



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

May 7, 2021



From Pastor Mike...



**In person and Facebook Live
Church Service
Small Groups**

Sunday May 9, 2021

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

Seeing God at work. I have had an amazing week watching a movement of God sweep Northwest Arkansas. I attended the Northwest Arkansas Men's Conference at Cross Church last Sunday evening and watched 61 men put their faith and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ! Pastor Robby Gallaty from Hendersonville, Tennessee gave a powerful and anointed message – I wish all of you could have heard it! Fortunately, he shared much of it here if you would like to listen - <https://leadership.lifeway.com/2021/04/01/5lq-episode-459-robb-gallaty/>

A couple of things he said really got my attention. First, **“Every movement of God begins with NOT moving.”** In other words, when we take the time and effort to be still and wait upon the Lord, He does great things. The problem is, we are too busy and life is too noisy. We have not taken the time and trouble to cultivate the hearing of the “still small voice” of God, so we often do things in our own power and flesh. When we do things in our own power, we only see what we can do.

Zechariah 4:6b says, *“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty.* How many blessings do we miss simply because we are depending on our own strength and intellect, versus God's Spirit? God put Pastor Gallaty on a journey of spending copious amounts of time in solitude and silence before the Lord. As a result of this precious time the Lord's presence, Pastor Gallaty testifies of a powerful movement of God that is happening at their church and other places around the world.

Psalm 46:10a says, *“Be still, and know that I am God...”* We are commanded in Scripture to SLOW DOWN and be still before the Lord God. Then, we are to pray. The second thing Pastor Robby said that really got my attention: **“If revival in your church was based on your prayer life, would it come?”** John Wesley once said, “God does nothing except in response to believing prayer.”

I am looking forward to the final outpouring of God's Spirit upon our world. I ask you to join me as we seek Him together and spend time with Him as He would have us do. He is a good, good Father!

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

Every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS

Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am

**Get updated prayer requests and
announcements.**

To sign up, text your name to 479.422.1079

GOSPEL PROJECT

SMALL GROUPS

Don't Forget (Acts Epistles)

Sunday's lesson: *"The Church Is
United in the Essentials"*

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.

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.

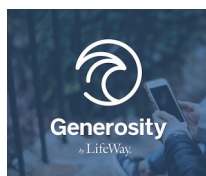
Need encouragement and strength?

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



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Join us at 6:30 at the church as we study God's

Friendship Attendance, Apr 25

Small group Bible study - 46

Celebration worship - 116

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Apr. 25—\$4,893.26

Friendship Birthdays

May 10 – Mary Ann Brinkman

May 15 – Nolan King



I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me
all my life."

-Abraham Lincoln





Loving Choices provides free and confidential services to help with pregnancy and other reproductive health issues including pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STD testing and abortion information.

They run an annual Baby Bottle Campaign to raise money. If you would like to participate, take a baby bottle from the foyer and fill it with change and return by June 20.

Desired Haven Family Care

PROVIDING STRUGGLING FAMILIES WITH STABILITY & ADVOCACY

Many families are struggling and in need of a support system. Family stability and advocacy is essential to their success. As Christ advocates on our behalf, we must advocate for at risk families. We want families to be a haven of love, belonging and connection. We want families to be a place where children can thrive. We want to hold up hurting families with the hope of the gospel and the love of Christ.

There are a variety of ways to support Desired Haven ministry for those interested.

- Organizing storage/linen closet
- Adopting a suite: Buy bedding for 4 twin beds, towels and wash cloths
- Donate cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, paper towels, hand soap, dish soap, Swiffer dusters, etc.
- Freezer meals or provide a meal night
- Gas cards, oil change cards
- Volunteer for yard work
- Kitchen towels and oven mits

If you are interested in becoming a family advocate, please contact Starlyn Danley.

“Clothe yourselves with **humility** toward one another, because, God opposes the proud but gives grace to the **humble.**” **Humble** yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Casting all your care upon him for he cares for you.” 1 Pet. 5:5b-7

Since time began mankind has had to deal with a clash of the minds and wills. I’m a big believer in coming to a workable solution that’s agreeable for all. There’s much to be said for those who are the peacemakers among us.

Peter had a heart for the early church to serve one another in a peaceable manner. We are to build one another up and encourage each other through our trials. Wrapping ourselves in a humble attitude can help us bond together.

- Diane Moss



Mother's Day Gets Complicated

Mother's Day has become complicated for just about everyone involved—commercialization aside.

It's a challenge for...

those who long to be moms, this day heightening the ache inside of them.

those who've lost their moms, this day accentuating the silence the void their mother left.

those who've birthed children gone too soon, this day highlighting a hole their heart shouldn't have. And those everywhere in between.

Mother's Day highlights the gap that exists between what we wish were true and what isn't. It's a day where we are confronted with our highest hopes and our current disappointments.

Any other day we are okay, we have learned to manage the hand life dealt us, so different from the one where we imagined we were mothers.

But not this day. **This day it's hard to escape what any other day we might adequately push through or cover over. And that makes it hard.**

But I am starting to think our attempt to run from the insufficiencies this day brings to the surface is going about it wrong. In fact, I think these are the kinds of days God can do His best work in.

Because the contrast between our expectation and our reality can crush us, depress us, and make cynics out of us. **Or it can drive us towards the One who put the desire for rightness in us, and walks through the reality of life's wrongness *with us*.**

Mother's Day is a reminder of our humanity—and the humanity of those around us. Of how we all get it wrong—how life often gets it wrong. But it's also a day where we can take stock of the dreams we harbor and realize they are the breadcrumbs pointing us to the God who is ultimately able to bring all things to right, *one day*. But it's more than that too.

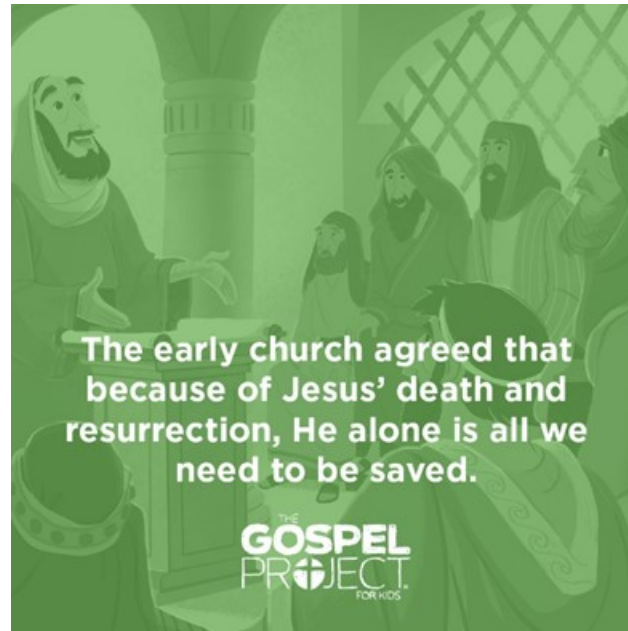
In Genesis 1:2, the author begins the creation story describing the Spirit of God *hovering* over the waters—the word hovering, used later in Deuteronomy to describe what a mother bird does when she flutters over her nest, protecting and covering her young. **I love that, as often as we read about God as a loving Father, the first descriptor we read of God in Scripture uses words that depict the qualities of a Mother.**

And on Mother's Day, this complicated and loaded day, this day where we attempt to manage the seemingly contradictory idea of what we have and what we want—on all ends of the spectrum—I like to think of God nurturing us through the chaos, like a mother would. Of God being tender towards us as we juggle our humanity and our dreams for a world—our world—made right. Who covers us, and calms us, and manages with us the paradoxes of the day, of our relationships, and ultimately our lives.

This year, let's not run away from the contradictions this day evokes. Let's embrace them, but in the presence of a God capable of handling them and cultivating us through them in the process. Let's *celebrate* Mother's Day for all it offers, for all it lacks, and for the God who fills in the gaps.

By [Sarah Anderson](#)

GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS — WEEKLY UPDATE



Blessings, Mary Ann

