



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

July 16, 2021

From Pastor Mike...



When the Holy Spirit,
who is truth, comes,
HE SHALL GUIDE YOU
into all truth.

JOHN 16:13

In person and Facebook Live Church
Service

Small Groups

Sunday July 18, 2021

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

I have been studying the Person of the Holy Spirit and considering the many verses in the Bible that references Him. One that jumps out is **John 16:13**: *"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come."* Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit which came to us on the Day of Pentecost. Jesus said, *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you...I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth."* **John 14:18,16.**

In this modern day of great deception and delusion, God the Father gives us a precious, invaluable gift – the gift of Himself through the Person of the Holy Spirit. He guides us to truth. Remember, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. His Word is absolute truth and His Spirit is the ultimate Teacher. He guides us into ALL truth! I am thankful that in this broken, confusing world, we have eternal, unchanging, reliable truth to guide us along the way.

Not only that, but the Person of the Holy Spirit will tell us what is yet to come. The Bible is filled with clear instructions about what must take place before the Bridegroom comes to get His bride, the church. A great wedding feast will occur soon and Jesus will return for His people. Ultimately, Jesus will return to earth to rule and reign and reverse the curse. The wonderful Counselor, the Holy Spirit, tells us what is yet to come – and it is an exciting future for those who love Him!

Be encouraged today. Our redemption draws nearer. Thank you, God, for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

GOSPEL PROJECT

SMALL GROUPS

Facing Adversity (Acts Epistles)

Sunday's lesson: "*Living in Grace*" (Philemon)

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.



Online giving is easier than ever!

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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



Friendship Attendance, July 11

Small group Bible study - 49

Celebration worship - 115

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, June 27—\$4,130.00

Friendship Birthdays

July 18 – Leland Davis

July 19 – Michael McCain

July 21 – Savannah Stevenson

July 22 – Rodney Nance

July 22 – Tim Nipper

Tidbits from Diane Moss-

During my recent trip to North Carolina, I got to visit the Wright Brother's memorial at Kitty Hawk and see how they developed the flight of airplanes. I was so amazed at how quickly it became a vital and preferred mode of transportation for so many of us! Being up above the clouds is so cool, especially when they look like a blanket of cotton as far as the eye can see!! Over 2000 years ago Paul wrote of another "trip in the clouds" we'll get to be a part of in I Thessalonians 4:16-17....For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we, which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them IN THE CLOUDS to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
Yeah, what a great day that will be! Thank you, Jesus for this great promise!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
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

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." - Romans 15:13



Trust Jesus!

Currently, I am in the middle of preparing the church for VBS. I have taking over several rooms around the church with decorations and supplies that we will be using next week. There is a lot that goes into the physical preparations for a successful VBS week.

As the physical space for VBS is being prepared, I want to make sure we are giving the same attention to the spiritual space.

Here are a few specific ways to pray as we invite God to make this a powerful week of ministry.

Pray for open hearts. In Matthew 13, Jesus shares the story of a farmer scattering seeds. The seeds that fell on good soil thrived, producing a harvest beyond the farmer's wildest dreams! Ask God to begin preparing kids' hearts, softening them and opening them to take in the "seeds" of God's Word.

Pray for relationships. When VBS kids build friendships with other kids and loving adults, it creates an open door for them to begin or deepen their friendship with Jesus. Pray for each child, asking God to bring a special, surprising friendship into that child's life during VBS.

Thank God for families. Parents or caregivers are usually the ones who get kids in the door. They've signed kids up and will likely be bringing them each day. Thank God for sending each family our way! Thank God for parents, grandparents, or even babysitters who love him and want kids to know and love him, too.

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

Pray for wise staff members. Crew Leaders and volunteers hear a lot about what kids are going through, what's on their minds, how they're struggling, and what worries they have. Ask God to pour his wisdom into all the volunteers as they interact with kids, giving them the right words and actions to reflect the heart of God.

Listen. Spend several minutes in silence, listening for the plans God has for our VBS. His plans may be a little different from ours! Maybe we want a large turnout...but God just wants a certain person to be there. I have visions of everything running perfectly...but God is going to do amazing things through "imperfect" circumstances. Pray that we can rest in God's hands and give our program to him.

Prayer is just as important as flashy decorations, a dazzling stage, or all the bells and whistles. Will you take time to pray for all our preparations the next few days and for us during VBS next week.

I can't wait to see what God has in store!

Blessings, Mary Ann

