

Friendship Church

*Loving God...Loving People*

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

September 10, 2020



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

**Sunday September 13, 2020 — 9:30 AM**

**Small Groups — 10:30 Church Service**

## From Pastor Mike...



Psalm 91 is often called the “Warrior’s Psalm” or Psalm of Protection. As I have prayed this Psalm this past week with our church family on Zoom and with other pastors, several items have jumped off the page:

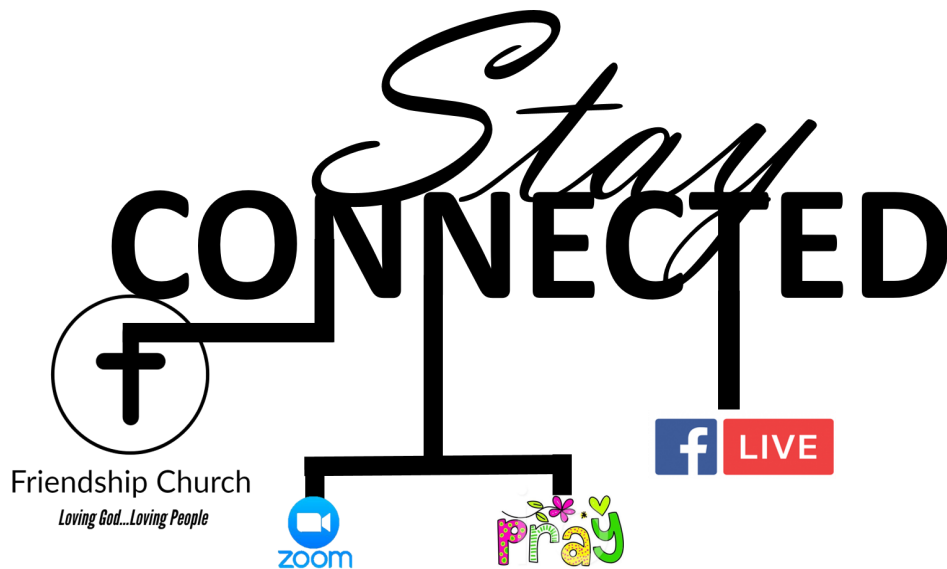
**Psalm 91:3** *“Surely He will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.”* Our Abba Father God has promised to save us, to deliver us from two things: (1) the “*owler’s snare*” is a metaphor for danger from human enemies. In our nation today, we see enemies of what is good and right – enemies of the cross. Don’t worry – God is not mocked. He will protect and provide for you. Take a moment and thank Him right now.

(2) We see “*deadly pestilence.*” Yes, there is a virus going around. Yes, it can be deadly. The Covid-19 is real, but we need not fear. What we need to do is trust, rely, and depend on the Lord, His Word and His promises. We need to fear God, not a virus.

The world is changing; God has not. He is “immutable” which means He is consistent, unmoving, unshakeable. He IS the Firm Foundation. His truth is still the truth – it won’t change or back down to popular culture. Our God reigns! – the Bible says “*The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.*” **Psalm 97:1** So, here is what you do – rejoice in the Lord always! The joy of the Lord is your strength! He is for you, not against you. He will turn your mourning into dancing!

God is in control, so you don’t have to be. Relax and rest in Him. The BEST is yet to come! 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 Tells the Parable of the Sons (Luke 15)

**Sunday's lesson** "*Jesus Tells the Kingdom Parables*" - [CLICK HERE](#) to download your Sunday School lesson!

In the beginning, the all-powerful, personal God created the universe. This God created human beings in His image to live joyfully in His presence, in humble submission to His gracious authority. But all of us have rebelled against God and, in consequence, must suffer the punishment of our rebellion: physical death and the wrath of God.

Thankfully, God initiated a rescue plan, which began with His choosing the nation of Israel to display His glory in a fallen world. The Bible describes how God acted mightily on Israel's behalf, rescuing His people from slavery and then giving them His holy law. But God's people—like all of us—failed to rightly reflect the glory of God.

Then, in the fullness of time, in the person of Jesus Christ, God Himself came to renew the world and to restore His people. Jesus perfectly obeyed the law given to Israel. Though innocent, He suffered the consequences of human rebellion by His death on a cross. But three days later, God raised Him from the dead.

Now the church of Jesus Christ has been commissioned by God to take the news of Christ's work to the world. Empowered by God's Spirit, the church calls all people everywhere to repent of sin and to trust in Christ alone for our forgiveness. By God's grace in Christ, repentance and faith restores our relationship with God and results in a life of ongoing transformation.

The Bible promises that Jesus Christ will return to this earth as the conquering King. Only those who live in repentant faith in Christ will escape God's judgment and live joyfully in God's presence for all eternity. God's message is the same to all of us: repent and believe, before it is too late. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe with your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved.

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

## Friendship Birthdays

September 13 – Donna Sowell

September 13 – Herb Richardson

September 15 – David Valencia

## Friendship Attendance, Sept 6

Small group Bible study - 38

Celebration worship - 56

## Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Sept 6—\$3,153.30



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**Dixie Jackson Annual**

**Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions**

September 6-13

Friendship Goal: \$2,500

## REVELATION STUDY



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# JOIN US

**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.

## Friendship's Fall Family Forum

(quarterly business meeting)

will be held this coming Sunday,  
September 13 at 6pm in the  
fellowship hall.

All members are invited!





# THE RETURN

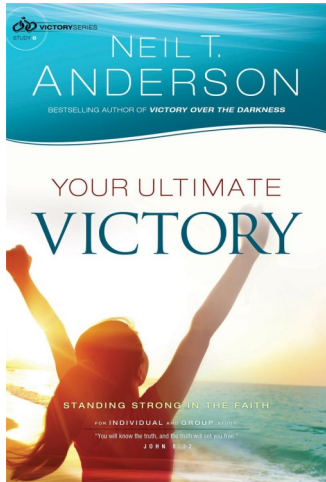
NATIONAL AND GLOBAL DAY OF  
PRAYER AND REPENTANCE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

*For 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.*

— 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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## MEN'S STUDY

### Victory Series Study 8—"Your Ultimate Victory"

**Session Five:** Overcoming Deception

**Location:** Friendship Church

**Date:** Wednesday, Sept 16, 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.

## WOMEN'S STUDY

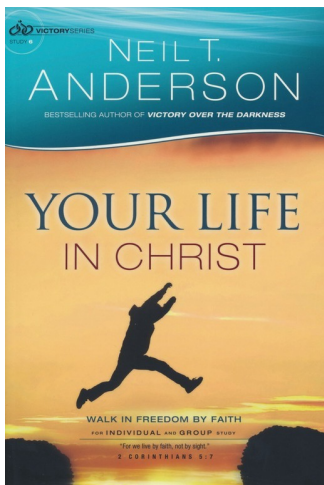
### Victory Series Study 6—"Your Life In Christ"

**Session Five:** Discipleship Counseling

**Location:** Zoom

**Date:** Thursday, Sept 17, 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 K.I.D.s

Last week we learned that God's growing kingdom is more valuable than anything. The kids had fun finding hidden treasures, and then deciding if they wanted to keep it or trade it for something else.

This week we will be learning

- God is like a shepherd who leaves 99 sheep to find one lost sheep.
- God is like a father who welcomes his runaway son home.
- Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

The kids will have fun finding "lost" things that are hidden and rescuing lost sheep.

We hope to see lots of kids join us!



### This weekend is Grandparents Day!

I wanted to let you know about a free online event to encourage grandparents. It is put on by **Legacy Coalition**.

- It is 3 hours of inspiring content from several hosts/speakers.
- View at your convenience (event is on-demand)
- Get free access for 4 days (Sept. 17-20)

This is what they have to say about grandparenting:

**CULTURE SAYS** its time to take it easy and enjoy spoiling your grandchildren, but the Bible calls grandparents to a greater level of influence.

### Grandparents have an important spiritual role to play

#### AS A CHRISTIAN GRANDPARENT

- You are important to your grandchildren
- You are in a unique position of influence
- You have a biblical role to fulfill
- You can build and grow relationships with your family

To register click on this link <https://legacycoalition.com/finding-hope-online-event/>



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

Those of you who are grandparents will probably agree that there is nothing like that feeling of seeing your own children's children. For some, you get to see your grandkids on a regular basis. Others, have to wait way too long in between visits. No matter what, the most important and reliable connection between you and your grandchildren is prayer. Even though you may be physically separated from your grandchildren, prayer can bring you and your grandkids together in a significant and powerful way. With God, there is no distance between you and your grandkids. Ask your grandchildren for prayer requests and let them know that you are praying for them. Perhaps one day they will ask how they can pray for you!

### Prayer Suggestions for Grandchildren in School

For **PRESCHOOLERS**, pray they will:

1. Develop a well-balanced personality
2. Learn problem resolutions.
3. Play well with others.
4. Learn to obey quickly; respect authority.
5. Explore and create without fear of failure.
6. Develop a soft heart towards Jesus
7. Develop confidence and independence.
8. Learn to control their emotions and anger.
9. Develop an awareness of God's love.
10. Build positive friendships.

For **ELEMENTARY AGE**, pray they will:

1. Discover their God-given gifts and talents.
2. Develop a sense of satisfaction and enjoy using their skills.
3. Be motivated, disciplined and challenged in their learning experiences.
4. Treat others with respect.
5. Stand firm for what is right and refuse the wrong with a positive attitude.
6. Choose friendships wisely.
7. Obey their parents.
8. Understand their need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
9. Develop a strong and healthy self-esteem and self-confidence.
10. Have a safe, healthy classroom environment.
11. Be protected from the deception of the enemy
12. Develop a hunger for God's Word

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

### Prayer Suggestions for Grandchildren in School

For **TEENAGERS**, pray they will:

1. Be motivated, disciplined, and challenged to apply themselves in their studies in order to excel academically.
2. Experience the reality of Jesus Christ in their lives, as they grow strong in their faith.
3. Recognize the deception of the world.
4. Be covered with God's safekeeping physically, spiritually, and emotionally.
5. Date wisely (which leads to a life's partner).
6. Be sexually pure.
7. Have open communication and good relationship with parents.
8. Choose friends who will have a positive influence.
9. Develop a hunger for God's Word and grow spiritually.
10. Have a balanced view of their beauty, charm and strength.

For **College/Young Adults**, pray they will:

1. Be motivated, disciplined and challenged to apply themselves in their studies to excel academically.
2. Seek God's wisdom and direction in their management of time, money, and talents.
3. Think creatively and live with integrity.
4. Recognize their gifts so they can find their God-given assignment.
5. Find a spouse with a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
6. Be sexually pure.
7. Be willing to accept responsibility and make wise financial decisions.
8. Have open communication and a good relationship with their parents.

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Blessings, Mary Ann

