

Friendship Church  
*Loving God...Loving People*

# FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

December 31, 2021

From Pastor Mike...



Happy New Year! As we begin 2022, a question comes to mind? Is this the year of the Lord's return? Is this the year of the great outpouring of God's Spirit as promised in Joel 2:28? Is this the year of the rapture of the Bride of Christ? We are told to keep our eyes on the Eastern skies – *"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."* **Luke 21:28**

We know that God is not limited by time as we are. To Him, a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day (II Peter 3:8). He is never in a hurry, and He is never late. Our job is not to know the date and hour, but rather, our job is to be obedient to make Him known in a lost and dying world. Our job is to trust and obey and be ready!

One thing we know for sure – He who promised is faithful and able! When the fulness of time comes, John writes: *"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see him as He is."* **1 John 3:2**

Keep singing, "Soon and very soon!" We are one year closer and one day closer to the One who will make all things new (**Revelation 21:5**). May we all be found living, looking, loving and sounding more like Jesus in 2022. Maranatha!

I love you all,  
Pastor Mike



In person and Facebook  
Live Church Service

Small Groups

Sunday January 2, 2022

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

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
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 5: Ezekiel 28:11-19, 25-26

## Tithes & Offerings—December 26

General Offering: \$3,467.35

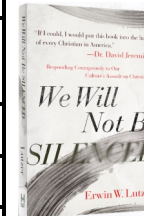
### Birthdays

Jan 3—Thomas Ellison

Jan 6—Dave Brinkman

Jan 6—Deanne Bowles

## WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY



At 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

## SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

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

## 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>

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### *Tidbits from Diane Moss-*

Col. 1:27 "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the *hope* of glory".

Paul was a prisoner as he penned his letter to the believers at Colosse. He was never concerned for his own needs, but always thinking of the needs of others and encouraging them in their walk with Christ.

I really like Col 2:2 where Paul goes on to encourage with these words "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love". Together we create a beautiful tapestry or a watercolor on canvas!

"Lord, am I reflecting your glory today"? Is my hope anchored in you today? If not, why not? Some day, my hope in Jesus may be all that I have to hold on to.

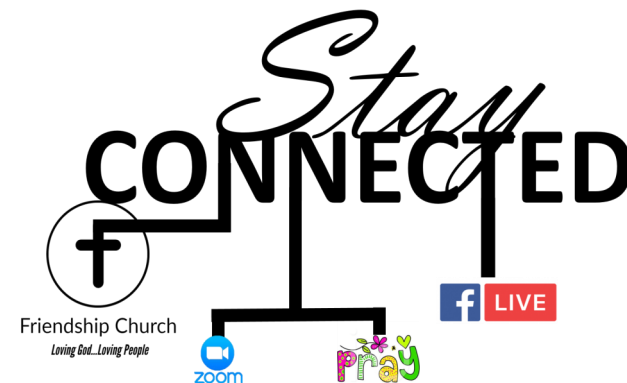


## Desired Haven Family Care Ministry Opportunity

There is an expectant mom with several needs.

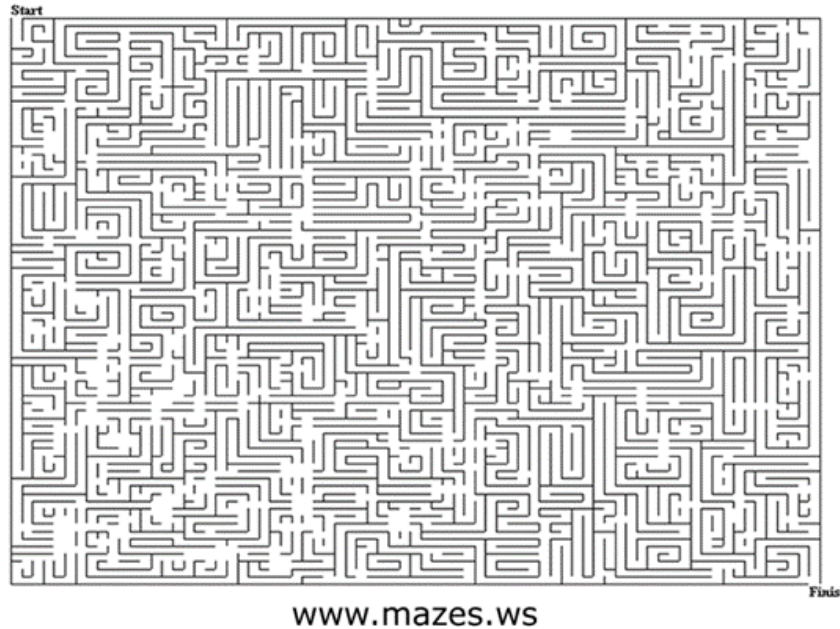
- Car seat/stroller
- Crib or bassinet
- Bottles/bottle brush
- Burp cloths
- Pacifiers
- Monitor
- Swaddle blankets
- Wipes
- Diapers
- Baby shampoo/body wash
- Diaper cream

If you would like to contribute, please see Cheryl McCoy or Starlyn Danley.



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

*Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21*



A puzzle like this can be very difficult -- and sometimes it can be pretty frustrating. Traveling through a maze, you will often have to change the direction you are going. You may often find that the path you have chosen leads you to a dead end. When this happens, you just have to back up and start again. When the puzzle gets too difficult, you may need to ask someone to help you. Even though finding the right path that leads to the finish may be difficult, you will have a feeling of satisfaction when you finally reach your goal.

This week we are beginning the year 2022. I believe that God has a plan for each of us for this year. He has a path that He wants us to follow, and He wants us to be successful in reaching the goal that He has for us. As we face each new day of this year and try to follow the path that God wants us to follow, we may find that it is a lot like trying to solve one of these puzzles.

We may often face difficult choices in deciding what God wants us to do. We may have to make frequent changes in the direction we are going. Sometimes we may find that we have made a wrong choice and we have traveled down a dead end path. When that happens, we have to back up and start over again!

Following the will of God for our lives is not always easy, but there is help available. God is always there to help us if we will just ask Him to guide us. In the book of Isaiah, God told His people, "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" God is still there! He is still behind us saying, "This is the way, walk in it." We just need to be sure that we are listening!  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Lord, as we travel through this year, we ask you to help us to follow the plan that you have for our life. When we don't know which way to turn, help us to listen for your voice as you give us direction. Amen.