



Friendship Church  
*Loving God...Loving People*

## FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

October 23, 2020



## Indoor Church & Small Groups

Sunday October 25, 2020 — 9:30 AM

Small Groups — 10:30 Church Service

## From Pastor Mike...



Thank you Founding Fathers, thank you Dad, thank you Veterans, thank you Poll Workers, but most of all, THANK YOU HEAVENLY FATHER for the privilege to live in America and for the right to vote! As you might guess, Pam and I exercised our freedom to vote today. We took our Christianity into the voting booth and cast our vote for the future of our nation. We vote, we pray and we leave the rest up to God!

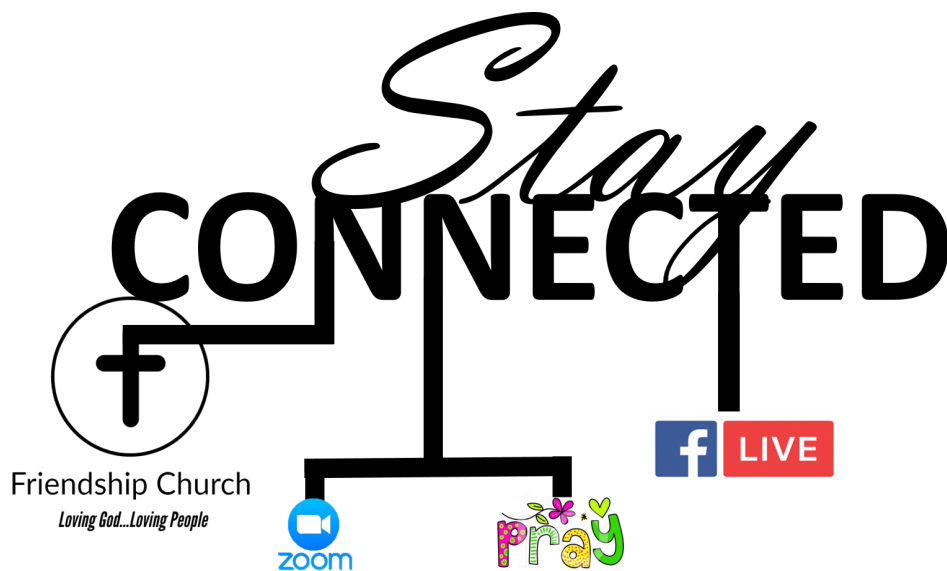
I am reminded of these verses: **Proverbs 19:21** “Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.” **Daniel 2:21a** says, “God changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them.” The great preacher David Jeremiah writes, “When casting your vote, be confident. If elections don't go your way or judicial decisions disappoint you, you remind yourself that God is unaffected. He removes kings and raises up kings according to His plan. When hearing news of and instability on earth, be confident! Remember, there is a God in heaven. When discouraged about the course of world affairs, don't lose heart, because one day, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed.”

Let's remember what Job said the Lord, “I know that You can do all things; no plan of Yours can be thwarted.” **Job 42:2**. No matter who is President, God is still King! God is working all things out (**Romans 8:28**) so do your part, then give it to God. Someone said, “Give it to God and go to sleep.”

Be encouraged little flock! Jesus said in **Luke 12:32** “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.” And this will be an everlasting kingdom that will not require any votes!

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 Arrested*" - [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 27 – Bud Sowell

## Friendship Anniversaries

October 25 – Jonathan & Rachel Guenther

## Friendship Attendance, Oct 11

Small group Bible study - 46

Celebration worship - 76

## Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Oct. 11—\$4,049.67



### 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

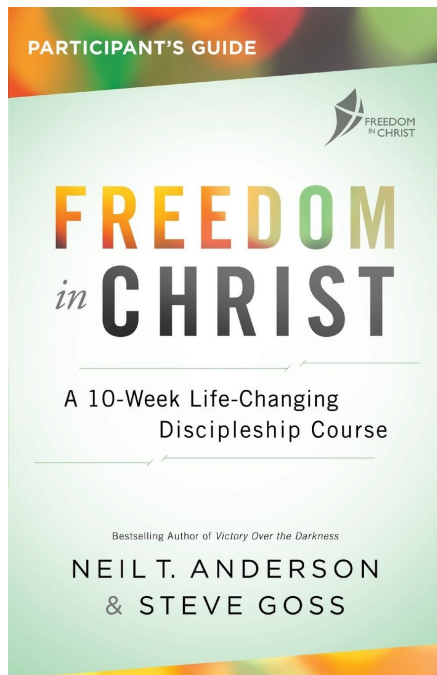


**Online giving is easier than ever!**

[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**



## MEN'S STUDY

It's not too late to join in with us! Session 1 begins this Wednesday, October 28 at 6pm

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

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

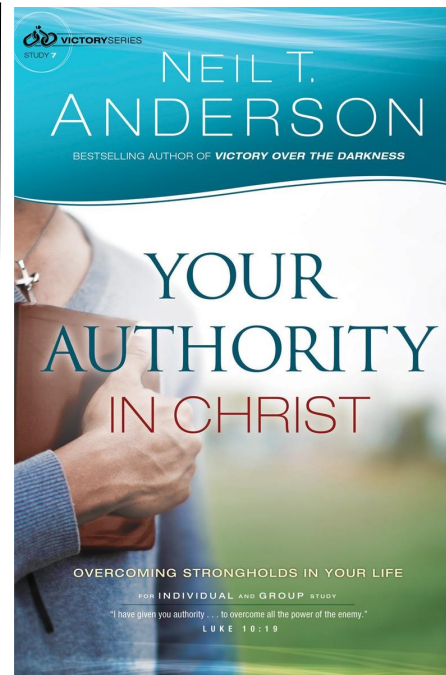
- how we became brand-new people from the inside out when

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 Five: The Armor of God (Part 1)**

**Location:** Zoom

**Date:** Thursday, Oct 29, 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.**





### FALL FAMILY DEVOTION

Fall is a good time to teach Biblical truths to children through what they see in the world around them. Here is a family devotion that you can share with the children in your life.

### JESUS IS NUTS ABOUT ME

As you observe squirrels around your yard ask these questions-

How do squirrels move—quickly or slowly? *(Allow children to answer.)* What do you think those squirrels are doing out there? *(Allow children to answer.)*

Squirrels dart around in the fall because they are collecting acorns for the winter. They really, really want to get all the acorns they can. Squirrels look under leaves to find acorns. They run all around your yard and in parks looking for acorns. Squirrels love acorns!

What is something that you love as much as squirrels love acorns? Is there something you love to collect or gather? Did you know that Jesus loves you even more than *(name some of the things the children said)*? It's true! Listen to this Bible verse:

*We love him, because he first loved us (1 John 4:19 KJV).*

Jesus loved you so much that he left heaven, lived a perfect life on earth, died on the cross, and came alive again after three days. He did all of this to take your sins away.

Sins are the bad things we do that break God's rules. We disobey our parents and teachers. We do naughty things. Have you ever been mad at or hit your brother or sister? Have you ever not done what your parents or teachers asked you to do? Maybe you were mean to your classmate or didn't share with a friend. When we don't follow God's rules, we sin.



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



These are the kinds of things that could separate us from God. God hates sin! Sin is so tricky and so nasty that there is no way we can escape it on our own. We can try really hard to do the right thing, but eventually, we'll mess up. We can never perfectly follow God's rules. There was only one person who could do that—Jesus!

Because Jesus loves us so much, he came to earth and followed all of God's rules perfectly. He never sinned! Jesus took all of our sins to the cross and he died there. But he didn't stay dead—he rose again! Because of Jesus' love, our sins are gone and we can be friends of God forever!

There are lots of true stories in the Bible that tell us how much Jesus love us. He loved sick people, angry people, lonely people and even mean people. Jesus loves you just as much as he loved these people from the Bible. And if Jesus loves you that much, that means that you can love other people! Did you know that when a squirrel gathers acorns, it sometimes forgets where it put the acorns? Do you know what acorns are, besides squirrel food? *(Allow children to answer.)* Those acorns are actually seeds that sprout and grow into trees!

When Jesus lives in your heart, his love grows in you like a seed, getting big and strong while you share Jesus' love with other people. Do you know a friend that needs to know about Jesus' love? *(Allow children to answer.)* What could you do to show this person Jesus' love? *(Allow children to answer.)*

Because Jesus loves you so much, you can love other people. You can love your family, your friends, your classmates—everybody!

Let's pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us. Thank you for showing us what love is by dying on the cross and rising again. I'm so thankful that you forgive me when I sin and break God's rules. Help me show your love to everyone I see. Amen.

Adapted from <https://www.ctainc.com/product/jesus-is-nuts-about-me-fall-devotionfall>

Blessings, Mary Ann

