

Friendship Church  
Loving God...Loving People

# FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

October 29, 2021

From Pastor Mike...



Where are you God? In the midst of our trials and struggles – in the midst of our national apostasy and political unrest? Where is the revival we so desperately need? Where is the outpouring of the Spirit in the last days as mentioned in the Book of Joel?

These are legitimate questions that many may be asking. And yet, as I read God's Word, I am reminded of the answer – He is where He has always been.

*"This is what the Lord says: 'Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool.'" (Isaiah 66:1a)* God is where He has always been. His Word is true – *"I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."* (Jesus, **Matthew 5:18.**)

God is still in control and His Word will be accomplished – every last letter of it!

Based on a quote from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon, singer-songwriter Babbie Mason wrote, "God is too wise to be mistaken, God is too good to be unkind, So when you don't understand, When you don't see His plan, When you can't trace His hand, Trust His heart." He is working all things together for the good of those who love and trust Him and for His eternal glory.

Let's be patient and wait on Him. Isaiah 40:31 tells us, *"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* Beloved, keep your eyes on the eastern skies!

I love you all,  
Pastor Mike

In person and Facebook  
Live Church Service

Small Groups

Sunday October 31, 2021

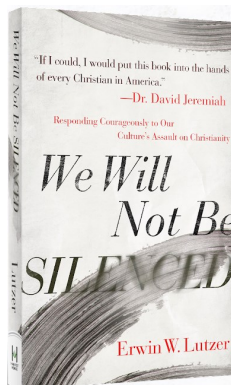
9:30 AM Small Groups — 10:30 Church Service

## WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY

For a study of: **We Will Not Be Silenced**

by Erwin W. Lutzer

It's frustrating to feel you can't assert biblical truth without facing condemnation, and fearful to witness outrage and victimhood replace respect and reason. Amidst this dissent, how can you not only stay rooted in your own faith but continue publicly testifying for Jesus?



*We Will Not Be Silenced* will ready you to move beyond fear and boldly accept the challenge of representing Christ to a watching world that needs Him now more than ever before.

### Attendance—October 24

Sunday Worship: 75

Sunday School: 45

### Tithes & Offerings

General Offering: \$4,287.72

### Birthdays

November 1—Brad Ellison

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new online giving service.

### OTHER SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Other small group studies meet throughout the week at various locations and at various times. Please see Pam Syputt for information.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, Nov 6	10 am	Desired Haven Work Day
Sunday, Nov 7		Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall Back
Tuesday, Nov 9	6:30pm	WMBA Prayer Gathering at New Hope Fellowship, Springdale
Tuesday, Nov 23	6:30pm	Annual Thanksgiving Service
Thursday, Nov 25		<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> – offices closed
Sunday, Nov 28	10:30am	Week of Prayer for International Missions – Lottie Moon C'mas Offering
Sunday, Dec 12	6:00pm	Family Forum – 2021 Budget
Friday, Dec 24	5:00pm	Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Ephesians 6:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

### Need encouragement and strength?

Join us Sunday evenings

at 6 PM on Zoom

**ZOOM link for PRAYER MEETING:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223352309?pwd=NEpmdjBvby9nS1hsK3Z1S3hBMVVPZz09>

ID: 862 2335 2309

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## Nov. 6 at 10 am—Work Day for

ARKANSAS BAPTIST  
CHILDREN'S HOMES &  
FAMILY MINISTRIES

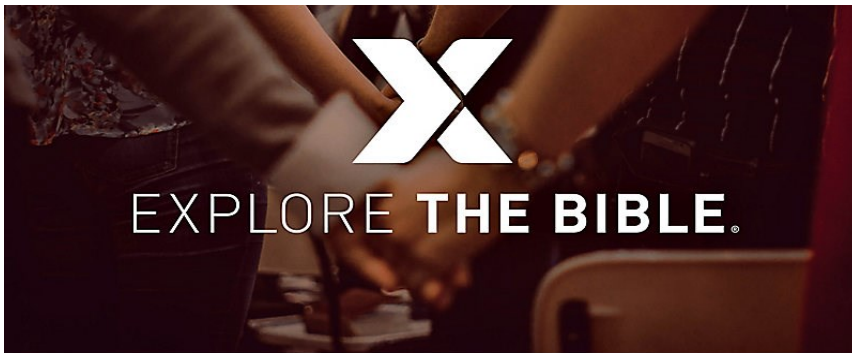


### Desired Haven Family Care Ministry Opportunity

On Nov. 6, we will be doing yard work at the Desired Haven facility in Springdale. If you would like to participate, please contact Starlyn Danley or Arnie Hanson for details.

If you would like to contribute financially, please make checks out to Friendship Church with Desired Haven in the memo area of your check.

Thank you so much for loving these ladies and their families!!



### Fall 2021 Study:

### Philippians; Colossians; Philemon

Each of these letters encourages us toward a deeper relationship with Christ that nurtures deeper relationships with others. More importantly, they provide

### *Tidbits from Diane Moss-*

Matt 28:20b states, “and, lo, *I am with you always*, even to the end of the age. Amen”

Any time I need to get something down out of a closet or in my kitchen, it begins with a search for the step stool. Then, I have to decide, do I want the one-step or two-step stool? It all depends on how high the object is that I’m reaching for. That’s just one of the many pitfalls to being short! On the other hand, a smaller space is easier for me to get to than my almost 6’ husband.

So, no matter where we are or what we’re doing or whatever issue we might be dealing with at the moment....Jesus invites us to keep reaching for Him, to trust Him and never give up. Especially if we’re telling someone about Him! He’s always able, always trustworthy, and always within our reach!



## Should Christian Families Celebrate Halloween?

I found this interesting article by Erin from Lullaby Lark and I wanted to share it with you.

In my opinion, Halloween is an opportunity for teaching our kids about God and how to in the world and not of it. This Pumpkin Prayer Printable is an excellent way to do that! But, whether or not you choose to celebrate the holiday according to our cultural norms (i.e. scary costumes, candy, trick-or-treating, etc...) is totally up to you.

The answer to whether you should use Halloween as an opportunity to teach our kids about Jesus becomes clear when we look at God's heart toward passing his standards to the next generation.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **Impress them on your children.** Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV*

This passage makes God's heart pretty clear. We are to take every opportunity to teach God's word to our children. Halloween can either be an instance that draws them away from God's truth because they desire to be like their friends, or we can teach them how to please God with the way we celebrate.

There's another point I'd like us to consider about Christians and Halloween. Paul writes in his first letter to the church in Corinth:

Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall."

*1 Corinthians 11:9-13 NIV*

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

In our efforts to use every opportunity to teach our kids about God on Halloween, we cannot forget that we must also consider other believers. This passage tells us that, even though we have knowledge—that we should be teaching our kids about God every day, even on Halloween—our Christian brothers and sisters may not understand what we are doing. So, we must be careful to celebrate in a way that is above reproach and brings honor to Christ and his church. And, if we hear that what we are doing is causing another believer to sin (not be annoyed, irritated, or to think that what we're doing is wrong) then we should absolutely stop what we're doing.

This is a good idea that you can use with your kids and grandkids if you decide to carve a pumpkin this week.

Blessings, Mary Ann

