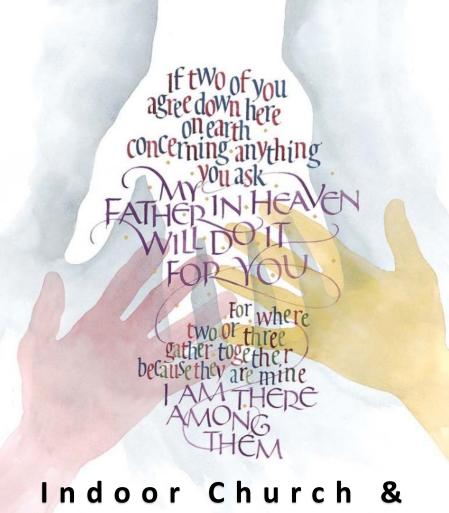


# FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS October 16, 2020



Indoor Church & Small Groups

Sunday October 18, 2020 — 9:30 AM Small Groups — 10:30 Church Service

# From Pastor Mike...

"Breakthrough" Webster's Dictionary defines this word as "an act or instance of moving through or beyond an obstacle." It also defines this word as a term of warfare: "an offensive military assault that penetrates and carries beyond a defensive line."



Do you need a breakthrough? Do you know someone who needs a

breakthrough? Remember this: God can move mountains. A mountain is a picture of an immovable obstacle. How does God move mountains? I believe He does it when two or more on earth agree together in prayer. Jesus told us in **Matthew 16:19** "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Why is it that we don't see or experience the breakthroughs we so desire? Jesus said in **Matthew 18:19-20**, "I tell you that if two of you on earth <u>agree</u> about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them."

God has provided through His Son Jesus the gift of the prayer of agreement. When we seek His face together and agree together and believe together in His name, watch out!

These are critical and perilous times we are living in. If ever in our history, the church needs to be praying together and crying out to the Lord to help our land. In light of this, I am calling Friendship to join together in prayer for 11 straight nights beginning at 7pm Friday, October 23 through Monday night, November 2. We are currently observing 21 Days of Breakthrough Prayer: The Power of Agreement. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.acts413.net/">https://www.acts413.net/</a> breakthrough

Prayer is a privilege and a powerful weapon the Lord has given to us. And He expects us to use it! Would you join for us as we intercede for our nation?

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 Shares the Lord's Supper" - 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 20 – Isabelle Tippett
October 21 – Greg Treat
October 21 – Kiana Cooley-Haynes
October 21 – Rosemary Ellison
October 23 – Kaitlyn Sowell

## Friendship Attendance, Oct 4

Small group Bible study - 42 Celebration worship - 75

# **Tithes & Offering**

Sunday, Oct. 4-\$3,708.00



#### 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

**Jude 20-21** But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

Praying in the Spirit is profitable at all times:

- It provides a live contact with divine forces (Daniel 9:23)
- It acquaints God with all our needs (Philippians 4:4, 7)
- It calls God to our immediate aid (1 Kings 8:36-39)
- It enables God to remove all obstacles (Matthew 17:19-21)
- It is always crowned with heaven's success (Acts 4:31; John 14:13; Daniel 10:10-21)
- It causes the forces of hell to tremble (Ephesians 6:10-2-; James 4:7)
- It frees men from shackles of sin (Luke 22:40)
  In this we rest, no prayer inspired by the Spirit and prayed in the Spirit ever goes unanswered. If we do not live to see the answer, nevertheless, in God's good time the answer will be given.

-Herbert Lockyer

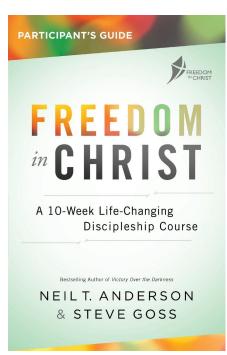


# Online giving is easier than ever!

<u>CLICK HERE</u> 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



#### **MEN'S STUDY**

It's not too late to join in with us! Session 1 begins this Wednesday, October 21 at 6pm

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

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

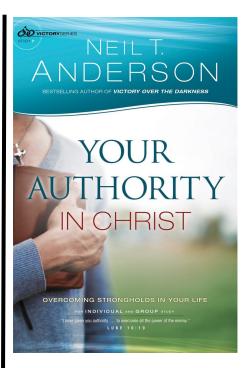
· how we became brand-new people from the inside out when

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 6:00-8:00pm. 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 Four: Kingdom

Sovereignty

**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



Fall gives us great opportunities to share Biblical truths with our children. Here is a Fall Family Devotion you may want to use when carving a pumpkin. Instead of making it look scary, use the opportunity to teach how being a Christian is like being a pumpkin.

#### **Pumpkin Prayer Lesson**

Dear Jesus, Open my mind so I can learn about You. As you cut the top of the pumpkin, talk about ways God helps us to learn about Him and why we need to be open to what God wants to do in our lives. "Know that the Lord, He is God." (Psalm 100:3)

Take all my sin and forgive the wrong things that I do. Scoop out the inside of the pumpkin to show how God removes our sins (seeds of disobedience, impatience, jealousy, hatred) and forgives us. He cleanses our hearts and makes us a new creation! Show how clean the inside of the pumpkin is now. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us" (1 John 1:9)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see. As you carve the eyes in the shape of a heart, discuss how God's laws are to protect us from harm, and that he has given his Word (and all good things) because of his immense love for us.

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things from your law." (Psalm 119:18)

I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at what You've given me. Carve a cross-shaped nose and ask, "What does it mean to turn our nose up at something? 'Turning up our nose' means we don't like it. Sometimes we don't like a certain food or toy or shirt. When we are not thankful and grumble about what we have (or don't have), we are complaining against God. But we have been given so much! When we remember that Jesus died on the cross for us, we know that God has given us all we really need."

"...be thankful unto Him, and bless his name." (Psalm 100:4)

Open my mouth to tell others You're near. Carve the mouth into the shape of a fish. Jesus told His disciples that they would no longer catch fish but would instead fish for people by telling them about God's love for them. We can be "fishers of men" and use our mouths to tell others about Jesus, too. "I shall . . . declare the works or the Lord" (Psalm 118:17)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen. Light a candle and place it inside the pumpkin. The light stands for the Holy Spirit that lives in us. When we are open to God's work in our lives, He can shine through us so others will see Jesus in us. Then our friends and family will Blessings, Mary Ann be drawn to Jesus, too! Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that