



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

December 24, 2021

From Pastor Mike...



Jesus first came to earth as a baby – soon, He will return as Reigning King. Are you ready?

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME (Source unknown)

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be The Day!

The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in
His Hand

Was written the name of every saved
man.

He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said "It's not here" My head hung in shame!

The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long, and this sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after ALL!

I love you all,
Pastor Mike

**In person and Facebook
Live Church Service**

Small Groups

Sunday December 26, 2021

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Friday, December 24	5:00pm	Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, January 9	Noon	Churchwide Potluck Fellowship Meal
Sunday, January 9	1:00pm	Winter Family Forum
Sunday, January 23	10:30am	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
Sunday, January 30	6:00pm	Fifth Sunday Ministry Nite and Lord's Supper
Saturday, February 12	5:00pm	Valentine Dinner & Silent Auction (Mission trip fundraiser)
Sunday, February 13		Super Bowl Sunday Fellowships
Monday, February 14		VALENTINES DAY
Sunday, March 6	10:30am	Week of Prayer for North American Missions (Annie Armstrong Offering)
Sunday, March 13		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
Saturday, April 9		One Day Serve Local – Mission Springdale
Sunday, April 10	6:00pm	Spring Family Forum
Sunday, April 17	10:30am	RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Winter 2021 Sunday School Study:

Ezekiel; Daniel

God doesn't just want us to read His Word, He wants us to know it and live its truth. That's why Explore the Bible: Adults takes groups book by book through Scripture, framing every passage in its appropriate biblical and cultural context. This winter, we are studying the Books of Ezekiel and Daniel. From familiar stories that have been cherished for generations to intriguing visions of the end times, each book offers its own unique perspective on how God works among His people and how He steadfastly reigns as Lord of all. (13 sessions)

Session 3: Judges—Ezekiel 20:1-14

Attendance—December 19

Sunday Worship: 99

Sunday School: 72

Tithes & Offerings

General Offering: \$3,959.75

Birthdays

Dec 28—Mary Treat

Dec 30—Keith Oetting

Jan 1—Julia Bingham

Anniversaries

Dec 29—Allen & Nancy Davidson

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Various ladies small group studies meet throughout the week at different locations and times. Please see Pam Syputt for information.

Need encouragement and strength?

Join us Sunday evenings

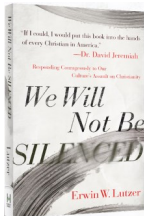
at 6 PM on Zoom

ZOOM link for PRAYER MEETING:

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WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY

At 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Together.

WE REACH THE NATIONS

2021 GOAL
\$185
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2021 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24
5pm

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Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News

“Friendship Kids celebrating Christmas with a Happy Birthday Jesus Party.”



The Birth of Jesus

When Jesus was born, Mary swaddled Him, or wrapped Him up snugly in cloth, and placed Him in a manger. Jesus is 100% God, and when He came to earth, He also became 100% human. This means that Jesus had needs just like any new baby. He needed food, shelter, comfort, and care.

When babies are born, they are completely vulnerable and dependent. This means that babies rely completely on other people—they cannot do anything for themselves. Isn't it an incredible thought to realize that Jesus was in the same moment a vulnerable, helpless baby, and also the all-powerful King of the universe?!

Only God could accomplish something so amazing and so unimaginable. The birth of any new baby is a precious gift and blessing, but the birth of Jesus was the most special gift we could ever receive.

Jesus came to be our Savior, Messiah, and Lord. No wonder everyone who heard this news was amazed!

Read Philippians 2:5-11. This passage is a type of hymn that Paul wrote as an expression of praise. It paints a beautiful picture of the way Jesus humbled Himself by taking on humanity, and it also explains how God subsequently exalted Jesus as Lord over all. Reflect on this passage this week as you continue to marvel at the birth of our Savior.

Pray:

Jesus, thank You for coming to earth to rescue us. Even though You are greater than we can think or imagine, thank You for humbling Yourself and becoming a man. You are Lord and King over all. Help me honor You as Lord and King in my heart and life. Amen

Blessings, Mary Ann

