



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

July 23, 2021

From Pastor Mike...



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

Sunday July 25, 2021

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

How many times have you heard something like, “Just let your conscience be your guide?” Or, “Just go with your gut feeling.” I’ll admit, it sounds reasonable, right? But as I study Scripture and the role of the Holy Spirit, I realize this common advice may be misleading. Because of our sin nature, our conscience can be corrupted and tainted by sin. If daily fellowship with God is neglected and we are disobedient to His Word, even a believer’s conscience can become unreliable and insensitive to His Spirit’s guidance. To be Spirit-led means we take time to pray and wait on the Lord. Far too often, our gut will impulsively want us to jump on an opportunity without first considering the cost. A conscience that is fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God is one that can be relied on and is trustworthy. When we take the time to consult the Lord and wait for His direction, we can often avoid much pain down the road. When we live by the Spirit, walk in the Spirit and obey the Spirit, we can trust our conscience because it is under divine control. Of course, one of the fruits of the Spirit is self-control – being led by the Spirit. Take time to ask the Lord, “Is this Your will for me?” Or, “Will this bring You greater glory?” James said, *“You want something but don’t get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”* **James 4:2-3.**

Before impulsively “going with your gut” or “letting your conscience be your guide,” stop and think and pray. Seek the Lord in your daily activities and decisions. Things go a whole lot better when He does the driving!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

GOSPEL PROJECT

SMALL GROUPS

Facing Adversity (Acts Epistles)

Sunday's lesson: "Obeying from Love" (1 John)

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 18

Small group Bible study - 58

Celebration worship - 85

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, June 27—\$4,600.97

Friendship Birthdays

July 29 – Matt Canaday

Friendship Anniversaries

July 26 – Stan & Linda Penny

July 28 – Kevin & Tina Blythe

2021 VBS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Date	Time	Event
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=NEpmdjBvby9nS1hsK3ZlS3hBMVVPZz09>

ID: 862 2335 2309

Passcode: 553985



Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News



Trust Jesus!

2021 VBS



Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

I want to thank ever one who help serve with us during **Rocky Railway VBS**. Once again, our church body came together to serve. We had people who donated items and food; helped serve food; helped with decorations; helped clean up; helped with security; served alongside the children; helped with the media and music; took pictures and helped with registration; and taught lessons from the stage. I can't thank everyone enough and especially my husband, Dave for all the little and big ways you supporting me these past few weeks! Everyone's prayers are much appreciated, and I give God the Glory for a successful 2021 VBS!

Planning for and getting kids to VBS is a HUGE undertaking. And I'm sure we all share the same feeling when VBS is over—WE DID IT, WE SURVIVED! After a week of VBS, we're ready to put VBS on the back burner until next summer. However, there is a golden opportunity waiting for us. VBS is one of the largest outreach ministries we do each year. For this reason, follow-up with the kids and families who attended is crucial. Here are some ways that you can still help us.

Pray that as we gather contact information, we will be able to create a timely follow up plan.

Pray that those who don't regularly attend our church will come back for weekend worship and Wednesday night classes. And that God would stir in their hearts a desire to come learn more about Jesus.

Pray for the seeds that were planted in each child, student, and parent's heart, that the Holy Spirit would allow them grow deep, until the day they will be harvested.

Each night this week Bible Buddy animals helped teach these Bible Truths to the children. Pray that these truths will stay with the children as they continue to grow spiritually.

Ramsey the Ram- Jesus' power helps us do hard things!

Ava the bird- Jesus' power gives us hope!

Sierra the mountain lion- Jesus' power helps us be bold!

Finn the Fish--Jesus' power lets us live forever!

Lawrence Elk-Jesus' power helps us be good friends!

Blessings, Mary Ann

