

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

August 14, 2020



Romans 13:14

**Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord
Jesus Christ**

**I n d o o r C h u r c h &
S m a l l G r o u p s**

Sunday August 9, 2020 — 10:30 AM

From Pastor Mike...



Here is a word for 2020: *“Understand the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So, let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”* - Romans 13:11-14

The Lord is giving us a wake-up call. We must wake up from complacency and lukewarmedness and put on God’s armor of light. God has graciously provided for us all the tools we need to have victory over this present darkness. To clothe yourself with Jesus means to get your mind on His Word, His will and His ways. Time is running out – may we all be urgent and sincere about accomplishing the mission He has for us.

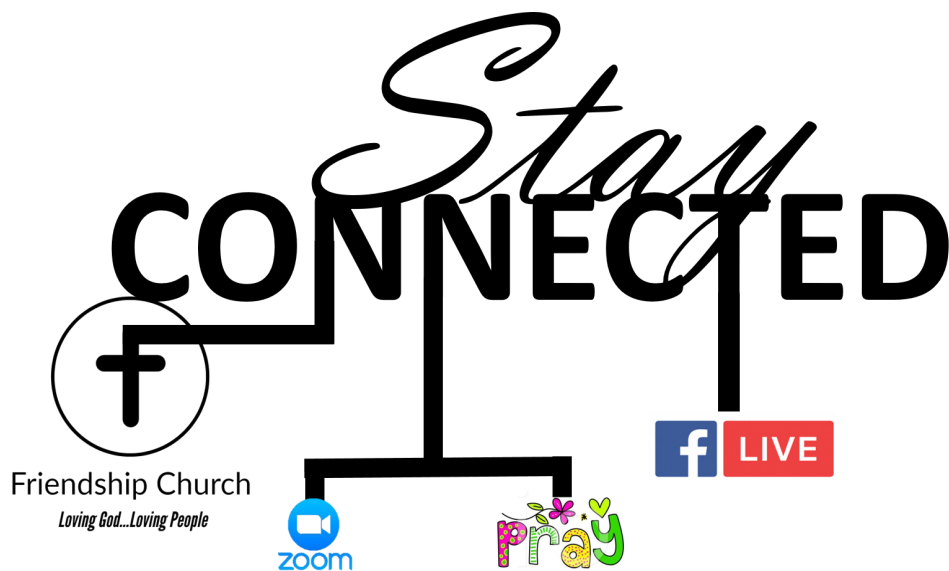
Let your family and friends know about the upcoming Global and National Day of Repentance on Saturday, September 26, 2020. Our church will be participating in this global event, including a live simulcast from Washington, DC. If our nation does not turn, we may miss the point of no return!

A big “thank you” for all who emailed me last week to let me know “You’re in!”

Wake up church – your redemption draws near!

I love you all,

Pastor Mike



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People



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 Feeds a Multitude"

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 16 – Becky McFerron

August 19 – Pam Penn

Friendship Attendance, Aug 9

Small group Bible study - 39

Celebration worship - 74

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, August 2—\$4,514.69



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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



**REVELATION STUDY will
NOT meet this week,
August 17.**

LAUNCHED ON A JOURNEY

“Being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Phil 1:6

“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.” 1 Thes. 5:2

“He that overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.” Rev 21:7

I am one of those that loves preparing for a trip. Whether it’s to visit family, a camping trip here in NWA, or a cruise in the Caribbean! The dinners, the special occasions and events, or just come much needed down time strolling the beach. So many decisions need to be made...and don’t forget the all important question, “what do I wear?” LOL And it always seems to happen that I get to my destination and I forgot something that I felt was really important.

How many of us think of our spiritual journey as just that....a journey with a special destination as Revelation points out? Or do we think of “salvation” as something we do, a deliberate decision made and that’s it? Romans 12:2 sets us straight on that very false and misleading line of thinking when Paul says “And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind”. Paul reminds us that living a life that pleases the Lord takes daily effort. One foot in front of the other, walking day by day towards a life that is made complete only once we have reached our heavenly home. But, then, even God our creator isn’t finished with all He has in store for us until the new heaven and new earth is presented to us in Revelation 21!

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.”

1 Cor. 2:9 I heard a pastor once say that *heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people*. I can’t think of anything better to get ready for, can you?

All for His glory,

Diane Moss



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

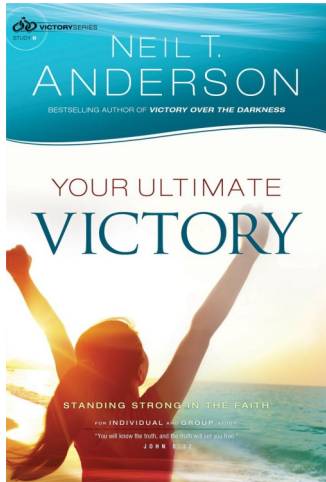
If our country stays on the path that it is currently on, it is very difficult to see how we are possibly going to make it. Throughout human history every great society has eventually entered a period of decline, and sadly that is happening to us as well. Our hope is that we can wake the American people 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!



NEW MEN'S STUDY

Victory Series Study 8—"Your Ultimate Victory"

Session One: The Battle for our Minds

Location: Friendship Church

Date: Wednesday, Aug 19, 2020

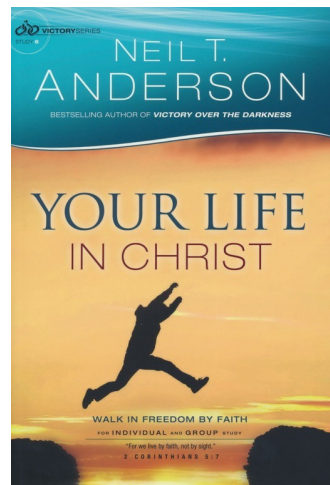
Time: 6:30 PM

Become Equipped to Withstand the Enemy

In *Your Ultimate Victory* Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to win the battle for your mind and stand strong in the faith. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood" (Ephesians 6:12)--rather, it is against things unseen, things often kept secret out of fear and shame.

In *Your Ultimate Victory*, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to win the battle for your mind and stand strong in the faith. In this last of eight Victory Series studies, you will learn how Satan attempts to influence your mind and how he tries to lure people with false knowledge and power. You will explore the tactics he has used from the beginning and how you can overcome his temptations, accusations, and deceptions. You will discover how to identify false teachers and false prophets and how to resist demonic influence, possession, bondage, and control.

It is the unique work of the Holy Spirit to shed light on the finished work of Christ. And in Christ, you have the resources to overcome every temptation and claim ultimate victory in Him.



NEW WOMEN'S STUDY

Victory Series Study 6—"Your Life In Christ"

Session One: God's Will

Location: Zoom

Date: Thursday, Aug 20, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

In *Your Life in Christ*, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to walk in freedom by faith, according to God's will. In this sixth of eight **Victory Series** studies, you will discover how to discern God's will and assess whether you are walking in faith according to God's Word. You will learn biblical principles of leadership and how to disciple others and help them find true freedom in Christ from a biblical worldview perspective.



Gospel Project for Kids

Here is the link to download the **At Home** family lesson:

<https://curriculum.lifeway.com/#/easy-link/QTPB/7d10ab75-7f4f-4785-b1e2-ef76f9e68d65>

Jesus Fed a Crowd

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus and His disciples worked hard teaching and healing people.
- They crossed the Sea of Galilee to rest, but the crowds followed them.
- When it got late, the people were hungry.
- Jesus miraculously fed a crowd with five loaves and two fish.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to glorify God, to show He is the Son of God, and to care for people.

Christ Connection: By feeding the five thousand, Jesus provided for the physical needs of the crowd. The next day, Jesus called Himself the bread of life. (John 6:35) Only Jesus is able to satisfy our souls forever by providing forgiveness, peace with God, and eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How do you think Jesus' disciples felt about the crowd of people?
- How did Jesus feel about the crowd of people?
- How can our souls be satisfied?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Talk to your kids about Jesus' compassion for people. Remind your kids that God often uses us to show His love to others. As you teach kids this Bible story, help them know that God can and will provide for our needs. Kids can trust Him for their "daily bread." (See Matt. 6:11.) God met our greatest need in giving us salvation through Jesus. Will He not graciously give us all things? (Rom. 8:32)

Together as a family, make some homemade cookies, or bread and see if there is someone in your neighborhood or circle of friends that you could deliver it to.

Clean out closets and deliver any toys, clothes, or household items to a compassion center, or Goodwill.

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News (continued)



HOW TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

Here are some good tips that I got from an article written by Julie Mason. She is the Head of Content and Curriculum for TeacherVision. She brings an expertise in blended and personalized learning, instructional coaching, and curriculum design to the role.

It's important to have an open and honest conversation with your child about what to expect this upcoming school year, whether they are going back in person, remote learning, or doing some combination of the two. One of the most important things to do before the first day is to establish daily routines and schedules. This might include a check list of daily tasks. If needed, post it on the refrigerator. Start establishing bedtime and morning wake times a few days before school starts. Don't wait until the night before! Make a homework or classwork space for your child in your home.

Let them help you create this area and organize it with all the materials that they might need. A dedicated learning space at home can help nurture your child's creativity, enhance their focus and increase their motivation levels.

If Your Child Is Going Back To School In Person...

If your kids are going back to a classroom, their experience is going to be very different than last year. Most students will wear masks. Students will wash their hands and sanitize their desk and supplies. They won't be able to share with their classmates or be closer than six feet from them. Some students won't leave their classrooms, and will eat lunch at their desk.

Your kids might feel **anxious** or worried about making a mistake or getting sick. Talk to your kids about how they feel. Empower them with coping mechanisms and strategies, and review safety protocols. If your kids aren't used to wearing masks, talk to them about why it is safe for them and other people if they do. Start wearing masks at home for a little bit at a time so it doesn't feel as new or uncomfortable when it's the first day of school. Before school starts, practice the routine, which will now include masks, hand sanitizer, and keeping distance. Help your child visualize what their experience will be like, which will lower anxiety. Get in the habit of picking out clothes to wear the night before, packing lunches the night before and putting backpacks, jackets, and shoes next to the door ready to go.

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News (continued)

If Your Child Is Going Back To School Online and In Person...

If students are going back and forth between their classroom and learning online at home, they might feel confused about the schedule. Some experts suggest that you post a large visible schedule at home and color code it depending on hybrid days vs. at home days. Keep wake up times and bedtime consistent whether kids are going to get on the bus or head to school or not. Expect some pushback from your kids, who may feel that “school rules” don’t apply at home. Be patient. Provide positive reinforcement when you see your kids doing well, and be compassionate if they have a setback.

If Your Child Is Doing Online Learning At Home...

Online learning isn’t homeschooling. It isn’t your job to develop curriculum, plan lessons or take over as your child’s teacher. Your job is to help your child adjust to learning online, which means being in partnership with their teacher. If an aspect of online learning isn’t working well for your child or your family, reach out to the teacher. Chances are she needs your feedback as this type of teaching is likely new to her. Teachers have thick skin and don’t get offended easily.

To read more here is the link to the whole article:

<https://www.familyeducation.com/at-home-learning-resources-for-the-covid-19-outbreak>

Blessings, Mary Ann

