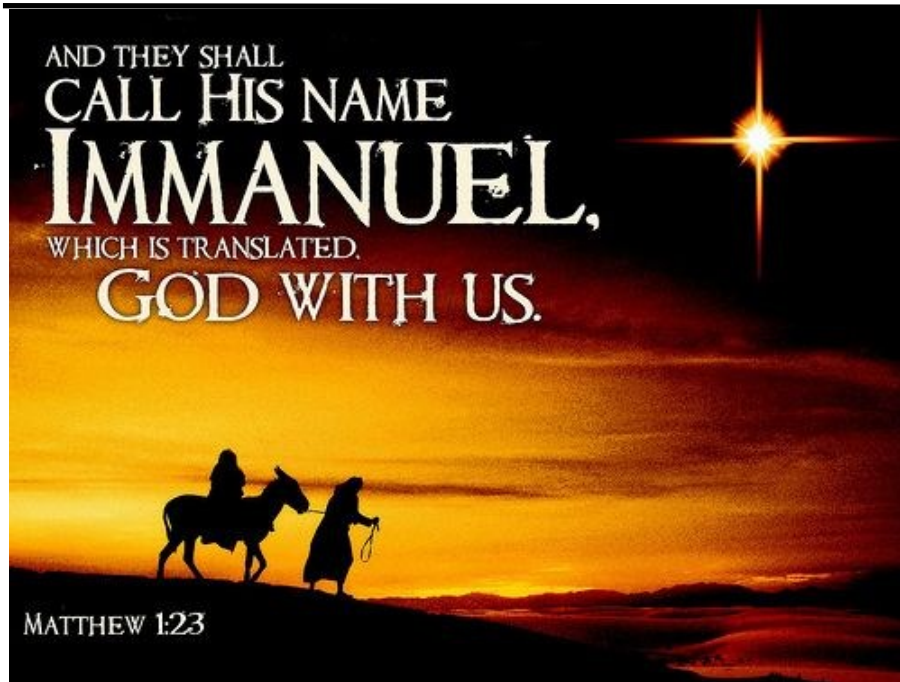


Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

December 3, 2021

From Pastor Mike...



As Christmastime approaches, we must remember the real Reason for the season. It is not a mere “holiday” as secularists promote. It is Christmas and you cannot have Christmas without CHRIST!

Christmas is about God, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. **(John 3:16)** Jesus is the Son of God who came into the world to give the greatest gift of all to mankind – salvation, redemption and forgiveness for sin. Our greatest need was met through the greatest expression of love ever known.

Darkness came to light – God became flesh and dwelt among us. He is Immanuel which means, “God with us.” Not only did God come to us, but He came to live *in* us through faith in Christ. Jesus said, “*I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness.*” **John 12:46**

So there you have it – JESUS is all the reason for this season. Be sure and thank God today for sending His Son into the world. Without Him there is no Christmas.

I love you all,
Pastor Mike

**In person and Facebook
Live Church Service
Small Groups**

Sunday December 5, 2021

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

Attendance—November 28

Sunday Worship: 100

Sunday School: 59

Tithes & Offerings

General Offering: \$4,656.86

Birthdays

12/5—Kira Hibbs

12/6—Dillon Sowell

12/8—David Tubbs

12/8—Jimmy Adamson

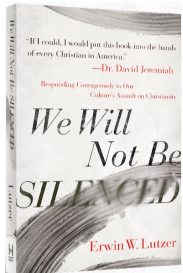
12/10—Ariana Palmer

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
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

Need encouragement and strength?

Join us Sunday evenings

at 6 PM on Zoom

ZOOM link for PRAYER MEETING:[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223352309?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223352309?pwd=NEpmdjBvby9nS1hsK3Z1S3hBMVVPZz09)[pwd=NEpmdjBvby9nS1hsK3Z1S3hBMVVPZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223352309?pwd=NEpmdjBvby9nS1hsK3Z1S3hBMVVPZz09)

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Newsletter December 3

Imagine if you suddenly lost the ability to speak. That would cause many problems!

In our lesson this week, Zechariah did not have to imagine losing his voice—it was his reality. When Zechariah did not believe the angel and the news that Zechariah would have a son, he was unable to speak until his son was born. This must have been very challenging and frustrating! When Zechariah obeyed and named his son John, his voice returned.

Zechariah's silence is a reminder that we can trust God. When God says He will do something, we can trust Him to do it, no matter how difficult or incredible.

This lesson is also a reminder that we should always obey and follow God's plan. There may be times in life when we want other things, and there may even be times when following God is difficult, but we can trust that God's plan is always best.

Thank God, for always being faithful. Ask Him to help us trust Him at all times, even when it is difficult. And to give us strength to obey and follow Him when we don't understand.

"His name is John." Suddenly Zechariah could speak again and he said these things about John, "He will be called a prophet of the Most High. He will go before the Lord to prepare a way for Him. He will help people understand salvation through the forgiveness of their sins." Then Zechariah made this promise about Jesus. "Because God is merciful and compassionate, the dawn from on high will come to us. He will shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death. He will guide our feet into the way of peace."
Luke 1:57-80

Winter 2021-22 Sunday School Study:

Ezekiel and Daniel

Each of these books emphasizes the sovereignty of God and the hope He provides for those who are faithful to Him. The prophecies of Ezekiel underscore the dangers of rejecting God; but they also remind us that He is always at work, bringing life and redemption to His people in their most difficult times. Daniel records narratives that highlight the power of faithfulness, along with a series of apocalyptic dreams that reveal God's sovereign control over nations and events—past present, and future.

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2 P.M. - 4 P.M.

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APPETIZERS - TOUR OF HOME

