



Friendship Church  
*Loving God...Loving People*

## FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

March 12, 2021



### From Pastor Mike...

For the last several months, I have been preaching verse-by-verse through the Book of Acts. God has been showing us what His intentions are for His church here on earth. We are currently wrapping up Paul's Third Missionary Journey. I am amazed at the strength of character, conviction and commitment of this man of God!

At the end of his life, Paul wrote to Timothy, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."* (1 Timothy 4:7). Three things we all should aspire to as we complete our days here on earth:

First, "fight the good fight." The fight is worth fighting for because God is good. Everything God has revealed to us through His Son and His Word is for His glory and our good. Jesus did not promise it would be an easy fight, but He did promise us He would be with us. And not only that, He promises that we win!

Secondly, "finish the race." Too many people stop just short of the finish line. Life is like a race – it has peaks and valleys – it is sometimes grueling. Don't give up – don't give in – don't quit. Where there is a sure commitment, there is a sure reward! Keep your eyes on the finish line – on Jesus!

Finally, "keep the faith." **Hebrews 10:23** tells us, *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful."* This is not a "blind faith", or a "hope so" religion. This is a "know so" faith because Jesus is faithful! Remember, it may be stormy now, but it can't rain forever!

I have found that some of the most amazing things in life tend to happen right at the moment you're about to give up hope. Fight the good fight, finish the race and keep the faith. The Best is yet to come!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

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**S m a l l   G r o u p s**

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**Sunday March 14, 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 Church United

Sunday's lesson *"The Church Is Sent to Encourage New Believers"*

(Acts 11)

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

DON'T FORGET  
TO SPRING  
AHEAD  
MARCH 14TH!



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## 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.







## **“Pastor Mike’s Birthday Celebration –**

We have an opportunity to bless our pastor who faithfully prays for us, studies God's Word to guide

us, and diligently teaches us in the ways of the Lord!

When: Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: Right after the morning service

Details: We will have a card basket in the foyer on the kiosk designated for birthday cards

Share: After the service, share a birthday wish, blessing, word of encouragement, etc. with Pastor Mike as you exit the church

Dessert: There will be people with trays where you can walk by and get a min cupcake to enjoy as we celebrate our pastor!

### **Friendship Attendance, Mar 7**

Small group Bible study - 73

Celebration worship - 92

### **Tithes & Offering**

Sunday, Mar. 7—\$4,975.38

### **Friendship Birthdays**

March 15 – Chad Snow

March 15 – Madison Hammack

March 16 – Haley Shrum

March 18 – Mike Sypult



## **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](http://theknot.com/williamsandsypult)

One small request that won't be hard,  
Please bring a recipe instead of a card.  
Whether it's lasagna or a dessert for two,  
Please sign the recipe with a note from you.  
Our new bride will become quite the cook,  
With the delicious ideas in her recipe book.

## RAISING GREAT KIDS

**Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose (Phil 2:2)**

Most Christian parents would do the right thing if they were sure what the right thing was. But what does a good parent do? Should you try to control your children? Is loving them the same as controlling them? Is controlling them the same as disciplining them? What kinds of parents produce the following?

1. Children who have a good self-image and are happy being who they are
2. Children who conform to the authority of others and have the capacity to get along with their teachers and other authority figures.
3. Children who follow the religious beliefs of their parents, attend the church of their parents.

The two most powerful influences in parenting are **control and support**. *Parental control* is defined as the ability to manage a child's behavior. You can coerce your kids through intimidation, verbally batter them into submission, lay a guilt trip on them, **or** firmly establish boundaries and provide choices.

*Parental support* is defined as the ability to make a child feel loved. You need to do more than simply tell your child that you love him in order to help him feel loved. You must be physically and emotionally available in such a way that your child knows that you love him. Your love comes across in the way you communicate with and touch your child throughout the day.

The best children come from parents who can manage their behavior and communicate their unconditional love. The worst children come from homes where they are controlled but not loved. You may not be able to manage your child's behavior, but by the grace of God you can love him.

**Ask the Lord to give you His wisdom today to help you love your children unconditionally and manage their behavior.**

Neil Anderson



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



### GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS

Even though some people tried to stop it, the gospel spread throughout the earth—not only to Jews but also to Gentiles. The good news about Jesus is for everyone. God calls us to celebrate when others believe and to help them know and love Jesus more.

We need your help! If you have any empty egg cartons (one dozen, not 18) we need them for the Easter egg scavenger hunt. Please bring them on, or by March 24. If you took eggs home to fill with candy, we need those by March 21<sup>st</sup>.



Blessings, Mary Ann

