



Friendship Church  
*Loving God...Loving People*

## FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

February 5, 2021

### From Pastor Mike...



Facebook Live Church Service Only  
Zoom Small Groups

Sunday February 7, 2021

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

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty!”

In **Revelation 4:8**, God let the Apostle John see the glory of heaven. He writes, “*Day and night the four living creatures never stop saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.’*” Imagine that – 24/7, the living creatures ascribe to God continually the glory He deserves. The majesty and splendor of our great God deserves nothing less than our highest praise and honor.

Think about this - the character of God is BOTH loving AND righteous. BOTH just AND merciful. It’s been said that “people fear His justice, but count on His mercy—even though they are not sure how that works.” So how can God express His holy justice without condemning us in our sin? How can God express His holy love without condoning us in our sin? How can God give us salvation when His justice necessitates our condemnation? We have all sinned and missed the mark.

Praise God - the answer is the sufficiency of Jesus Christ. He paid a debt He did not owe because we owed a debt we could never repay. In Christ’s sacrifice for us on the cross, both God’s justice and mercy was satisfied. **II Corinthians 5:21** says, “*God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*” Totally undeserved and unearned grace.

If you have never surrendered to the grace and mercy of our righteous and holy God, cry out to Him today, “Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner.” The repentant, heart-felt cry of a sinner before a Holy God will be heard. He is not willing that any should perish!

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** "*Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ*" - [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.

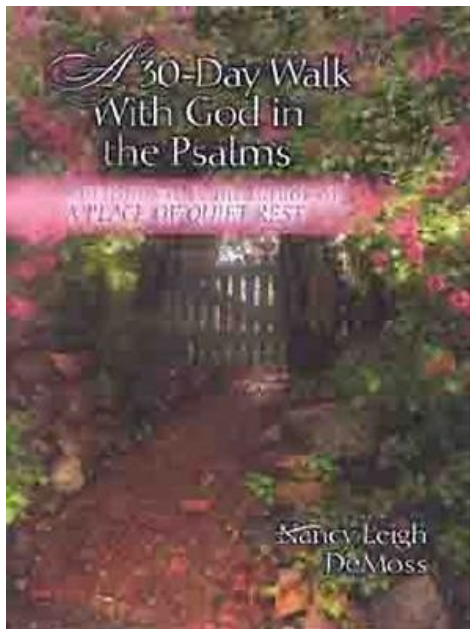
Then, in the fullness of time, in the person of Jesus Christ, God Himself came to renew the world and to restore His people. Jesus perfectly obeyed the law given to Israel. Though innocent, He suffered the consequences of human rebellion by His death on a cross. But three days later, God raised Him from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





### NEW LADIES STUDY

*A 30 Day Walk With God Through  
The Psalms*

by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

If you haven't signed up, it's not too late! Contact Pam Sypult for details.

There will be two group times, Tuesdays or Thursdays at 6:30 pm on zoom, which ever works best for you.

### Friendship Attendance, Jan 31

Small group Bible study - 55

Celebration worship - 86

### Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Jan. 31—\$4,877.49



**Online giving is  
easier than ever!**

[CLICK HERE](#) to try out our new  
online giving service.

**Wednesday night services  
in-person at 6:30**

**LIVE  
THIS**

**Need encouragement and strength?**

**Join us Friday, Saturday,  
and Sunday evenings  
at 7 PM on Zoom**



*"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*



### How to Get Your Kids to Do What You Want

What if I told you about a formula that could get your kids to clean up after themselves, eat healthier, be more responsible on social media, and even develop a practical faith of their own?

Dave Anderson shares some ways to help make this happen:

The formula is summed up in this quote by author Paulo Coelho: **“The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.”**

As parents we can tell our kids all day long that we want them to put their shoes away . . . but if they see your shoes sprawled on the family room floor every evening, then they know you’re not serious.

**That’s because our kids are more likely to follow our example than our opinion or advice.**

It’s the same when it comes to our faith. If we want our kids to have a practical faith that serves others, then they need to see us serving others—it’s not enough for parents to tell their children to read their Bibles every day. Daily devotions are important, yes, but our children need to see us living out our faith practically for it to stick.

### **Practical faith is something that is caught, not taught.**

The old saying that actions speak louder than words is true. In fact, it’s an idea that Jesus modeled.

You see, Christians typically translate the word “disciple” as “student”, which is why many churches host discipleship classes. But the Hebrew word for disciple is “talmid”, which is more accurately translated as “apprentice”—someone who is being led to become just like his or her teacher.

### **An apprentice does not just learn what their teacher knows, they do what their teacher does.**

This is what Jesus was doing when he said, “follow me”—and it’s what he meant when he said; “The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.” (Luke 6:40). This is also what the Apostle Paul did with his friend Timothy. Paul walked alongside Timothy, discipling and mentoring him as they traveled together. This is why Paul said; “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1). This is apprenticeship—and this is discipleship.

## Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

**If we want our kids** to pick up after themselves, they need to see us doing that.

**If we want our kids** to be responsible on social media, they need to see us posting responsibly.

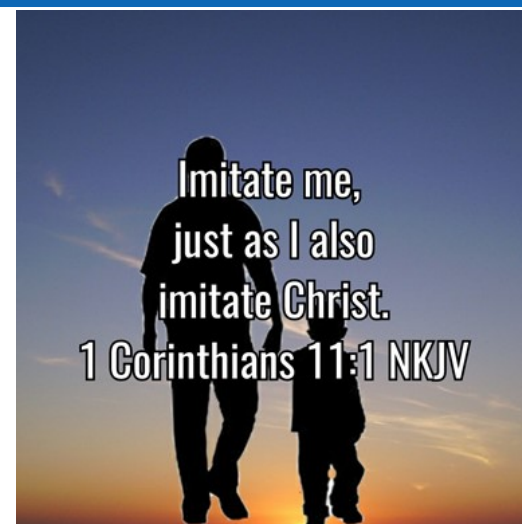
**If we want our kids** to read the bible more, then we need to read more and let them catch us doing it.

**If we want our kids** to eat healthier, exercise more, speak politely, have healthy boundaries with technology—then we need to model these things.

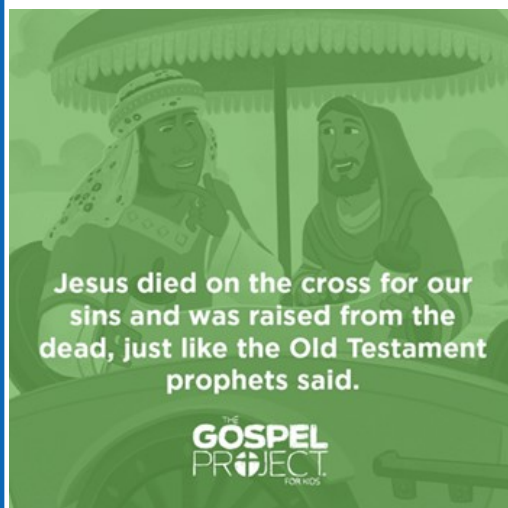
And maybe most importantly,

**If we want our kids** to have a practical faith, they need to see us living out our faith in practical ways.

**Because your children will follow your example, not just your opinion.**



## **Gospel Project for Kids News**



In the Gospel Project lesson this week, Kids will learn how the Holy Spirit led Philip to tell the Ethiopian man about Jesus.

**The Ethiopian official knew what the Old Testament prophets said, but he did not understand that they spoke about Jesus. The Holy Spirit led Philip to help the official understand the good news about Jesus: Jesus died on the cross for our sins and was raised from the dead, just like the Old Testament prophets said.**

In our mission of making disciples, believers must be willing instruments to be used in the hands of the Lord. Philip didn't go into the desert today with a strategy for converting another man; the Holy Spirit led Philip, and he obeyed. As believers, we can be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and willing to follow His lead. He will go with us.

Blessings, Mary Ann

