



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

October 9, 2020



Indoor Church & Small Groups

Sunday October 11, 2020 — 9:30 AM

From Pastor Mike...



God is good...all the time! No matter what happens, no matter what may come, it doesn't change a thing about God's goodness. I am reminded in Deuteronomy 6 that God said, *"When I give you a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant - then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you **do not forget the LORD**, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."* (verses 10b-12).

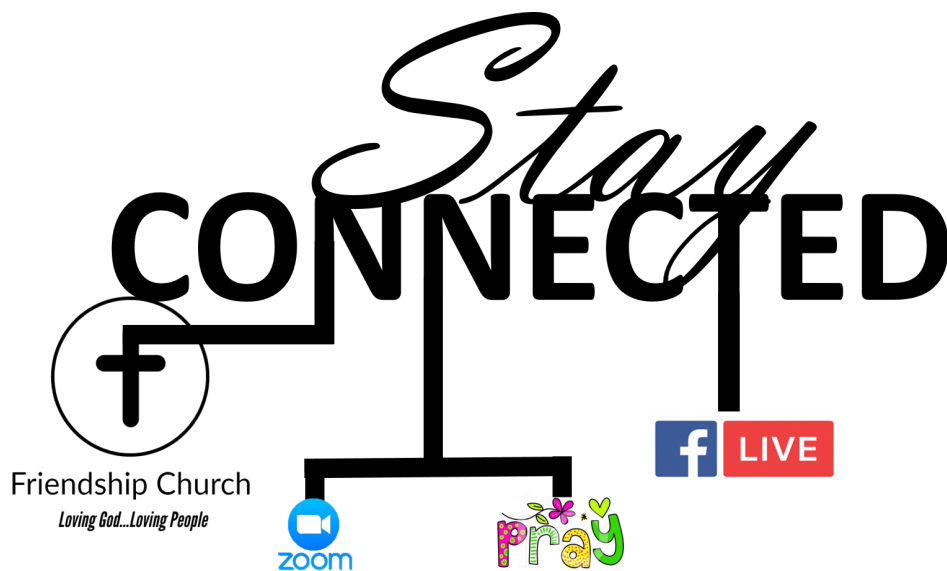
God has been so good to us. Sadly, our country has (to a degree) has forgotten Him. Gone are the prayers and scripture readings in schools. Gone are the 10 commandments from the courthouse. Gone are many churches that once served as lighthouses in our cities and towns.

But we will NEVER forget! God has delivered His children out of slavery and bondage to sin. He has brought us through an exodus into His Kingdom of Light. He has shed His love abroad in our hearts. We can still worship – we can still pray – we can still educate our children – we can still vote. Someone once said, "It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings." Well, she is about to burst forth in praise, so you better be ready!

Brothers and sisters, don't forget God from Whom ALL blessings flow!

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 is Questioned*" - [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 15 – Paige Williams

October 17 – Rebekah Tower

Friendship Attendance, Oct 4

Small group Bible study - 36

Celebration worship - 75

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Oct. 4—\$3,725.28



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



Dixie Jackson Annual - Offering for State Missions Exceeded

We want to thank the Friendship Family

Friendship Goal: \$2,500

Friendship Collection: \$2,742.98

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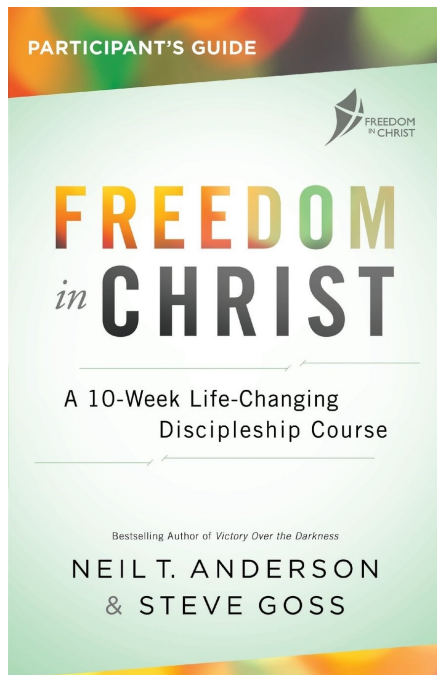


Online giving is easier than ever!

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MEN'S STUDY

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

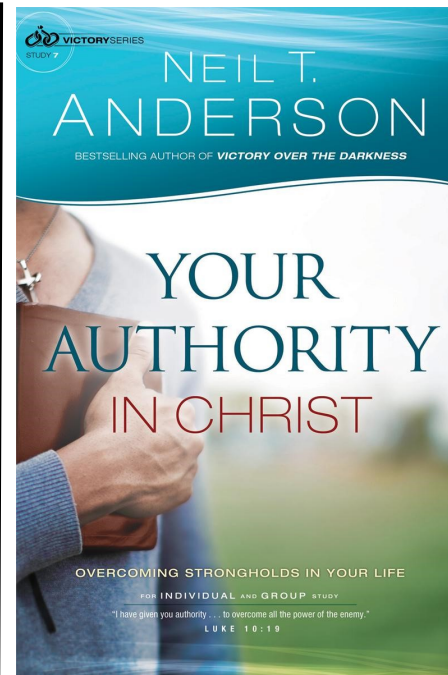
"Freedom In Christ: A 10-Week Life-Changing Discipleship Course"

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 Three: The Overcoming the Opposition

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.

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News



I love Autumn! As a teacher, it was one of my favorite times of the year to teach about the seasons, trees, and leaves. There are so many life lessons that we can learn as we study the science about trees.

As I look out my window into my backyard, I am surrounded by massive oak trees, with branches reaching outward and upward. There is so much beauty in their strength. The deep green leaves of summer that provided shade, will be turning colors of yellow, red, and orange soon, and eventually falling to the ground leaving a tree with empty branches. My heart is always a little sad when that happens. But the bare tree reveals just how big and mighty those branches are, giving a new perspective on its size and purpose.

So, what can we learn from these big oak trees, and how can we use this to help teach our children and grandchildren about God's creation?

First of all, these trees remind us of how God can take a little acorn and through years of passing through one season to the next, strengthens it to become a mighty oak. Each of these seasons are producing the roots, trunk, and branches that give strength for the next season to come. In our live we go through all kinds of seasons. Some are seasons of hard times, and some are bright, beautiful and fruitful. Each season has its purpose to grow us, like that tree, into the person that God has created us to be. Through each season He is telling us to let go of ourselves, hold on to Him and let Him show us what He can do.



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

Next, the leaves on the tree can teach us that God uses all things for His purpose in every season of our life. The tiny new leaves unfolding and forming in the spring remind us of hope and renewed growth in our spiritual life. The broad green leaves provide us shade in the summer and refuge to wildlife, reminding us of our Father's protection for us. The beautiful colorful leaves of fall show us the creative beauty of the Creator. Even as they fall to the ground with the acorns, they are fulfilling their purpose to provide nutrients to the soil, which is needed by the tree for growth in the next season. By doing what a leaf was designed to do, it enhances life and gives glory to the Creator. Change is constant in nature, and as the world changes around us, we also change. To truly live, we must embrace change as part of God's purpose to grow us, while looking to God to sustain, strengthen, guide, and comfort us through it all.

Finally, leaves also teach us that all living things must die, but life continues. The leaves and nuts fall to the ground, but the tree remains alive to produce more leaves and carry on the process of life. After we fall to the ground in death, we continue to touch others through our legacy that we leave our loved ones. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, we live on as we join in the eternal celebration of life.

For every beginning there is an end, and for every ending there is a new beginning. We inherit a legacy, but we also leave one. As you look at the trees and the leaves turning colors, and making their way to the ground, thank God for the seasons in your life that produce change needed to grow and mature you. Ask God to give you opportunities to share these lessons with the children in your life.

Seasons come and go, but our God remains the same!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 [Corinthians 5:17](#), NKJ).

Blessings, Mary Ann

