

Friendship Church  
*Loving God...Loving People*

## FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

October 30, 2020



# Time Change: November 1

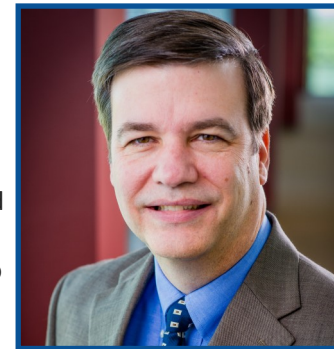
## Indoor Church & Small Groups

Sunday November 1, 2020 — 9:30 AM

Small Groups — 10:30 Church Service

### From Pastor Mike...

*"God's sovereignty is His right and power to do all that He decides to do."* — Pastor John Piper



"Providence" is God's intervention in the Universe. The good news is God is in control and we can rest in this fact. He is sovereign — He rules and He reigns — and nothing man can do can change this fact!

Our nation, a nation once "under God, indivisible", a nation that was once "In God we trust" has veered away from God and His ways. Here are some historical examples:

June 25, 1962 - Engel v. Vitale — organized prayer removed from schools

June 17, 1963 - Abington School District v. Schempp — organized Bible reading removed from schools

April 10, 1970 - New York State Legislature passes abortion on demand up to 24<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy

January 22, 1973 - Jane Roe vs. Henry Wade — the Supreme Court rules that a woman had a constitutional right to abort her baby. Since then, over 61 million innocent, defenseless babies have been killed on US soil.

January 22, 2019 - New York's "Reproductive Health Act" expands the practice of abortion legalizing the killing of children up to the point of birth!

This, and more — all in the United States of America. Our founding fathers are rolling in their graves! Our courts have failed our God and us by legislation contrary to His will and His Word.

*"But God..."* This week, on October 26, 2020, God provided a God-fearing, conservative justice for the US Supreme Court. I am optimistic that our nation can begin the process of renouncing our shameful ways and turning back to the One who made this nation great. I am hopeful that human lives will be protected and saved. Perhaps our nation will return to our constitutional foundation and God will once again have mercy on us!

The last verse of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key includes these words:

*Praise the Power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!*

*Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,*

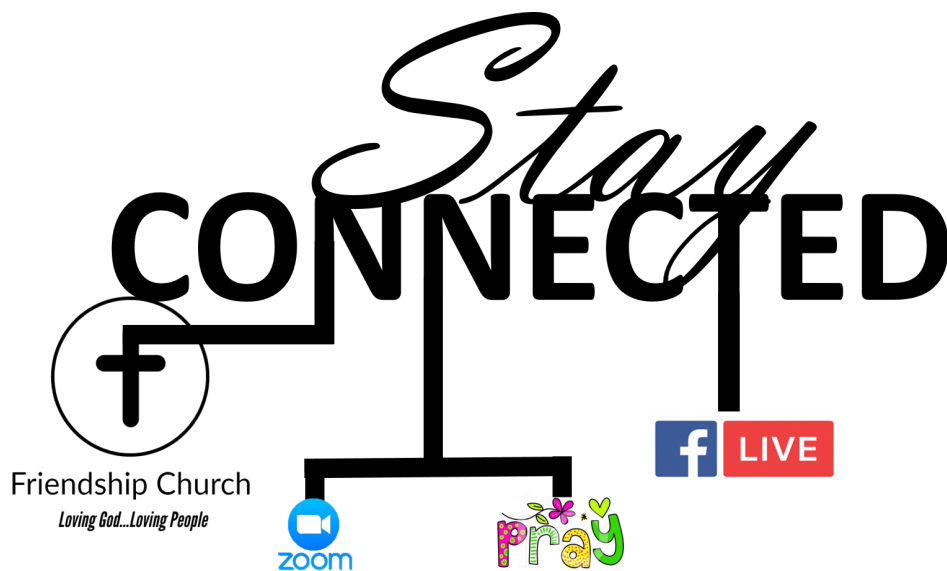
*And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"*

*And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave*

*O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

May it be so, we pray! Thank you Lord for Your sovereignty and providence!  
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 Crucified"** - [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

November 1 – Brad Ellison

## Friendship Attendance, Oct 11

Small group Bible study - 41

Celebration worship - 76

## Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Oct. 11—\$5,185.87



### 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

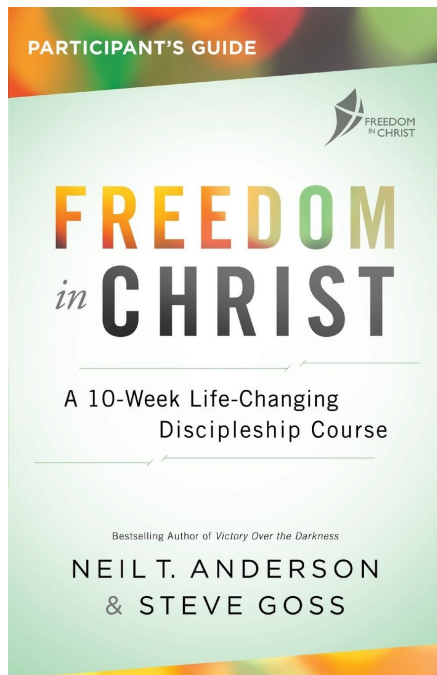


**Online giving is easier than ever!**

[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!

**Wednesday, Nov 4 at 6pm**

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

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

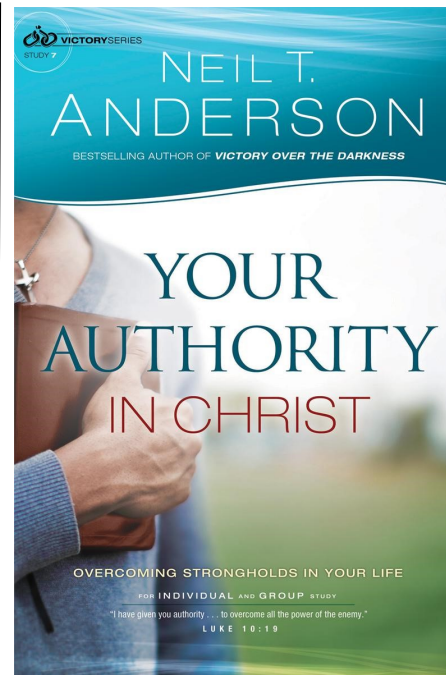
- how we became brand-new people from the inside out when

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, Nov 5, 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



### GRATITUDE PRACTICE IS EASY, HEARTWARMING AND FUN TO DO HERE ARE SOME IDEAS

Looking for a great way to help kids slow down and think about all the things they can be grateful for?

Here's the perfect mindfulness activity for Thanksgiving or a rainy day. It's called the **gratitude tree**. I love the chance to count my blessings, and it's a fun activity to do with your child or grandchild.

#### The gratitude tree activity teaches children to:

*appreciate the small things in life,  
be grateful for everything they have,  
be mindful of the things that are going right in their lives  
and the people they hold closest to their hearts.*

It even comes with [science-backed benefits](#). According to research, [gratitude practice](#) decreases stress and negative thinking as it increases happiness and social intelligence. How about that? You can go from spending your day wallowing in negative thoughts to actually immersing yourself in life's joys. This might all sound a little lofty, but it's true. There is so much good in each day, but we are usually just too distracted to see it.

Spend some time talking about gratitude with your child or grandchild and think about all the blessings in your lives. Tell your kids about lessons your parents taught you that you are grateful for today. See if it becomes a new family tradition in your home.

Here's how to do this activity>> <https://bit.ly/3d510Ov>

Here's another fun activity that encourages children to notice people and things to be thankful for. It's called **GRATITUDE SCAVENGER HUNT**. Print or write out the list below. As you drive around or while you go about your day check off the things you observe.

Then go through the list and invite all family members to display and talk about what and whom they are thankful for and why.

1. Find something outside you enjoy looking at.
2. Find something that is useful for you.
3. Find something that is your favorite color.



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

4. Find something you know someone else will enjoy.
5. Find something that makes you happy.
6. Find something that tastes good.
7. Find something that smells amazing.
8. Find something that you can't live without.
9. Find something that makes you feel safe
10. Find something that makes a beautiful sound.
11. Find someone you are grateful for.
12. Find something that makes you laugh.



## Start a Family Gratitude Jar

Have a conversation about gratitude. Model by sharing something you're grateful for, and explain why you have gratitude for that particular thing. Stress the importance of showing gratitude for non-material items (instead, model by showing your gratitude for another person, opportunity or experience). Write your gratitude sentence on an index card or small piece of paper. After you've shown him what to do, tell the child it's his turn.

If he needs assistance writing, help by giving him a sentence starter. For example, you can write something such as, "Today, I'm grateful for \_\_\_\_\_." and have him fill in the blank. Place the note in the **Family Gratitude Jar** and watch the gratitude jar fill up over the month of November. Bring the full jar to Thanksgiving dinner and read the cards out loud—it's fun to lay all the cards out and revisit each one as a family.

To help him put it into practice, ask your child to try recall three things he is thankful for the next time he is sad, afraid or angry. Ask him to notice how thinking about those things makes him feel. Are those thoughts comforting? It's likely he'll say yes.

Blessings, Mary Ann

