

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

August 7, 2020



2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Indoor Church &
Small Groups

Sunday August 9, 2020 — 10:30 AM

From Pastor Mike...



As I write this article, we now only have 88 days until this pivotal election in our nation. Are you registered to vote? “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” Evil is certainly knocking at the door right now in America. Think about it – your children and grandchildren’s future literally hangs in the balance. If the church does not rise up and perform her civic responsibility and vote the Bible, our nation is sunk.

I want to encourage you to fast and pray for our nation and our leaders. Our nation is profaning the sacred and making sacred the profane. We are the salt, the light, the restrainer – we stand in the gap. If God’s people will pray...God will heal our land. So pray, seek Him, humble yourselves before Him and turn from any personal sin. We need God to hear our prayers, forgive our sin and heal our land.

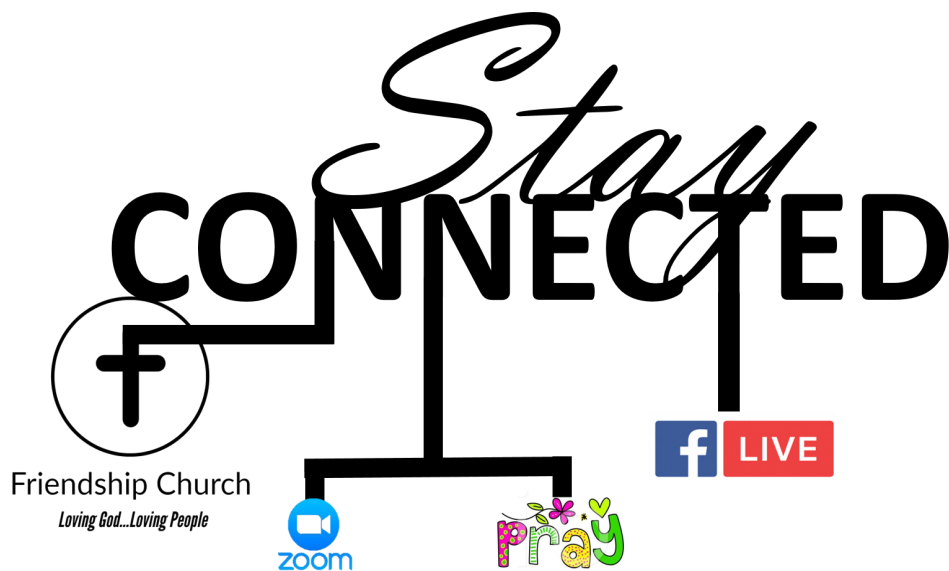
In 43 days from the time of this writing is Friday, September 18, 2020. At sundown that evening begins the Feast of Trumpets. It also begins 10 days of fervent prayer and fasting for our world, our nation and our community. I am going to ask for you to mark September 18-28 on your calendars and make this a priority to pray with other believers each day. I am also asking those who can to fast and am asking everyone to fast from social media during those ten days. If you read this article and are with me, please email me at pastormike@gofriendship.com with the subject line “I’m in!”

During these 10 days, on Saturday, September 26, 2020, we will be participating in a live simulcast from Washington, D.C. for the National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance. This event will be held at the church. More information can be found at <https://thereturn.org/>. Our nation desperately needs prayer warriors who take this very seriously. Someone said, “The times are desperate, but the people of God aren’t.” I pray that is not true of Friendship.

Can I count on you?

I love you all,

Pastor Mike



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



This Sunday's Gospel Project Lesson (small groups)

"Jesus Casts Out Demons"

How easy it is to forget that Jesus has made a way for us to sit at His feet in intimate fellowship with the Triune God in prayer. Jesus took the time to outline exactly what prayer is and how we ought to pray, giving us a model of prayer that we can adapt for ourselves. Through prayer, we are able to speak to our Father in heaven because of the Holy Spirit's and Jesus the Son's mediating work. We pray to ask Him for what we need and long for, yes, but we also pray to commune with Him. In this session, we'll discuss how Jesus taught us to pray and we'll reflect on the amazing gift of communication that prayer is for the saints.

Sunday's lesson "*Jesus Teaches About Treasure*" - [CLICK HERE](#) to download your Sunday School lesson!

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

Friendship Birthdays

August 11 – Eric and Madyson Hoplight
August 12 – Martha Guready and Mary Britt
August 13 – Violet Richardson
August 14 – McKenzie Taylor
August 16 – Becky McFerron

Friendship Anniversaries

August 11 – Jeff & Diane Moss

Friendship Attendance, Aug 2

Small group Bible study - 64
Celebration worship - 72

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, August 2—\$4,755.56



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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

REVELATION STUDY



JOIN US for REVELATION STUDY

Location: Friendship Church Fellowship Hall

Day: Monday

Time : 10:30 AM

With global events signifying the end of our age, millions have begun seeking a greater understanding of Bible prophecy. The Book of Revelation, which concludes God's plan for humankind, is one of the most misunderstood books of the Bible, but the Decoding the Future series now shatters the debate by presenting newly discovered ancient anthropological findings from the time of Christ that prove the events of Revelation are not only true, but can now be easily understood as a road map through the end of days.



IS THIS THE GENERATION THAT IS GOING TO WITNESS THE END OF AMERICA?

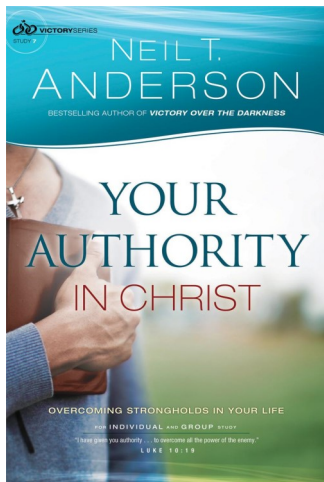
If our country stays on the path that it is currently on, it is very difficult to see how we are possibly going to make it. Throughout human history every great society has eventually entered a period of decline, and sadly that is happening to us as well. Our hope is that we can wake the American people up while there is still time, and that we can return to the values and the principles that this nation was originally founded upon.

WE HAVE A WINDOW OF TIME WHICH WE MAY NEVER HAVE AGAIN.

Most of us don't want to look at the negative while the markets are up but this gives us a false sense of security to what is really happening in our nation.

REASONS FOR SOWING INTO THE RETURN:

- ⇒ THE RETURN can affect all things from **the political, cultural, spiritual**, and every other realm
- ⇒ It can change **the course of the nation** and literally of the world
- ⇒ It can transform the **course of every ministry**, the Gospel in America, and around the world
- ⇒ This is the root from which can come **fruit beyond our fathoming**
- ⇒ All funds given for THE RETURN **will go directly for it and for nothing else**. Donations are going through the National Christian Foundation/THE RETURN FUND
- ⇒ There is **no large organization of funding** behind it—it is dependent on God moving upon His people. You can be part of something that can truly change history for the Lord
- ⇒ **If your burden is for America**, for the future, for the next generation, for salvation, for revival, for the world, we believe that God will surely bless you over and above what you can bless!
- ⇒ But most of all, you'll be sowing to **the most important cause** you can ever sow into, that which will last beyond all things and is forever!



MEN'S STUDY

Victory Series Study 7—"Your Authority In Christ"

Session Six: The Armor Of God Part 2

Location: Friendship Church

Date: Wednesday, Aug 12, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

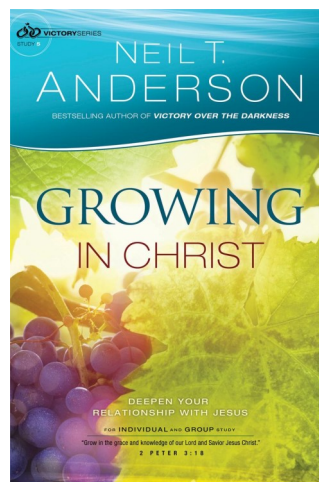
Sharpen your defense against the enemy. Satan, the author of evil and the father of lies, relentlessly attacks the children of

God. But all authority in heaven and on this earth has been given to Jesus, and at the end of time, every knee in heaven and on earth will bow to His name.

In Your Authority in Christ, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to exercise your authority in Christ to overcome the enemy. In this portion of the Victory Series, you will discover:

- How Satan works in this world and how he attempts to oppose to God
- How good and evil spirits operate on the earth
- How you can grasp your authority in Christ and overcome the enemy
- How to protect yourself from Satan's attacks by putting on the armor of God

Victory is assured for all those who put their faith in God.



WOMEN'S STUDY

Victory Series Study 5—"Growing In Christ"

Session Six: Suffering for Righteousness' Sake

Location: Zoom

Date: Thursday, Aug 13, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

In a world saturated with deceiving spirits, false prophets, and false teachers, the need for believers to exercise discernment cannot be overstated.

In Growing in Christ, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to deepen your relationship with Jesus by developing spiritual discernment and gifts. In this study, you will learn how to:

- Receive God's wisdom and discernment
- Use your spiritual gifts appropriately
- Grow through marital and familial relationships
- Overcome sexual bondage and chemical addiction
- Understand the truth behind why each of us suffers

This study, with six sessions can be used individually or in a group, and includes a leader's guide, along with illustrations and questions for deeper reflection and practical applications.

The primary work of the Holy Spirit is to communicate God's presence to us. When we choose to believe what God says is true, the Holy Spirit renews our minds, and we begin to understand see more clearly

NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM

-2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



Gospel Project for Kids

Our Bible lesson this week is *Jesus Calms the Storm*

This is the link to do the lesson together as a family. [https://curriculum.lifeway.com/#/easy-link/](https://curriculum.lifeway.com/#/easy-link/QTPB/a8b950de-3f4e-458e-c1b6-57847600974e)

[QTPB/a8b950de-3f4e-458e-c1b6-57847600974e](https://curriculum.lifeway.com/#/easy-link/QTPB/a8b950de-3f4e-458e-c1b6-57847600974e)

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus and His disciples got into a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee
- A violent storm came on them, and Jesus was asleep.
- The disciples cried out in fear and woke Jesus.
- Jesus calmed a storm to show the disciples He is God.

Jesus' disciples knew Jesus was a good man and a good teacher. But when Jesus calmed the wind and the waves, He showed His disciples that He is also God. God rules the sea and stills its waves. (Psalm 89:9)

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What situations make you feel afraid?
- How can you trust Jesus through scary situations?
- Why is it good to know Jesus is God?
- Discuss the Bible story and remind your kids that Jesus is trustworthy. He is more powerful than anything or anyone else.

Jesus' miracles were part of His purpose in bringing glory to the Father. His miracles proved that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. They strengthened people's faith and met people's needs. Through Jesus, God did what is impossible for us to do on our own. He provided forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. As you talk with your kids, seize the opportunity to share the gospel. Help them understand the truth the disciples did not yet fully grasp. Who is this man? He is the Messiah, the Savior, and the Son of God.

Vision-oriented Parenting

What are your dreams and aspirations regarding the faith of your children?

Vision-oriented parents think about and act according to what they want to be true of their children 10, 20, and 40 years from now. Their priorities are shaped by asking questions like:

What do we want our children to know and understand about God and His Word? And about the gospel?

What marks of faith and spiritual maturity do we want them to have?

What verses of the Bible do we want them to be able to quote from memory by the time they graduate from high school?

What kind of husband and father, or wife and mother do we want them to be?

How would we want them to respond when tragedy strikes or when they face suffering in their lives?

What do we want them to be trusting in when they are faced with difficult situations?

What will fortify them against the temptations of culture, and world views?

So, what can parents and grandparents do to guide and inspire the next generation toward mature faith in Christ?

Develop a vision statement for your own family and communicate it to your children. Think about framing it and hanging it in a prominent area of the home where you can all be reminded of it. Revisit it from time to time.

Establish family routines and habits that place the highest priority on knowing God's Word, faith in Christ, and growing in His ways. What will be the non-negotiable things that are needed?

Set age-appropriate spiritual goals for your children. Teach, train, and pray toward those goals.

Commit yourselves to personal discipleship, a small group Bible study which will lead you toward equipping, encouragement, and accountability necessary to navigate the journey through parenting.

Be intentional, it will not just happen. Ask yourself "how many summers do I have left with my children before they leave the nest?"

The days are long, but the years are short!

Blessings, Mary Ann

