



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

July 2, 2021

From Pastor Mike...



As we approach Independence Day this coming Sunday, I want to thank God for our country. God has blessed us far beyond what we deserve. He has promised us even in our brokenness that He would restore our land if we would simply humble ourselves and pray, then turn away from our wicked, rebellious ways and seek His face. The farther our country departs from His ways, the more we will see His hand of judgment because He is a just God.

I also thank God for the brave men and women who have served or are serving in our armed forces. Many have sacrificed much for the cause of freedom. I salute them and our flag which represents one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. I still believe in the America I have grown up in. I believe that there are good, godly folks in this land. Those who stay strong in their faith without caving into the current culture are those who stand in the gap for our nation.

I would like to see at least one more time, a great outpouring of God's Spirit on our land. A great awakening that would transform lives, families, marriages and cities. A time when people would gather together in God's house to praise the Ruler of the universe together. A time of refreshing and peace in our land.

I urge you – this 2021 Independence Day, let's not forget from Whom ALL blessings flow. Let's be thankful and prayerful. Pray for those in authority over us. Show the love of Christ and the fruit of the Spirit. Be filled with love, joy and peace because our redemption draws near. May America bless God!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

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

Sunday July 4, 2021

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

GOSPEL PROJECT

SMALL GROUPS

Facing Adversity (Acts Epistles)

Sunday's lesson: "Preaching in All Circumstances" (Acts 24-26)

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.



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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



Friendship Attendance, June 27

Small group Bible study - 63

Celebration worship - 89

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, June 27—\$4,245.86

Friendship Birthdays

July 1 – Dan Hinkson



Online giving is easier than ever!

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

Tidbits from Diane Moss-

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal 2:20

There's no better example of a people striking out on their own than the Israelites.

God gave specific instructions to Moses as they traveled through the area countries in route to the promised land. After victory of overcoming the fortified city of Jericho, they headed to the next city "on their own". They were defeated, humiliated and learned their lesson the hard way.

Any challenging situation or big decision that comes our way, you definitely need a friend by your side.

Jesus promises to be with us continually, helping us with anything that we may ask. He has so

much more in store for us than we can even imagine.

"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: he is a shield to all them who trust in him." II Sam. 22:31

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, July 4	7:00pm	INDEPENDENCE DAY - Ice Cream Fellowship, Games and Fireworks
Monday, July 5		Rock Camp (Church Camp - Cass, AR Monday through Friday)
Monday, July 19	6:00pm	"Rocky Railway" Vacation Bible School (Mon-Thur)
Wednesday, August 11	6:00pm	Back-to-School Bash
Monday, August 16		School starts
Sunday, September 5	9:30am	New Sunday School curriculum launch
Monday, September 6		LABOR DAY – offices closed

Need encouragement and strength?

Join us Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings
at 7 PM on Zoom

ZOOM link for PRAYER MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223352309?pwd=NEpmdjBvby9nS1hsK3Z1S3hBMVVPZz09>

ID: 862 2335 2309

Passcode: 553985



July 4th is a time set apart to celebrate our country's freedom. We can also use it as a time to celebrate the

*freedom that
Jesus brought.*



God has blessed us with a free country, but he blessed us even more through Jesus.

Jesus has given us freedom from sin, and that's a freedom no one can ever take away from us!

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

Opportunities to Serve

Did you know that summer is a great time not only to get your feet wet in the pool, but it's a time you can get your "feet wet" serving in our children's ministry. During the weeks of summer, there are opportunities for you to serve for one or two weeks at a time. We need help with VBS, Wednesday night, and on Sunday mornings. Please prayerfully consider how God may use you and, bless you and the children in this area of serving.



VBS Workers Training Meeting

Anyone wanting to help with VBS will need to attend this very important meeting. We will go over everything needed to help make this a great week.

- Sunday July 11th
- Right after the morning worship service
- Lunch Provided

Donations Needed for VBS

We are collecting items for VBS to be used in our mission project. You can find this list at church or contact Mary Ann to see what is needed.

Blessings, Mary Ann

