

I want to use this space to say how awesome I think the Friendship Family is. You guys have gone above and beyond this summer. It has been so amazing to watch you let God use you to make an impact in the lives of the people in our community.

This summer we have held a couple of different events to reach out into our community. During those we saw over 100 families. At the block party alone we had over 20 new VBS registrations. Then of course we had our wonderful week of Bible school where we had more than 100 kids and youth who came and heard about Jesus.

All of those things happened because you are willing to let God use you to make a difference.

I am thankful for the Children's team who have helped behind the scenes. I am thankful for the evangelism team who met families at the park to share the gospel with them. I am thankful for some amazing VBS directors who have worked for months to create a place where Children could hear the gospel and respond to it. I am thankful for the VBS teachers and workers who have given of their lives to come and create a place where kids could meet Jesus. I am thankful for the volunteers who stood out in the hot sun and passed out golf clubs and food or who spent an hour perched on top of a giant slide to make sure no one got hurt. I am thankful for so many people who simply said, "What do you need?" and were willing to step up and make a difference.

In short, I am thankful, so thankful for our Friendship Family. You guys have gone above and beyond this summer and I am count it pure joy that I get to work along side of you to share the Gospel.

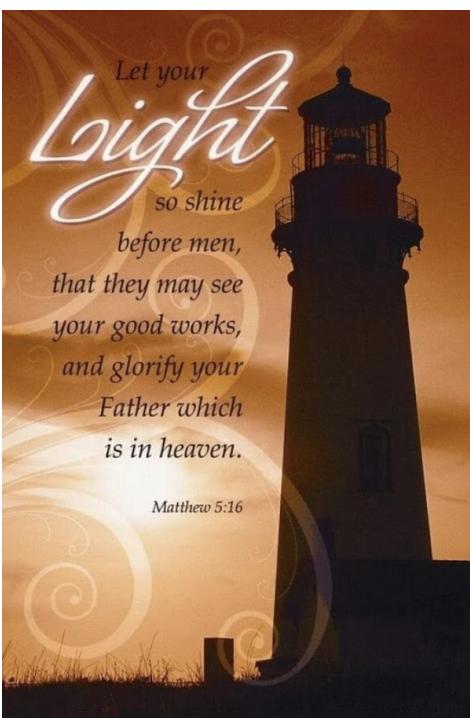
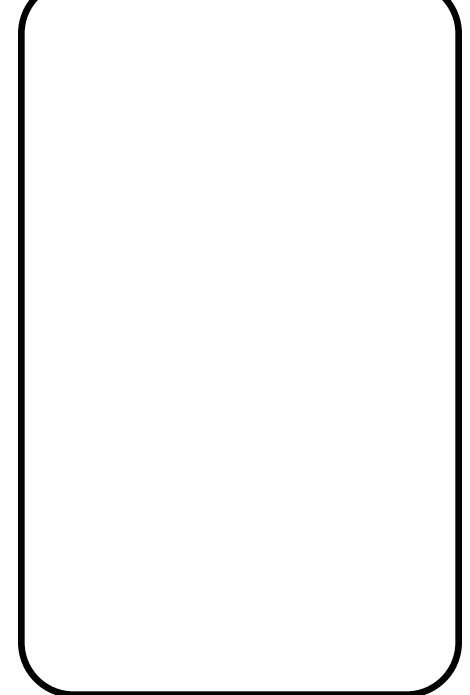
Now with all of that said, we are not finished yet. God has brought a whole bunch of kids to Friendship and now we get the privilege of teaching them and sharing the love of Jesus with them. I know that you are as excited as I am to see where God is leading us next and I know that you are ready to step up and help just as you always have been.

So what are our next steps:

- 1) Pray. Pray that God will continue to bring people to Friendship and that God will show us where He is at work.
- 2) Volunteer. I am praying every day that God brings new families and new children to our church. This will require more help and volunteers in our children's ministry. We need you to continue to be the awesome Friendship Family that you are and be ready to share Jesus with these children.
- 3) Be Flexible. As we grow things always get a little crazy and confusing. So in these next few months, be willing to do things a little different. Give up your seat in the sanctuary for a new family. Smile when a child is being a child (even if it is in the middle of the sermon). Be willing to step up and help whenever you are needed.

I am praying that God will continue to use this church to make an impact in our community for the Kingdom, and I can't think of any other group of people I would rather stand beside than the Friendship Family in order to make that happen.

Shane



Weekly Activities

SUNDAY

Sunday School - 9:30 am
Worship - 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Evening Worship - 6:00 pm
Children's Bible Study - 6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study - 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 6:30 pm
Youth Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Kids Choir - 6:30 pm

Welcome to our New Members

Ken & Joyce Hines

so glad you are here.

Phone: 270.534.1900
www.friendshiponthenet.org
www.facebook.com/friendshiponthenet
Dr. Jason Browning, Pastor
Rev. Shane Yancey,
Minister to Students & Children
Rev. Chad Davidson,
Minister of Music & Worship

Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 300,570
Received to Date: \$ 299,002

Nursery Volunteers

August 7

8:15 a.m. — Amanda Triplett
10:45 a.m. — Spencer & Melissa Hawkins

August 14

8:15 a.m. — Tori Ramsdell
10:45 a.m. — Carol & Lakyn Fields
Gene & Deborah Reaney

August 21

8:15 a.m. — Nancy Bruce & Masami Smith
10:45 a.m. — Michael & Melissa Myers
Kathy Goodman & Kathy Baucum

August 28

8:15 a.m. — Craig & LeeAnn Brown
10:45 a.m. — Meredith Yancey



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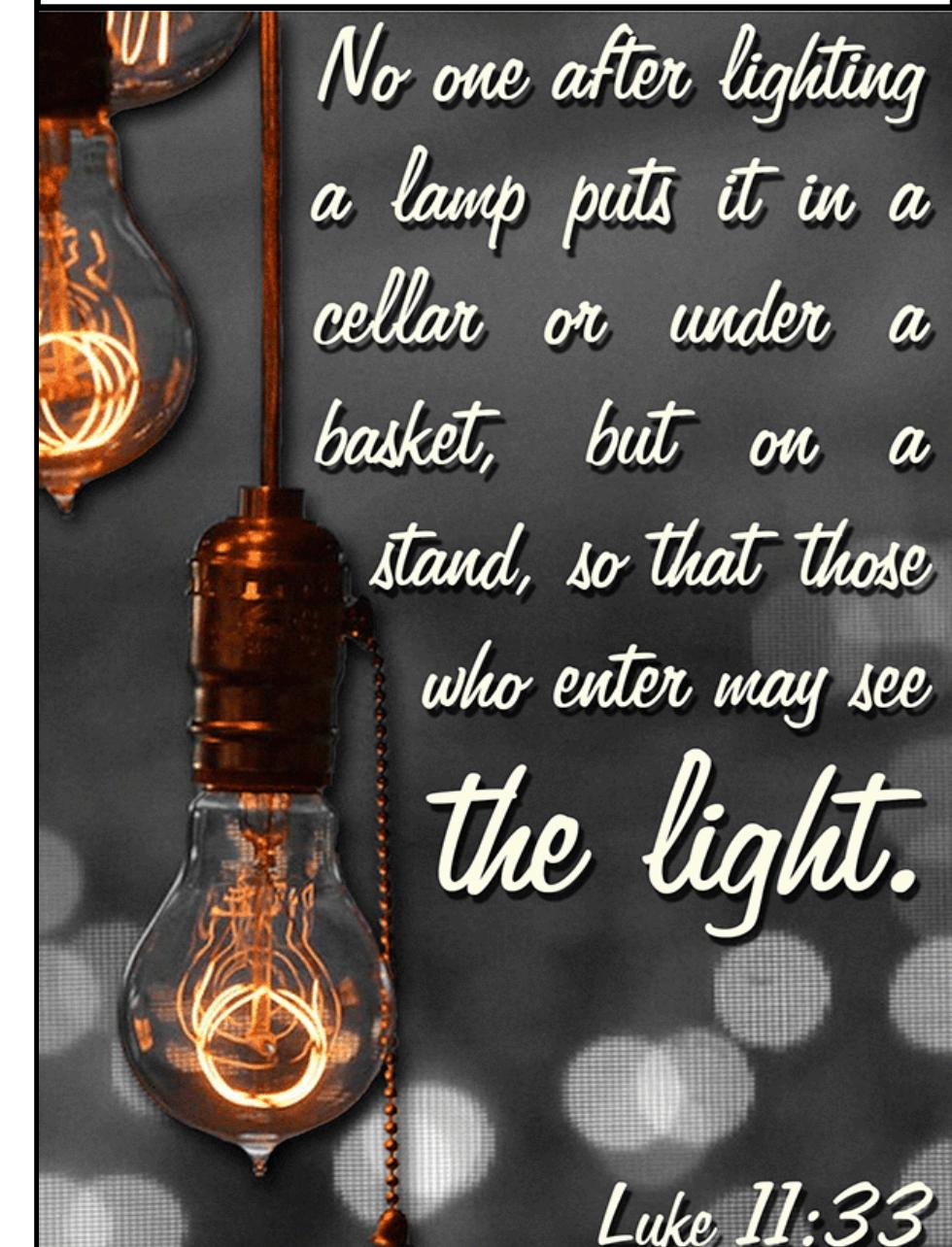
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"But Jesus said,
'Let the children come to Me.
Don't stop them!
For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs
to those who are like these children.'"
(Matthew 19:14)

As I am writing this article, we have completed three amazing days of Vacation Bible School and we have two more nights to go. We have been blessed with so many children and youth participating in VBS this year. Our attendance has approached 100 students.

In addition to great student participation, I am also thankful for our VBS volunteers. We have over 65 adults who are serving in VBS this week. This is just one of several factors that make Friendship a unique church family. Our volunteers are well-prepared and have done an incredible job as students learn more about God through worship, Bible study, music, crafts, and missions.

I know the week has been long and demanding for all. I trust many of you are tired and will benefit from some much needed rest. But the reason we serve in VBS each year is because we want children and youth to experience new life in Christ. The next few weeks will continue to be busy as our staff follows-up with several students who made a decision to follow Christ this week. In addition, our staff and Operation Andrew teams will be visiting unchurched families. Please continue praying for our staff and Operation Andrew teams as we reach out to prospective families.

Friendship Family, thanks for your faithfulness in praying and serving during VBS. You have made a tremendous difference in the lives of others!

God is good! All the time!

Jason

Small Group Bible Studies

Join us on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. for Adult Small Group Bible Studies, beginning August 21 through September 25. Class options will be available soon in the bulletin.

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events:

- August 21 — Small Group Bible Studies Begin
- August 28 — Ice Cream Fellowship
- September 7 — Ministry Team Night
- October 23 — Labor for Your Neighbor
- October 30 — Fall Festival
- November 5-6 — Marriage Matters Conference
- November 13 — OCC Packing Party
- November 14-21 — OCC Relay Center
- November 20 — Harvest Meal



August

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| 2 | 11:00 a.m. — JOY Club |
| | 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1 |
| 3 | 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper |
| 6 | 10:00 a.m. — Baby Shower for Schusters |
| 9 | 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2 |
| 14 | 7:00 p.m. — Deacons |
| 16 | 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission |
| | 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3 |
| 16 | 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team |
| | 6:30 p.m. — Business Meeting |
| 21 | 6:00 p.m. — Small Groups Begin |
| 23 | 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1 |
| 28 | 7:00 p.m. — Ice Cream Fellowship |
| 30 | 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2 |

Weekly Events:
Tuesdays @ 6:30 a.m. — Men's Prayer Group



Sunday, August 28 after evening worship. Sign up in the worship center to bring homemade ice cream. Cookies and drinks will be provided. Plan to join us for this church-wide fellowship.



Operation Christmas Child Year Round — The item for August is School Supplies. A box is provided in the KidZone for your donations.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A
BABY SHOWER



Saturday, August 6
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at Friendship
In honor of Baby Boy Schuster, coming soon to the
home of Courtney & Taylor Schuster.
Registry at:
www.babylist.com/courtney-schuster-registry

Family Night Supper

Wednesday, August 3, 5:00 p.m. The menu is: ITALIAN BEEF SANDWICHES, PASTA SALAD, CHIPS, AND DESSERT. Sign up in the Worship Center or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, August 2, if you plan to attend. Please notice change in cost: \$6 for adults; \$3 for children 10 and under. Please remember that the food is purchased according to the number who signed up, so you will need to pay for your meal if you sign up and do not attend.



As school starts back for elementary, middle, high school, and college students and teachers, keep them in the forefront of your prayer list. They will face many challenges but they will also have a wonderful opportunity to share Jesus at school. Pray for the opportunities to share Christ and that their life would be a mirror that would reflect Jesus.

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" is a hymn by Isaac Watts in 1708 that paraphrases the 90th Psalm of the Book of Psalms. It originally consisted of nine stanzas; however, in present usage the fourth, sixth, and eighth stanzas are commonly omitted to leave a total of six. In 1738, John Wesley in his hymnal, *Psalms and Hymns*, changed the first line of the text from "Our God" to "O God". Both Watts' original text and Wesley's rewording remain in current use.

The hymn was originally part of *The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*, published by Watts in 1719. The hymn is often sung as part of the Remembrance Day service in Canada and on similar occasions in the United Kingdom, including at the annual Remembrance Sunday service at the Cenotaph in London. The hymn was played by the BBC as soon as WWII was declared, and was later sung at the funeral service of Winston Churchill.

The hymn tune "St. Anne" to which the text is most often sung was composed by William Croft in 1708 whilst he was the organist of St Anne's Church, Soho: hence the name of the tune. It first appeared anonymously in the *Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms*, 6th edition in 1708. It was not until sometime later when set to Watts' text that the tune gained recognition.

*"O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!"*

*"Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure."*

*"Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her fame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same."*

*"O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home."*

Under the Master's Baton,
Bro. Chad



All "seenagers" are invited to join us at Parcell's in Draffenville on Tuesday, August 2. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to ride the bus.