

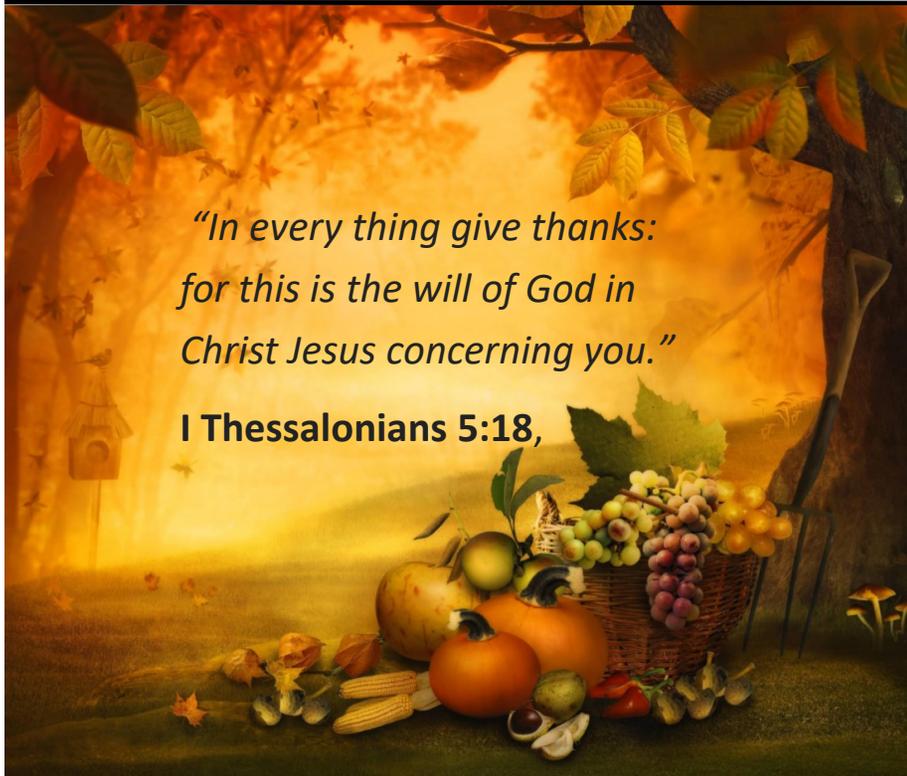


Friendship Church  
*Loving God...Loving People*

# FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

November 26, 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,**

**In person and Facebook  
Live Church Service  
Small Groups  
Sunday November 28, 2021**

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

My prayer for you is that you are having a blessed time of Thanksgiving with family and friends. **James 1:17** tells us, *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*

Every blessing, every gift, comes from our good, good Father! I am reminded of **I Timothy 6:17** which says, *"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."* God is so gracious and richly pours out blessings for us to enjoy.

So, what should be our response to all these manifold blessings and gifts from God? Paul tells us in **I Timothy 6:18-19**: *"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."* It is truly more blessed to give than receive. Remember, you have been blessed to be a blessing! Who can you bless today?

Happy Thanksgiving – I love you all,  
Pastor Mike

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Attendance—November 21**  
 Sunday Worship: 104  
 Sunday School: 73

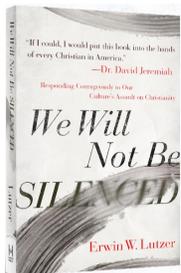
**Tithes & Offerings**  
 General Offering: \$3,768.85

**Birthdays**  
 Nov 29—Aaron Hurbines  
 Dec 2—Tara Hooper  
 Dec 3—Angie Gary  
 Dec 4—Liz Oetting

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.

Date	Time	Event
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

#### ZOOM link for PRAYER MEETING:

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

ID: 862 2335 2309

Passcode: 553985

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

### Preparing Our Hearts for Christmas

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. It is a time for making room and preparing our hearts to treasure Christ. We know all too well what it is like for December to blur by and to arrive on the doorstep of Christmas as another exhausted casualty of our busy lifestyles.

Think of ways you can slow down each day and cultivate worshipful anticipation through the Advent season. For families, observing Advent together might just be the perfect time to rekindle the fire of family devotions, or light them up for the very first time. There are lots of resources out there to help you with this. I will never forget my mom teaching children in her preschool to act out the Christmas story found in Luke 2:1-20. Every year the children would take on the roles of the characters in the story. As she read from the Bible, the children acted out each scene. By the time Christmas came around, each child had most of the passage memorized without even realizing it.

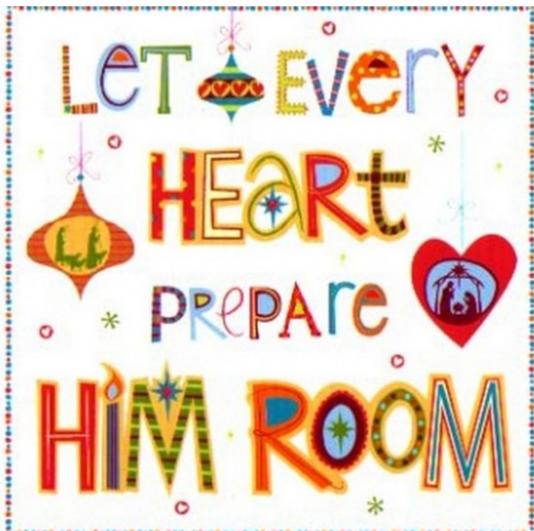
I didn't think about it at the time, but she was giving them a precious gift. The Word of God hidden in their hearts.

How many of us can recite the lines to "The Night Before Christmas", but not the verses of the Christmas story found in the Bible? Although "The Night Before Christmas," may be read in homes across America more often than Luke 2:1-20, it can never compare with the true meaning of Christmas: the celebration of Christ's birth.

Why not start a new tradition this Advent season with your family by memorizing Luke 2:1-20 together? With younger kids, have them draw the scenes, or let them use the pieces from a "kid friendly" Nativity scene to act out the story as you read it out loud from the Bible. Older kids can try to memorize a few verses each day.

Let the words of scripture, dwell in your heart and your children's hearts this Christmas.

December will be busy. But it doesn't have to be a blur. Let's begin preparing room in our hearts this Advent Season for Immanuel—the God who is with us.



Blessings, Mary Ann



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## OPEN HOUSE



December 12, 2021

2 P.M. - 4 P.M.

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- HOT COCOA -  
APPETIZERS - TOUR OF HOME

