



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

March 5, 2021

From Pastor Mike...



Jesus said, “*My house shall be a house of prayer for all nations.*” (Matthew 21:13, Mark 11:17) God wants to do greater things in our days, but I believe He is waiting on His church to truly become a house of prayer. So, how do we go about this?

Matthew Henry once said, “When God intends great mercy for His people, He first of all sets them praying.” I believe it all begins with a burden. Have we forgotten the truth that “prayer can do anything God can do?” I think we must examine our hearts and ask ourselves, “Did Jesus really mean it when He said that miraculous answers only come through prayer?” (Matthew 17:21) Are we so trusting in ourselves that we don’t have the time or desire to pray together anymore? The good news is this: God is setting His people to praying! We are now praying Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, Worship-based prayers. What a joy it is to gather together (as the Bible tells us to do) and pray the Scriptures together. Right now, we are praying through the Book of Psalms. As we begin the prayer conversation with God, we start with His Word – and He directs the conversation. This is life-giving prayer and that is why this movement of prayer is growing.

Do you need a revival in your prayer life? Ask God. He will show you what to do because, without doubt, this is His will for you. If God’s Son Jesus spent much time and devotion in prayer, how much more do you and I need to follow His example? If you want to see powerful, life-giving prayer at work, I invite you to join us this Friday evening at 7pm Central Time on Zoom – [CLICK HERE](#) for the link.

I hope to be able to pray with you and for you in our next prayer meeting! Let’s be the House of Prayer that Jesus desires!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

I n p e r s o n a n d F a c e b o o k L i v e C h u r c h S e r v i c e
S m a l l G r o u p s

Sunday March 7, 2021

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



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.

WEEK OF PRAYER

MARCH 7-14, 2021

ANNIE
ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Friendship's Goal:
\$2,500.00

*Your Prayers Have
Eternal Impact*



Evangelism Training
by James Merritt

Join us for Wednesday Night Study

6:30 at the Church



Philippians 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Need encouragement and strength?

Join us Friday, Saturday,
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

LADIES STUDY

A 30 Day Walk With God Through The Psalms

by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

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

OPPORTUNITIES

To serve



EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do good
works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do.



Friendship Attendance, Feb 28

Small group Bible study - 72

Celebration worship - 93

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Feb. 21—\$6,216.16

Friendship Birthdays

March 10 – Jackie Hinkson

March 10 – Addison Walker

March 13 – Linda Molesso

Friendship Anniversaries

March 12 – Loyd & Nancy Skaggs



Online giving is easier than ever!

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

Wedding Shower

Paige Williams & Nathan Sypult

Sunday, March 21 @ 3:30 PM
in the fellowship hall

Everyone is invited
They are registered at Target and
Bed Bath & Beyond
Can also find it on their website
for the wedding at:
theknot.com/williamsandsypult



Discipling the Next Generation

Discipleship is not easy, nor is it for the faint of heart. But take courage in the fact that you are not alone. Besides the myriad other parents who are faithfully working toward the same goals, the God of the entire universe is tirelessly and relentlessly pursuing your child, a notion captured beautifully by this poem written in memory of Christian martyr Archbishop Oscar Romero:

"A Future Not Our Own" by Bishop Ken Untener
It helps now and then to step back and take a long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of
saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession
brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness.

Tom Bisset says this about disciplining our kids...

...As parents we are to commit ourselves to the task of raising our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, to teach them the facts of the faith, to show how it answers our questions and meets our needs, to insist that the good news of the gospel must be personally apprehended. We do what God calls us to do, we do it to the best of our abilities, and we entrust the results—and our children—to God's good providence.



No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives include everything.
This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one
day will grow. We water the seeds already planted
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects
far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of
liberation in realizing this.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,
a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's
grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results, but that is the
difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not
messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.

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Gospel Project News

God showed Peter that just as there is no “clean” and “unclean” food, there are no “clean” and “unclean” people. God calls believers to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, no matter who they are or where they come from. Jesus is the Lord of all.



We need your help filling Easter Eggs with candy for children's Easter treat bags. Take a bag of empty eggs home, fill them with candy or stickers or other treats. Return the filled eggs to the church on or before March 21st.

Blessings, Mary Ann

