




Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

November 19, 2021

From Pastor Mike...



*"In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus concerning you."*

I Thessalonians 5:18,

Ravensbruck was known as one of the worst German concentration camps during World War II. When Corrie ten Boom and her sister Betsie found themselves imprisoned there, they were disgusted to discover that their barracks were infested with fleas. When Corrie began to complain, Betsie insisted that they instead give thanks, quoting **I Thessalonians 5:18**, *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* With some persuasion, Corrie finally joined her sister in thanking God for the fleas.

Several months later, the two sisters expressed their surprise that the camp guards had never come back to their barracks to disrupt or prevent the evening Bible studies they held for their fellow prisoners. It was then that Corrie realized that the very fleas which she had so despised had actually been a God-sent protection from the cruel guards.

This illustration is what we might call, "a blessing in disguise." Sometimes, unanswered prayers are actually gifts from God. Many times, we think we know best, but the truth is, our good, good Father knows what is the very best! Here is what we know for sure – God wants us to give thanks in every thing. Notice, it doesn't say that we give thanks for everything, as some things are evil in this fallen world. But we can rejoice and give thanks in everything, because the same God who never fails will not fail us now!

May you be blessed beyond measure this Thanksgiving – and remember to give thanks in every thing!

I love you all,
Pastor Mike

**In person and Facebook
Live Church Service**

Small Groups

Sunday November 21, 2021

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

Attendance—November 14

Sunday Worship: 94

Sunday School: 70

Tithes & Offerings

General Offering: \$4,891.03

Birthdays

Nov 23—Roberta Moore

Nov 24—Rhonda Barkey

Anniversaries

Nov 23—David & Debbie

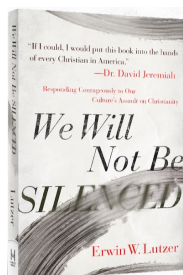
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OTHER
SMALL
GROUP BIBLE
STUDIES

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, Nov 21		Set up fellowship hall at conclusion of service for potluck
Tuesday, Nov 23	6:30pm	Annual Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday, Nov. 24		NO SERVICES—OFFICE Closed
Thursday, Nov 25		THANKSGIVING DAY – offices closed
Sunday, Nov 28	10:30am	Week of Prayer for International Missions – Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
	Noon	Soup/Chili Potluck Fellowship
Wednesday, Dec 1		Deadline to bring items for blessing baskets
Saturday, Dec 4	9:00 am	Women's Brunch, Blessing Baskets and Church Decoration
Sunday, Dec 12	6:00pm	Ministry Team Leader Meeting – 2021 Budget
Tuesday, Dec 14	6:00 pm	Man Cave Men's Fellowship at the Brinkman's
Friday, Dec 24	5:00pm	Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY

At 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Fall 2021 Sunday School 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 God's perspective on what it means to live out the gospel in a meaningful way every day

Session 1: Joy in Prayer—Phil. 1:1-11

Need encouragement and strength?

Join us Sunday evenings

at 6 PM on Zoom

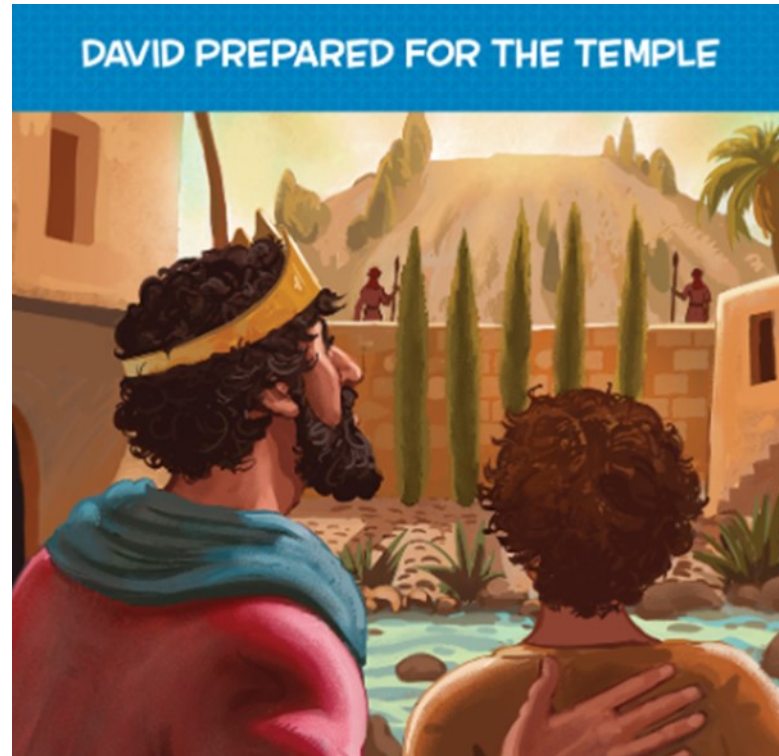
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Newsletter Nov. 19

In this week's lesson we learn that David had a plan to build a magnificent temple for God in Jerusalem; however, God told David, "No."



God would not allow David to build the temple because David had killed so many people during all the wars he fought. God wanted a man of peace to build His temple, not a man of war. God would allow David's son Solomon to build the temple instead (1 Chron. 22:6-10).

This must have been disappointing to David, but it did not mean that his story was over or that he could no longer serve and honor God. Instead, David could continue to honor God in other ways. David honored God through his hard work preparing for the temple.

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

In your life, things may not always go as you expect. You may have a plan to serve God in some way, but God may tell you “no.” As you follow God, it might seem like God wants you to do something, but then He might want you to do something different. Sometimes it can be difficult to understand God’s plan. This can be discouraging or disappointing, but it does not mean your story is over. If you are having a hard time understanding God’s plan for your life right now, try not to focus on what you cannot do. Instead, focus on the opportunities around you. What can you do for God right now where you are? Work diligently to honor Him in every season and by whatever means you are able.

As we think about Thanksgiving next week, thank God for all the opportunities He has given you to trust Him more.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.



We are looking forward to having more children and family events. But, we need more volunteers. Would you consider helping us out once a month on Wednesday’s and/or Sundays? Pray about it, and let me know.

Blessings, Mary Ann

