



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

GOOD NEWS
May 13, 2020

Class of **2020** Congratulations
Graduation

**Kiana Cooley-Haines, Bianca Lane
and McKenzie Taylor**

Hide God's Word in your hearts!

Psalm 16:7-11

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Drive-in Church

Sunday May 17, 2020 – 11 AM

Come as you are, bring a lawn chair! A great time of praise and worship to our Healer and Deliverer, the Lord Jesus Christ!

From The Pastor...



One of the greatest challenges that we have as believers in times like these is to correctly understand the times. During the time of David's struggle against Saul in the Old Testament, there were 200 chiefs of Issachar who were not known for their physical strength or daring feats in battle. Instead, they were known for their wisdom and knowledge of what Israel should do. They were the strategists, commanders of David's army, because they had the understanding necessary to defeat the enemy. The Bible says:

I Chronicles 12:32

"The men of Issachar...understood the times and knew what Israel should do."

They were men of wisdom and great discernment because the days they lived in were evil, like the days we live in today. We must all be on guard and carefully discern truth from error. Through media and social media, there is some truth and a great deal of error. I am reminded that Jesus told His disciples in the great Olivet Discourse found in

Matthew 24:4-8

"Jesus answered: 'Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains."

Beware of those who claim to have all the answers. If you want pure, unadulterated truth, stick with Jesus and the Scriptures! "See to it that you are not alarmed," Jesus commands. In **Luke 12:31-32** Jesus reminds us to not worry but instead, "Seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

When tempted to worry, pray. When tempted to fear, pick up God's Word and read of His great love and wonderful promises. Everything is going to be ok! Our redemption draws nearer by the day. Stay encouraged!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike



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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



For generations, God's people waited for God's promise of restoration to be fulfilled through exile, restoration, and silence. In The Gospel Project: Jesus the Messiah, the whole church will see how God's plan was fulfilled and the promised Rescuer was revealed when He spoke to a young woman named Mary. She would have a Son. He was the One God's people waited for. His name was Jesus. And He would change everything.

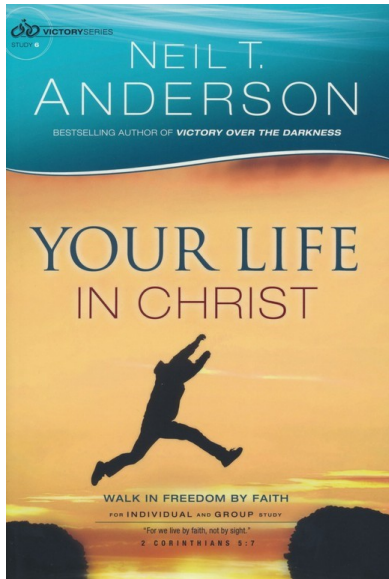
Sunday's lesson "Jesus Reveals His Power" - [CLICK HERE](#) to download your Sunday School lesson!

Most classes meeting online using Zoom. Check with your Sunday School teacher for dates and times.



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ATTENTION MEN!

Men's Discipleship Study on Zoom - Wednesday, May 20, 2020 - 6:30pm

Victory Series 5 "Growing In Christ" by Neil T. Anderson. We will cover Session 6: Suffering For Righteousness Sake - pages 131-152.

** this is the final study in this book

New Men's Study begins May 27—Your Life In Christ—order our copy today at <https://www.christianbook.com/>

All men, young and old, are invited to join us on this 6 week adventure! Invite a friend to join us!

Men's Study overview - In *Your Life in Christ*, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to walk in freedom by faith, according to God's will. In this sixth of eight **Victory Series** studies, you will discover how to discern God's will and assess whether you are walking in faith according to God's Word. You will learn biblical principles of leadership and how to disciple others and help them find true freedom in Christ from a biblical worldview perspective.

ATTENTION LADIES!

Women's Discipleship Study on Zoom - Thursday, April 23, 2020 - 6:30pm

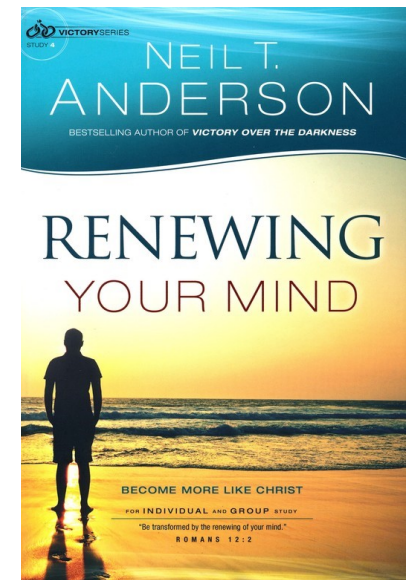
Victory Series 3 "Your Foundation In Christ" by Neil T. Anderson. We will cover Session 6: Living by the Spirit - pages 127-149.

** this is the final study in this book

New Women's Study begins May 27—Renewing Your Mind—order our copy today at <https://www.christianbook.com/>

All ladies, young and old, are invited to join us on this 6 week adventure! Invite a friend to join us!

Women's Study overview - This six-session study shows the believer how to live under grace with a renewed mind. Anderson also shows the reader how to overcome anger, anxiety, depression, and loss.





Acts 7:48-50

However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. As the prophet says:

‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things?’

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We will be meeting back in the building beginning **Sunday, May 24 at 10:30am** (note new time). Everyone needs to bring their own face mask to wear according to Governor Asa Hutchinson’s recommendations. Church building will be open at 10:15am. Hand sanitizer will be available for each person. Household units can sit together but must remain at least 6 feet apart from other household units. Greeting time will be “wave only” and the service time will be limited to 1 hour. Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers will sit with parents as there will be no nursery or preschool. Church vans will not run. Sunday School classes will continue to meet online.

If you have had recent fever, symptoms of a virus or contact with a Covid-19 patient, we ask you to remain at home this week.

The church has been carefully sanitized and we are taking every precaution to keep everyone safe. We look forward to being together as church body in God’s house. If you don’t feel comfortable attending in person, we will still be streaming the service on Facebook Live at 10:30am.

Friendship Birthdays—Week of May 17—May 23

May 21 – Nancy Valencia

Tithes & Offerings—Sunday, May 3—\$6,014.84

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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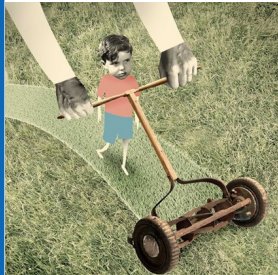


Zoom Meeting for Parents/Grandparents:

Please join us for an important meeting concerning our Children's Ministry. We will be discussing plans concerning how we will be moving forward with our children's ministry. You will be receiving an invitation to join us in a few days, but please go ahead and mark your calendar for **Tuesday May 19th at 7:00 pm** to join in.

What is Lawnmower Parenting?

Parents Just Want to Keep Kids Safe



If you have ever read any kind of parenting blog, book or resource, you are probably familiar with the term "helicopter parent." It's the parenting style that thrives on hovering over the children, paying attention to any sense of discomfort, unhappiness, emotional distress and then taking care of it. In recent years, a new kind of parenting emerged (even more intrusive than helicopter parenting, if you can imagine). They call it "lawnmower parenting."

Essentially, it's parenting by preparing the path for the child instead of the child for the path. Read more- <https://theparentcue.org/how-the-pandemic-has-been-good-for-parenting/#.XrnUc6y7VCQ.gmail>

Memory Verse and Song" John 3:16

When your kids have it memorized, have someone video you while saying it or singing the song that goes with it. Share it on our Children's Facebook Page.

<https://youtu.be/k2iHNzNJKJw> John 3:16 song

Blessings!

Mary Ann



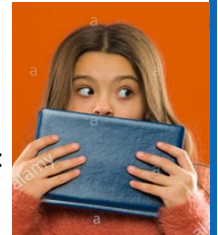
Parenting Tips

Meal time can often feel chaotic, but what if it was within our power to make it less that way? Make it your goal to establish values through intentional conversations while you eat together. Watch this 3 minute video- Creating a rhythm with Meal time for some helpful ideas. <https://youtu.be/8CB7BYBd5Bs>

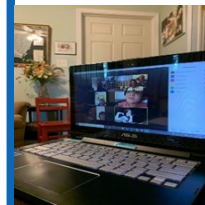
Technology Tips for Parents and Kids

Create Space for Conversation

Jon Acuff continues his series of Technology Tips to help parents raise technologically responsible kids. Jon gives you a simple place to start in his week's tip: Create a space where kids can have conversations about what they are experiencing online. See what happens when you ask your kids this question today: "Have you bumped into anything unexpected online lately?" Watch this short video to learn more.



<https://youtu.be/zYnRcfUCdk>



Facebook Bible Story videos: Watch the videos on our Facebook Children's page or the one that is linked on this page. Be ready to discuss and answer questions when we meet on **Zoom**.

Zoom Time Bible lesson: Tune in on **Zoom Thursday at 5:30** with the kids and the leaders for a Bible story and a game.

Gospel Project for Kids

Jesus Taught in Nazareth

Story Point: Jesus taught that He is the Messiah.

Key Passage: John 3:16

Christ Connection: Jesus' miracles showed that He is God's Son.

Watch this week's Gospel Project Lesson: <https://youtu.be/N29Vdu4NcRs>