



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

July 30, 2021

From Pastor Mike...



**If your enemy be hungry,
give him bread to eat;
and if he be thirsty, give
him water to drink:**

—Proverbs 25:21

While reading the Book of **Proverbs**, I came across a familiar verse in chapter **25:21-22**: *"If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you."* This proverb is repeated in the New Testament in **Romans 12:17-21**: *"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is Mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."*

These burning coals are obviously not literal red-hot coals of a fire. When we bless those who hurt us and show the love of Christ to those least deserving, we bring the "burning coals" of a pricked conscience to the offender. God can use a gentle, forgiving spirit to disarm and bring the right kind of shame that leads to repentance.

It is really easy to love those who love us, but it can be quite difficult to love those who harm us. It is during these moments, we must remember Whom we represent here on earth and ask His precious Holy Spirit to fill us again and again. We do not want to be overcome by evil, but we are called to be overcomers through Him who loves us. Remember, hurting people hurt people. We must seek to understand versus seeking to get even. Let God deal with it!

My prayer for you is peaceful living with everyone as much as depends on you. Leave the rest to God – He will, in time, right all the wrongs.

I love you all,

Pastor Mike

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

Sunday August 1, 2021

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

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 - 53

Celebration worship - 86

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, June 27—\$3,921.47

Friendship Birthdays

August 4 – Brian McFerron

August 6 – Arnie Hanson

Friendship Anniversaries

August 4 – Loren & Louise Kelchner

Friendship VBS Kids Bless
Desired Haven



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=NEpmdjBvby9nS1hsK3Z1S3hBMVVPZz09>

ID: 862 2335 2309

Passcode: 553985

Proverbs 19:17—Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.

The generosity of the children during VBS last week was an incredible blessing to the families at Desired Haven, and an encouragement to us all!!!

Our goal as believing parents is to have children who set their minds on Jesus and want faith in

God to be their own.

My kids need me.
And I need Jesus.

Lord, lead me.
So, I can lead them
closer to You.



How do we accomplish such a thing? We are reminded in Psalm 127 that it's not us who change a child's heart. Psalm 127 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." This is God's work that he will accomplish. Yet God still gives us responsibility in our children's lives.

Ephesians 6:4 says bring children up "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." What a calling from God we have in training our children! God wants *us* to instruct our own children so they can know God. Wow! That's a big deal. So, parents, share the Bible so your children can know Jesus is alive and at work in your life and in theirs. Share with them your answered prayers. Share with them your praises to God. Share with them that they can find help in God's strength when the struggles are real.

While much of this training and instruction takes place in the home, please know, we desire to partner with you in this responsibility here at Friendship. While many things have changed this year in our church, what hasn't changed is our strong desire to teach and preach the Bible. We are committed to teaching your children the words of God each week. Could I encourage you to highly value these moments – even when schedules are full and time is short? Be alert not to shortchange the ultimate goal over things that seem important in the moment.

When they see you really care about God, they will know what you really treasure. Parents, treasure the things of God. Treasure worshipping with your church family. Attending the weekly activities we offer here. Our children need the things of God right now. Your daily faithfulness to model what you teach will be challenging and demanding, but the goal is so, so worth it.

Remember the beautiful truth from Psalm 127: "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward." What a privilege we have in training our children to set their minds on Jesus and want faith in God to be their own.

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

Teaching the next generation of kids is such an amazing privilege. Would you consider helping us with this important and rewarding ministry?

I'm needing help on Wednesday evenings in August and September.

If this is something you feel God leading you to do, please let me know.



Blessings, Mary Ann

