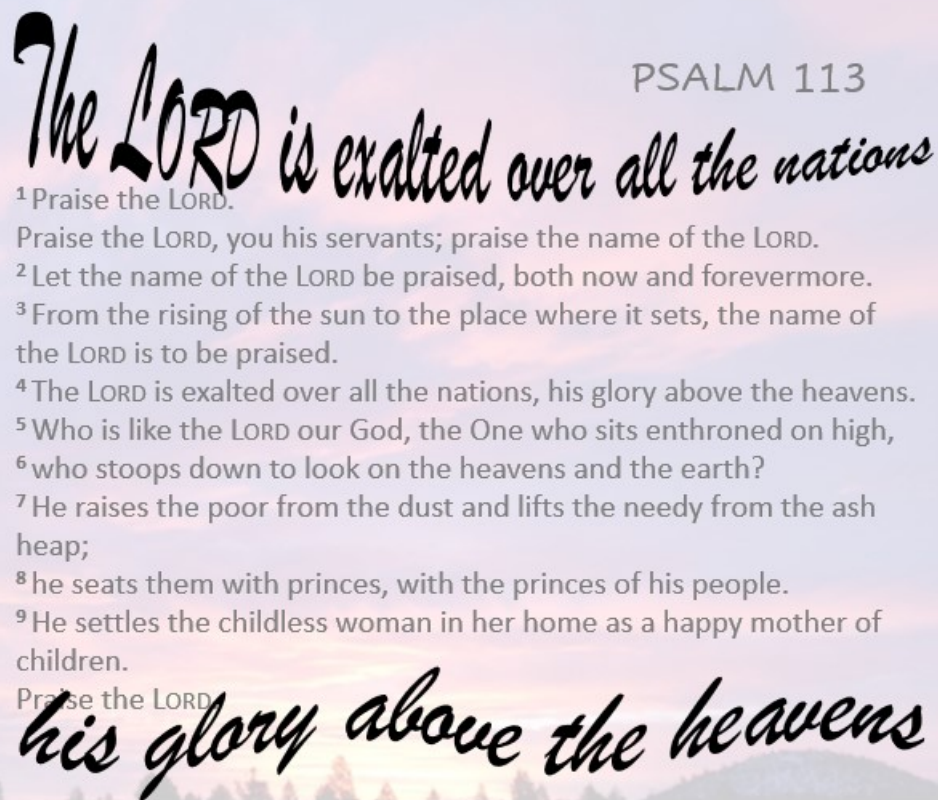




Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

January 23, 2021



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

Sunday January 24, 2021

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



From Pastor Mike...

Psalm 113:3-4 says, “From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is exalted over all the nations, His glory above the heavens.” His mercies are new every morning! He causes the sun to rise and set. He creates the magnificent sunrises and sunsets. His Name, which is above all names, is greatly to be praised!

The Lord is exalted above the nations. Even more than that, heaven is His throne and the earth is His footstool (Isaiah 66:1). Mankind makes plans, but the Lord’s purposes will ultimately prevail (Proverbs 19:21). Satan is on the loose, but he is on a leash. Our God is sovereign – He rules – He reigns.

His glory is above the heavens. In the Bible, we read about 3 heavens – 1. The sky that we can see, 2. The universe and all the galaxies and 3. Where God dwells. The third heaven, also called shamayi h'shamayim (שמי השמים or "Heaven of Heavens"), is mentioned in such passages as Genesis 28:12, Deuteronomy 10:14 and 1 Kings 8:27 as a distinctly spiritual realm containing (or being traveled by) angels and God. God rules and reigns in all three! This is why we should constantly keep on praising Him.

Like the song, “In Christ Alone” says: “No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand: Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.”

Let’s continue to stand firm and keep on praising Him!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike



SERVICES LIVE ON FACEBOOK

Every Sunday morning at 11am

ONLINE LIVE PRAYER MEETINGS

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at 7pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS

Check with your Sunday School teachers for times

Get updated prayer requests and announcements.

To sign up, text your name to 479.422.1079

This Sunday's Gospel Project Lesson (small groups)

The Mission Begins

Sunday's lesson "Trusting in Christ in Life and Death" - [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.

Classes are currently meeting online using Zoom. Check with your Sunday School teacher for dates and times.



Congratulations Wes and Savannah
Stevenson on the birth of precious

Callie Mae

January 11, 2021

7lbs, 10 oz. 20 inches long

Friendship Birthdays

January 25 – Michelle Williams

January 31 – Kevin King

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Jan. 17—\$2,790



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES RESUME LIVE THIS



NEW – Wednesday night services in-person at the church begins January 27, 2021 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Our focus for the next few weeks is to equip everyone to be able to have gospel conversations with your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors. We will begin with a three-week study called “Live This.”

This study will equip you with resources and tools so you can clearly articulate the gospel with unbelievers. Week one illustrates how to share the Good News through the model of Christ. The second week outlines and defines the gospel through passages in Scripture. The final week shows you how to teach the gospel message.

*“It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict,
God's job to judge and my job to
love.”*

-Billy Graham

Need encouragement and strength?

Join us Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings

at 7 PM on Zoom



7 Reasons Why Kids MUST Memorize Scripture

If you know kids at all, you know that the average kid can memorize just about anything! Toddlers learn their ABC's, numbers, shapes, and a variety of silly songs. I even knew a two-year-old who could recite the names of the presidential cabinet! Preschoolers can take it even farther and read sight words, say the pledge, and sing longer sillier songs! Grade schoolers memorize the Gettysburg address, their multiplication tables, and plenty of lyrics from the radio.

So, for the average kid — scripture memory should be no sweat! For the most part, however, kids do not know much scripture. We as parents and leaders have to help them. Here are seven reasons why Kids HAVE to know scripture:

1. To Know Christ.

Help kids develop a relationship with Jesus by leading them to the verses that tell them the truth. Start with John 3:16 or Romans 6:23.

2. To Fight Sin.

Most of us know that as we get older, the choices of life present themselves and temptation faces us at every turn. Help kids "hide God's Word in their hearts, so that they might not sin against (Him)" (Psalm 119:11).

3. To Glorify God.

Help kids understand that they were put on this earth to glorify God in all they do. That means fellowship with Him in prayer and obedience to Him in action. Scripture can help them give glory to God in all they do (Psalm 86:12).

4. To Feel Safe.

Kids struggle with fear often. The Bible is full of verses that remind them that God is close and to not be afraid (Philippians 4:6).

5. To Know they are Loved.

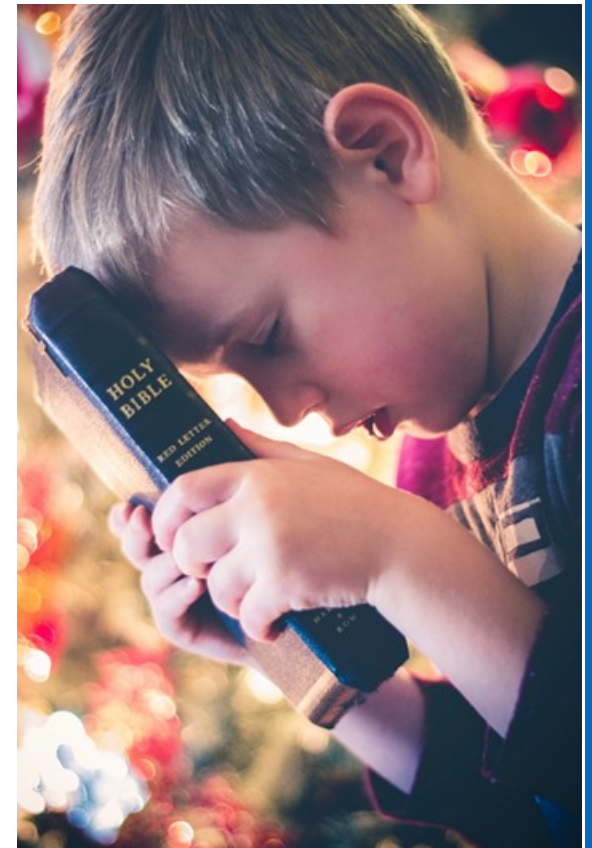
The Bible is God's love letter to us. Help Kids understand that God loves them so much that there is nothing that can separate them from His love through Jesus (Romans 8:38-39).

6. To Love Others.

God uses children to show His love. If a child understands that they are to love God with all their hearts and their neighbor as themselves, what a vessel they can be to shine His light throughout the world (Luke 10:27).

7. To Persevere.

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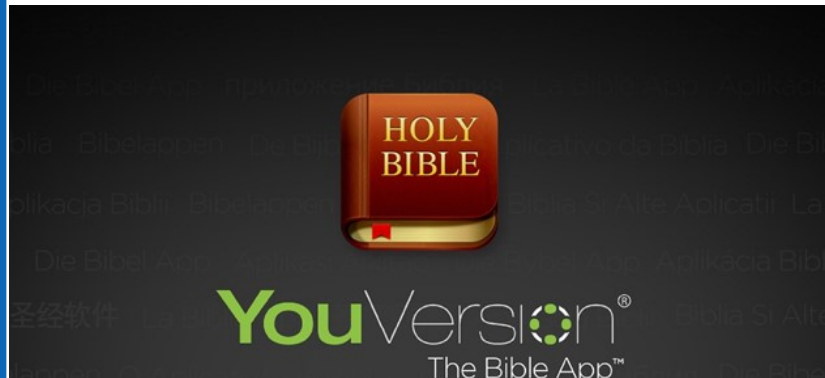
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Our kids need spiritual ammo to get through their lives. The Bible, our “sword of the spirit”, is what we MUST give them. Scripture memory might sound optional, but indeed it is essential to run the race — no matter how old you are!

The words of God recorded in His Bible are given to us as a weapon for active attack and defense as we face our Christian battles.



Armor of God | marissabaker.wordpress.com



The YouVersion Bible App has features for kids, pre-teens, and teens that will help you stay connected to God’s word each day. When you open the app search for “Kids Bible Experience”. You can also search pre-teen or teens for age appropriate plans.



Blessings, Mary Ann

