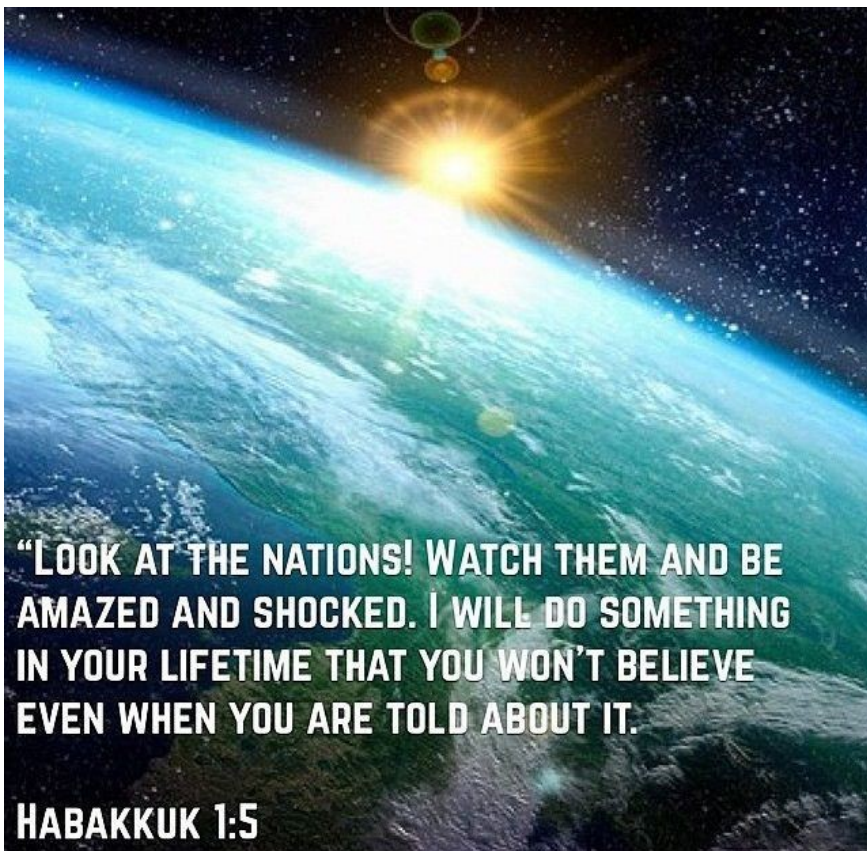




Friendship Church  
Loving God...Loving People

## FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

November 6, 2020



**"LOOK AT THE NATIONS! WATCH THEM AND BE AMAZED AND SHOCKED. I WILL DO SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFETIME THAT YOU WON'T BELIEVE EVEN WHEN YOU ARE TOLD ABOUT IT.**

**HABAKKUK 1:5**

## Indoor Church & Small Groups

Sunday November 8, 2020 — 9:30 AM

Small Groups — 10:30 Church Service

## From Pastor Mike...

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These are interesting days we live in! As we watch what is happening around us, we must ask these questions, "What are You doing God? Where are You at work? What is Your will for us in these days?" Remember this: God is still on His throne. God is where He has always been. He has a plan and it is a good plan. Wait for it...

***"God is never in a hurry, but He is also never late."***

Remember, He is God and we are not. His plans do not center around us or our nation. In **Isaiah 55:8**, God tells us, *"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways."* Our job is to trust our Heavenly Father – His job is to accomplish His will on planet Earth.

So, what should be our response to this? Well, first, we need to **relax**. God has got this! We are commanded over 366 times in Scripture – "Do not fear!" Abba Father told us in **Habakkuk 1:5**, *"Look at the nations and watch - and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."*

Second, we need to **wait**. Be patient and pray. When God wants to open a door, believe me, it will be a door no man can shut. When God wants to close a door, no man will be able to open it. Remember **Isaiah 40:31**: *"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."*

Finally, we need to daily be on our knees **praying**! The 18<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke begins with these words: *"We should always pray and not give up!"* Be persistent! There is an epic battle being fought in the spiritual realm, and you play an important role through your faithfulness to pray and intercede. Jesus said in **Luke 18:8**: *"When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"* In other words, when Jesus comes soon for His bride, will He find us praying in faith, believing that He hears us?

Relax, wait, and pray! And watch what God is about to do!

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 Resurrected*" - [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 11 – Lyn Coleman  
November 12 – Nancy Skaggs  
November 12 – Roman Hoplight  
November 13 – Donald Tippet  
November 14 – Crislyn Cooley-Haynes

## Friendship Attendance, Oct 11

Small group Bible study - 48  
Celebration worship - 85

## Tithes & Offering

Sunday, Oct. 11—\$3,466.13

**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**

A banner for the Thanksgiving Offering. It features a decorative border at the top and bottom with autumn leaves in shades of green, orange, and red. The title "Thanksgiving Offering" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script in the center. Below the title, the text "2020 Thanksgiving Offering" is followed by a paragraph about praying and giving for the Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries. A bulleted list of ministries is provided, followed by a paragraph about learning more and a link to the website. The final paragraph encourages giving and mentions the amount given last year.

## Thanksgiving Offering

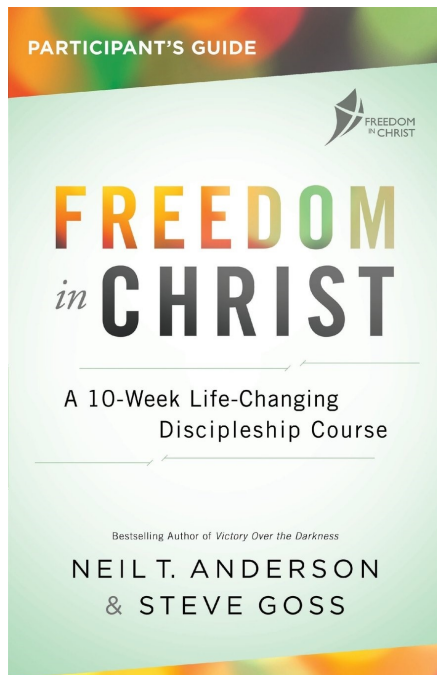
2020 Thanksgiving Offering

Join us in praying and giving for the Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries. Each year at Thanksgiving, we commit to pray for the many ministries of the ABCH including:

- Arkansas Baptist Homes for Children
- Arkansas Baptist Ranch
- Connected Foster Care
- Desired Haven Family Care
- And Living Well Counseling

To learn more about the Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries, visit <https://arkansasfamilies.org>

Last year, Friendship gave a little over \$1,500 to these ministries. Pray and ask the Lord how you can help exceed this amount this year. It is the season of Thanksgiving – let's be generous!



## 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:

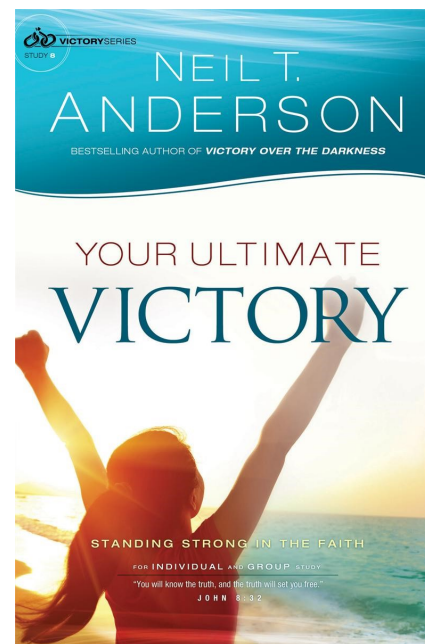
- how we became brand-new people from the inside out when

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 8—"Your Ultimate Victory"**

**Session One:** The Battle for our Minds

**Location:** Zoom

**Date:** Thursday, Nov 5, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 PM

Become Equipped to Withstand the Enemy

In Your Ultimate Victory Dr. Neil

Anderson shows you how to win the battle for your mind and stand strong in the faith.

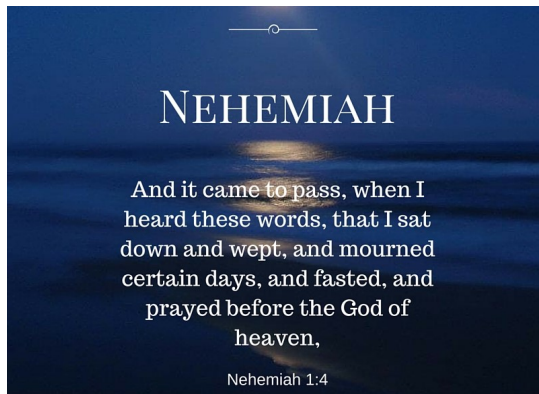
"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood" (Ephesians 6:12)--rather, it is against things unseen, things often kept secret out of fear and shame.

In Your Ultimate Victory, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to win the battle for your mind and stand strong in the faith. In this last of eight Victory Series studies, you will learn how Satan attempts to influence your mind and how he tries to lure people with false knowledge and power. You will explore the tactics he has used from the beginning and how you can overcome his temptations, accusations, and deceptions. You will discover how to identify false teachers and false prophets and how to resist demonic influence, possession, bondage, and control.



## 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



## Nehemiah 4

... **4** Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. **5** Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders. ... **9** But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat... **14** After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes." **15** When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to our own work. **20** Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!"



## Cultivating Thankfulness In Our Children

written by Jill Nelson

Imagine giving your children a beautifully wrapped package. They eagerly tear off the wrapping to find the treasures inside. What do they find? Simple cards with

these words: *A breath, A heartbeat, Air, Sunshine, Rain, A glass of water, A piece of bread...*

What might their reaction be? Would a smile come to their faces? Confusion?

Disappointment? Complaints? Yet each of the cards should be a humble and joyful reminder of the daily, and even moment-by-moment, generous and gracious provision of God.

***...he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.***

**—Acts 17:25b**

***The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.***

**—Psalm 145:9**

Every person's response should be,

***...I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.***

**—Psalm 9:1**

But how often do we actually "give thanks to the LORD"? How often do our children hear it from our lips? Will they grow up to be men and women who give heartfelt thanks to God?

*We live in a culture where there is a spirit of entitlement—where we think we deserve all of these great things. If something doesn't go our way, we feel like we've been robbed and deprived. And even when a person gets what they think they're already entitled to, they're not grateful for it. After all, "I deserved it!"*

*In contrast, Puritan pastor Richard Baxter wrote, "Resolve to spend most of your time in thanksgiving and praising God. If you cannot do it with the joy that you should, yet do it as you can...Doing it as you can is the way to be able to do it better. Thanksgiving stirreth up thankfulness in the heart."*

Baxter is right—expressing gratitude makes a grateful heart. Children who learn to say thanks become more thankful.

Gratitude is a wonderful perspective-shaping habit. ([\*"Combating the Spirit of Entitlement with Gratitude,"\*](#) [www.epm.org](http://www.epm.org))

***GRATITUDE TURNS WHAT WE  
HAVE INTO ENOUGH.***



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

Some of our teenage girls have had fun practicing and performing **Thankful, Grateful, and Appreciate** with the puppets. They are Haley Shrum, Shelby Bilbrey, Isabelle Tippet, Cristlyn Cooley Haynes, Jael Holcomb, and Jenna Reynolds. I appreciate Jenny Shrum and Lyn Coleman, the adult leaders, that have been helping me. This group of girls meet Wednesday evenings for Bible Study.



Blessings, Mary Ann

