



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

February 12, 2021



From Pastor Mike...



My Presence
will go with you,
and I will give
you rest.

{Exodus 33:14}

In person and Facebook Live Church
Service

Small Groups

Sunday February 14, 2021

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

In **Exodus 33**, we see Moses as the leader of God's people having a conversation with God. Verse 11a tells us, *"The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend."* Moses had a very real and personal relationship with God. What Moses desired more than anything was to be in the Presence of the Lord. It was there all his failures and shortcomings disappeared and God's glory filled his soul with joy and peace.

In verses 14-18, we read, *"The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest. Then Moses said to Him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?' And the Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.'"*

Moses did not want to go on another minute of another day without the Presence of the Lord. He did not want to initiate anything without God's favor and blessing. He knew to do so would only lead to frustration and emptiness.

What about you and I? Do we seek the Lord's presence in what we are doing? Do we take the time to enter into His presence and seek His face in our daily lives? Is what we are doing man initiated or God initiated? Remember, Psalm 16:11 tells us that in His presence is the fullness of joy. Brothers and sisters, I challenge you to seek Him today and take the time to enter into His glorious presence!

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 *"Confronted by the Gospel of Jesus"*

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.

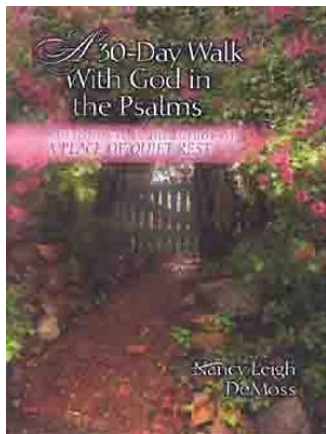
Thankfully, God initiated a rescue plan, which began with His choosing the nation of Israel to display His glory in a fallen world. The Bible describes how God acted mightily on Israel's behalf, rescuing His people from slavery and then giving them His holy law. But God's people—like all of us—failed 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 in person at 9:25 am. If you would like to join online using Zoom, check with your Sunday School teacher as most classes also have zoom availability.



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 Birthdays

February 16 – Diane Moss

February 17 – Kasey King, Wes Stevenson

Friendship Attendance, Feb 7

Small group Bible study - 43

Celebration worship - 75

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Jan. 31—\$5,795.11



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in-person at 6:30

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THIS**

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and Sunday evenings

at 7 PM on Zoom



*"So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also
pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I
will also sing with my understanding."*

1 Corinthians 14:15

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News



THE FAMILY LOVE CHALLENGE by Karen Ehman

The “love” chapter from 1 Corinthians 13 is one of the most popular passages in the Bible.

Verses 4-8 are actually relatively easy to memorize. However, living out the words is a whole different story!

How would you describe your love for others, especially in your immediate family? Are you a patient soul or do you drum your fingers and tap your toes while you stew and sigh not-so-patiently? Is it hard to bring you to a point of anger or does flying off the handle come much too naturally? Do you keep score with those who have wronged you,

ready to dredge up the past and become “historical” to make your point? Ever been rude to someone who also resides within your four walls? How will we—and the members of our families—ever learn to love the way this passage urges us to? Well, here is an idea to help to flesh this out in real life.

First, make a copy of the love chapter on your computer. (The text is written out for you below to copy, paste, and print.) Wherever the word love is used (or its pronoun ‘it’) leave a blank. Hang it on the fridge or in another prominent place. Then, over the next few days until Valentine’s Day, whenever anyone in your house catches someone else in the family exhibiting that particular characteristic of love, they can write that person’s name in the blank.

Maybe your son really wanted to watch a particular movie but decided the family should watch the one his sister desired instead. Yay! Put his name in the blank where it says, “_____ does not insist on its own way.”

Did your daughter wait quietly for you to get off the phone instead of interrupting you? Bravo! Place her name in the blank on the line that reads, “_____ is patient.”

Was dad kind to the grumpy cashier instead of being rude right back? Get out that pen and write away! Did mom and another family member get into a heated discussion and she was tempted to bring up a wrong from the past but, with great restraint, held her tongue? Bravo! Mom’s name goes on the, “_____ keeps no record of wrongs” line.

On Valentine’s Day, gather the family to enjoy a Valentine’s treat. Remove the certificate and read it out loud. The result will be something like this:

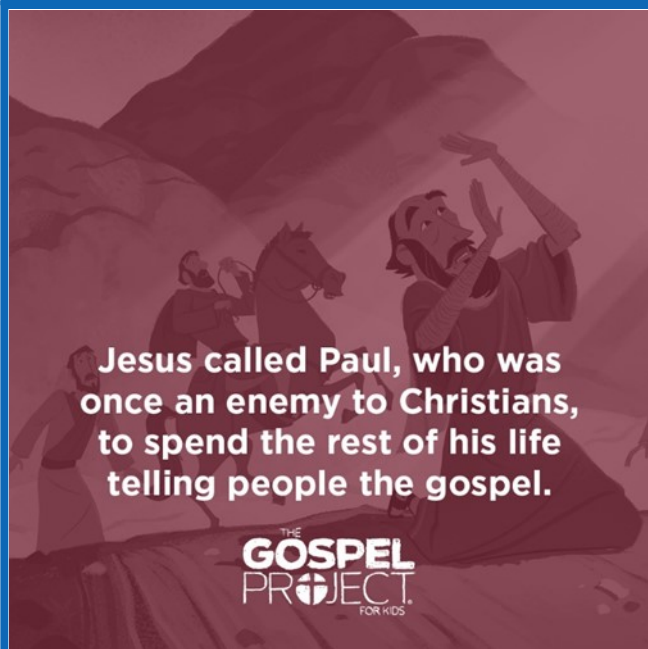
“Naomi is patient. Lincoln is kind. Dad does not envy, Mom is not rude . . .”

Be assured that if you take this challenge, God will give you lots of opportunities to practice displaying these wonderful characteristics of love. And you can count on others noticing the change in you as you seek to love out loud.

Here is a sample for you to copy based off of the ESV version of the Bible:

_____ *is patient and _____ is kind; _____ does not envy and _____ does not boast; _____ is not arrogant and _____ is not rude. _____ does not insist on its own way; _____ is not irritable and _____ is not resentful; _____ does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. _____ bears all things, _____ believes all things, _____ hopes all things, _____ endures all things. Love never ends.*





Gospel Project for Kids News

This week kids will hear the story of how God changed Saul to Paul by transforming his life from the inside out. Jesus had a plan for Paul's life, just like he has a plan for our life. Paul's life changed after meeting Jesus, and our lives should change after we meet Jesus, too. If Jesus is first in our lives, we will never have a "vision" problem like Paul. God will always show us where He wants us to go.

Blessings, Mary Ann

