



Friendship Church  
*Loving God...Loving People*

## FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS October 2, 2020



### Indoor Church & Small Groups

Sunday October 4, 2020 — 9:30 AM

Small Groups — 10:30 Church Service

## From Pastor Mike...



*"LORD, I have heard of Your fame; I stand in awe of Your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."* **Habakkuk 3:2.** Lord, we humble ourselves before you and pray. We seek your face and we repent and turn from our wicked ways. We stand in awe of You, mighty God who is able to save.

*"Plague went before Him; pestilence followed His steps. He stood, and shook the earth;*

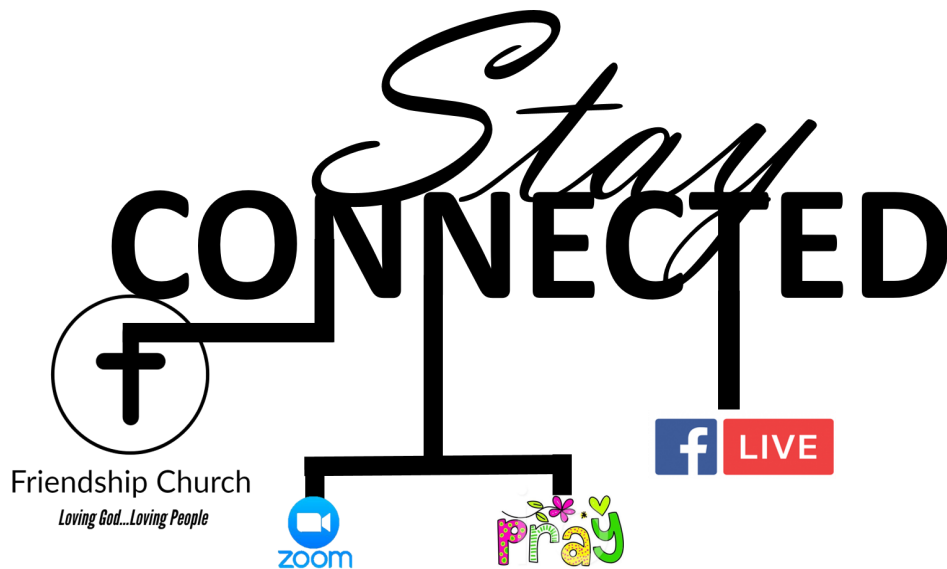
*He looked, and made the nations tremble."* **Habakkuk 3:5-6a.** Lord, we ask for your mercy regarding this Corona plague. We pray for your protection as you shake this world with your mighty hand. Please Lord, in your wrath, remember mercy!

*"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior."* **Habakkuk 3:17-18.** Father, we choose to rejoice in You, no matter what. We will be joyful in our Savior, because *"the Sovereign LORD is our strength; He makes our feet like the feet of a deer, He enables us to go on the heights."* **Habakkuk 3:19.**

Beloved, keep asking, seeking, knocking and waiting. Your redemption draws near.

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 the Savior (Gospels)"

**Sunday's lesson "Jesus Enters Jerusalem"** - [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

October 8 – Anna Lane

## Friendship Anniversaries

October 8 – Randy and Roberta Moore

October 8 – Eric and Becky McFerron

October 10 – Brian and Alice McFerron

## Friendship Attendance, Sept 27

Small group Bible study - 43

Celebration worship - 79

## Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Sept 27—\$3,267.89



**Online giving is easier than ever!**

[CLICK HERE](#) to try out our new online giving service.

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**

“And Moses said unto the people, Fear not, stand still, and **see the salvation of the Lord** which he will show to you today.” Exodus

14:13 “The Lord shall fight for you....” Ex. 14:14

Around age 22, my parents gave me my first “real” camera....a Pentax K1000. They had both been taking classes from the Daisy company photographer. So, they decided to introduce me to that new world of looking at everything through a different lens! My go-to camera had been the Fujifilm Quicksnap or Kodak FunSaver. Lightweight and easy to use, but the quality of the picture could be less than optimal. The Pentax was heavier and cumbersome to use, especially if you had a flash unit or special zoom lens attached. But the pictures it produced were fantastic. That is.....if--you had it focused properly. Anyone knows that the lens in a camera or your own eye that is out of focus is not good at all. To take a good picture, or see well with your eyes, the lens has to be focused correctly.

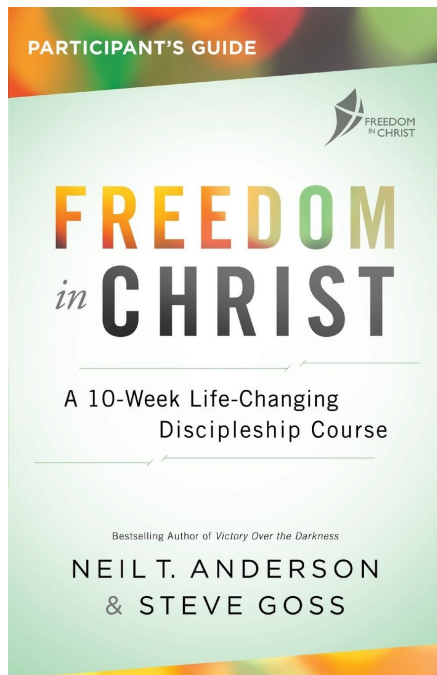
With Pharaoh’s army in hot pursuit, and finding themselves standing on the brink of the Red Sea....the Israelites were anything but happy-go-lucky at their dire predicament. Without a fleet of Royal Caribbean cruise ships waiting to take them on an exciting fun-filled excursion, they were in panic mode! After rescuing them from Egypt through the ten plagues (chapter 7-13), God led them out and began preparing them to enter the wilderness. But as the challenges mounted against them they began to lose heart....and their focus. Moses lost his temper a few times, but never his focus. He knew God had a plan and they were in constant dialogue discussing those plans.

Do you find yourself disillusioned with the news of the day or where your focus may be? Are you talking to him about it, gaining his perspective? When I remind myself of all the many situations throughout the Bible of God’s people being in...*that seemed impossible*, then I quickly put my trust in His awesome promises of His presence, His power, His faithfulness, His sovereignty, His plan. Without the hope of his Word, we can definitely lose our focus to the things that are temporary rather than the things that truly last for eternity.

The things of earth.....will grow strangely dim!

All for His glory,

Diane Moss



## MEN'S STUDY

**New 10-Week Men's Bible Study begins Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30pm**

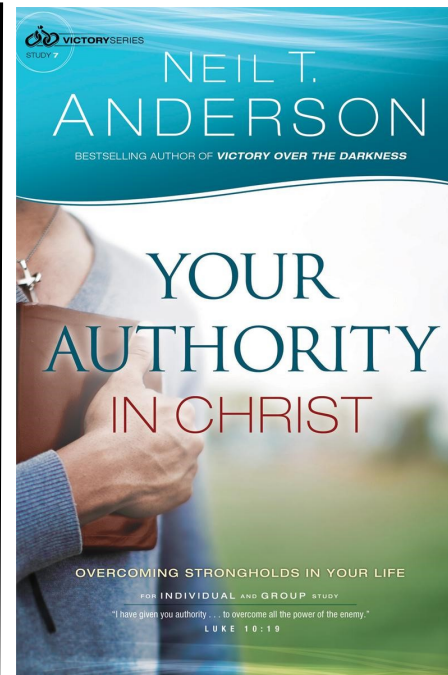
"Freedom In Christ: A 10-Week Life-Changing Discipleship Course"

Some of the areas we will cover in the course include:

- how we became brand-new people from the inside out when we became Christians
- why we can go boldly into God's presence any time we like without fear
- how nothing we do can make God love us any more or any less
- how to resolve the effects of even the deepest issues from the past
- how to deal with repeating patterns of sin
- understanding what God's purpose for your life is (it may not be what you think!)

We meet at the church on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. Study guide is \$6.00 for the 10 week discipleship course. Everyone is welcome!

**John 8:32** *"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*



## WOMEN'S STUDY

**Victory Series Study 7**  
**"Your Authority in Christ"**  
**Session One: The Origin of Evil**  
**Location: Zoom**  
**Date: Thursday, Oct 8, 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.**





## Need Stability This School Year? Look to Scripture

Every school year has its challenges, but this year is one of a kind. Are you and your kids feeling a bit tossed about and in need of an anchor?

At the start of this school year, I saw a video of a music teacher expressing how she feels about distanced learning. Wanting to demonstrate through song, she began strumming a pleasant tune her ukulele with a smile on her face. Then, without warning, she unleashed an agonizing scream! Can you relate to her 2020 school-year vibes?

Every year has its challenges, but this has been one of a kind. Are you and your kids feeling a bit tossed about by the challenges of the year and in need of an anchor? What if you decided to anchor this school year in Scripture?



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### The stability of Scripture this school year

In my early school days, my mom crafted a simple melody, quickly coined as our “family song.” It paraphrased [Psalm 119:9-11](#) for lyrics: “How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

These particular verses reminded me to anchor myself in God’s Word, during the school year and otherwise. It helped solidify my confidence in Scripture as a sure stability and aid for living a God-honoring life. Befriending the Bible keeps you steady.

Especially with so many kids “working from home” right now, what an opportunity you have to point them to God’s Word! Each month you could focus on a different passage to dwell on and...

- bring it up in your prayers.
- text it to your older kids once a week.
- challenge everyone to memorize it together.
- find a podcast on the month’s verse and listen while you’re driving to the store together.
- talk about it at the dinner table.

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

There are so many incredible passages you could pick, but here are a few verses and theme suggestions to pray and think on this school year:

### August: Rest

“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength” (Isaiah 30:15)  
I’ve held fast to this verse for the last year. When I’m racing to keep up and weary from trying, it reminds me to physically and spiritually pause. Let this verse remind your kids to rest in God this school year. Resting looks like giving up our pride, submitting to God’s lead, and trusting in His timing.

### September: Praise

“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth” (Psalm 34:1).  
Do you think to praise God? My Mom would have me and my sister popcorn off different attributes of God to give Him praise and remind ourselves of His character. Things like: Creator, Loving, Gentle, Forgiving. What habits of praising God can you instill in your family this school year?

### October: Salvation

“What must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household” (Acts 16:30-31).  
What a beautifully simple truth. Maybe this school year will be the one your child believes in Jesus. Give your children space to ask questions and pray your children will believe in Jesus, not just know about him.

If you would like more, here is the link to Family Life Today’s Free Prayer Guide:

[DOWNLOAD OUR FREE PRAYER GUIDE TO HELP YOU PRAY FOR YOUR KIDS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.](#)

Blessings, Mary Ann

