



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

September 25, 2020



THE RETURN

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER AND
REPENTANCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 AT 8AM

The Return is not about any one organization, denomination, or person and has no agenda but revival alone. Our prayer is for the Bride of Christ to lead in calling believers to a posture of repentance, prayer, and seeking God's will. We believe God works through the Church to accomplish his plans and purposes. To that end, The Return will be simulcast in churches across the globe.

Be a part **The Return** by joining us at Friendship Church.

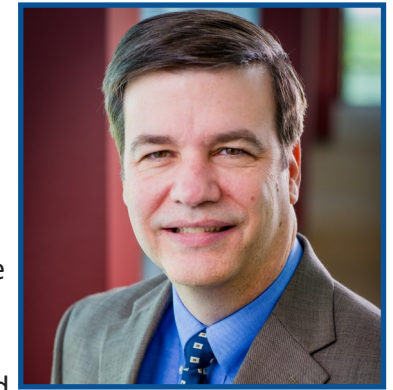
Indoor Church & Small Groups

Sunday September 20, 2020 — 9:30 AM

Small Groups — 10:30 Church Service

From Pastor Mike...

Well, here we are – the “ten days of awe”, days of repentance and prayer for our nation in response to our recent shaking. This Saturday, September 26 is the National and Global Day of Repentance and Prayer. Our nation and our world needs to return to God. We, the people of God, need to return.



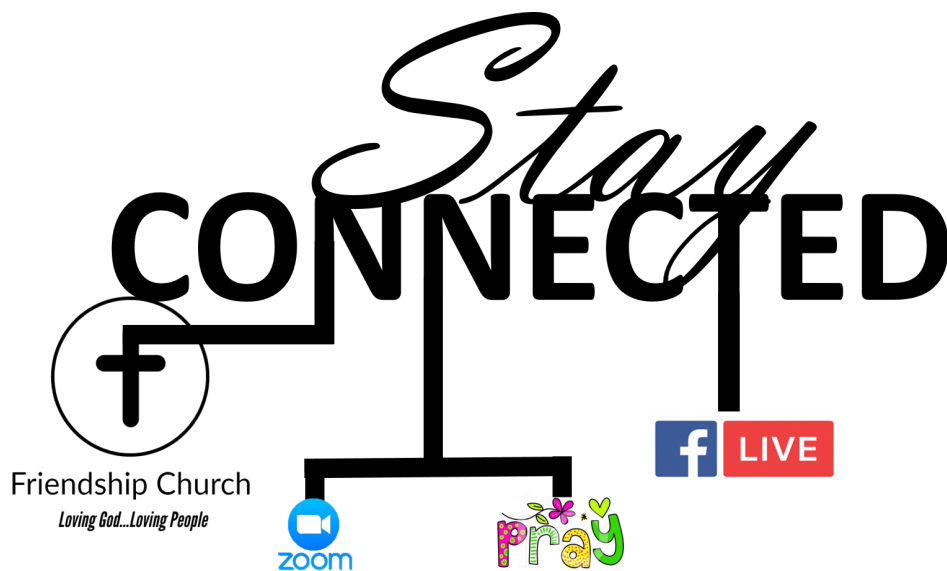
As pastor of Friendship Church, I have never before experienced a time of prayer with God's people as now. Through the technology of Zoom, we have been able to meet each night since last Friday night to pray together. We are experiencing an “upper room moment” as we wait on the Lord and seek His face. God is certainly at work and what we are doing together is significant to Him.

Where do we go from here? We keep praying, seeking the Lord's favor. We humbly cry out to Him to have mercy on our broken nation. For those who can, we invite you to come to the church this Saturday beginning at 8am to participate in “The Return.” We will be simulcasting the live gathering and speakers from Washington, DC. This event will go all day – come join with us to focus our hearts and prayers to the One who can make all things new.

In **Luke 18:8b**, Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” We know this – Jesus is coming soon! But the question is – “Will He find faith on the earth?” I pray He does. I pray that He finds the church waiting for Him, like a bride waits for her groom. I pray we will all be ready!

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 and the Kingdom (Gospels)"

Sunday's lesson "*Jesus Raises Lazarus*" - [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 27 – Laura Melton

October 1 – Pat Thompson

October 1 – Shelby Bilbry

Friendship Attendance, Sept 20

Small group Bible study - 43

Celebration worship - 82

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Sept 20—\$4,245.02



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Dixie Jackson Annual

Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions

September 6-13

Friendship Goal: \$2,500

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.



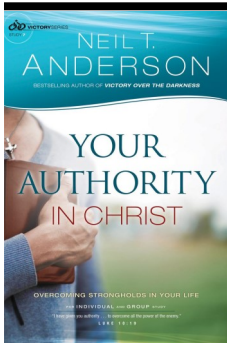
The Friendship Food Pantry needs:

- Spaghetti sauce
- Spaghetti noodles
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Dish soap
- Single serving:
 - Cereal
 - Apple Sauce
 - Fruit cups
 - Juice boxes
 - Fruit snacks

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Encouragement for participating in the National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance

1. A time of turning, of soul-searching, of repentance, of turning one's life around, and of new direction.
2. An intensely personal encounter with God, at the level of one's heart and the innermost core of one's being.
3. A time of fasting and of restraining the appetite to prefer the spiritual over the carnal.
4. A time of emotion and passion that involves humble repentance to the point of tears. It is a time of weeping before God, of mourning over the dying embers of what we have lost, whether righteousness, joy, a sense of communion with God, or national holiness.
5. An encounter with God that must go beyond symbolic action, as in the rending of the garment, to the core meaning behind that symbol, the baring of a broken heart before God, broken due to recognition of how one has failed Him.
6. A time of seeking the favor of God and a reprieve from the imminent judgment.
7. A time to remind ourselves that although our sin deserves God's judgement, if we will pour ourselves out before Him, as a drink offering is poured out, then He will hear us. If we redirect our energies to the sacred, offering to God our whole being and talents (as symbolized in the meat or grain offering), He will show us His tender and compassionate nature. He will turn his intended judgment from us, leaving in its place a blessing.



WOMEN'S STUDY

Victory Series Study 7—"Your Authority in Christ"
Session One: The Origin of Evil

Location: Zoom

Date: Thursday, Sept 24, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM



Gospel K.I.D.s

Sharing the gospel with kids is one of the most important things that we as parents, grandparents, and teachers can do. Here is a plan that you can use to share the Gospel with kids. Children are hearing this

Gospel message each week during our **GOSPEL K.I.D.s Bible Time** on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

3 Ways to Help Your Kids with Peer Pressure

By Jon Acuff

“If all your friends jumped off a bridge, would you?”

My mom, and most likely every mom ever, used to say this to me when I was young. She wasn’t specifically worried about me jumping off a bridge. That wasn’t a popular thing to do in our town. Instead, she was using an extreme example to make a point about peer pressure.

Just because everyone else does something, doesn’t mean you should.

She was right, but peer pressure is more complicated than that.

It would be easy if all you had to do was tell random groups of people, “No thanks, I’m not going to jump off a bridge today.”

It’s usually not that direct. It’s far more subtle, often with dreadful consequences.

So how do you as a parent help your kids deal with peer pressure? Here are three ways:

1. Give them a simple comeback.

“Want to drink this beer? Want to skip school? Can I look at the answers on your test?” Peer pressure often starts with a question. Don’t make your child think they need to come up with a perfect response on the spot. Give them a handful of really simple comebacks. For instance, instead of going into a long explanation, simply say, “No thank, that’s not my thing.” That’s it. End of conversation. The word “no” is also surprisingly powerful. Make sure your kids know that “no” is a complete sentence. The shorter the debate they have the better the outcome.

2. Be curious.

Peer pressure is like mushrooms, it grows best in the dark. Don’t let weeks or even months go between conversations you have about it. Be curious. It’s your job as a parent to ask questions and start conversations. If you wait for your kid to bring something up, you might be waiting forever. Invest in understanding who their friends are and what they’re into these days. You don’t have to be a private eye to take an interest in their world, you just have to be interested. Curiosity killed the cat and also peer pressure.

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

3. Teach from your own life.

Peer pressure doesn't end when you become an adult. If anything, it intensifies. When it's appropriate, share examples from your own life with your kids. If coworkers are pressuring you to take longer lunches because no one is really checking the hours you work, tell them about that. There are theory ideas and there are life ideas. Your ability to share real life ideas about how you're dealing with peer pressure will help your children.

Peer pressure is difficult because we like to be liked.

In addition to those three simple ways, make sure your kid knows how much you like him or her. Sometimes, in the absence of affirmation, they will seek it outside your house. That's when peer pressure takes root. Beat it to the punch by making sure your kids know how you really feel.

Blessings, Mary Ann

