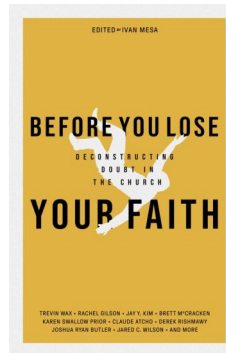


Thank you to everyone who helped out by bringing eggs, hiding eggs, praying, making sure that kids didn't run into the road, hanging out with the parents, sharing the gospel, and all of the other hundred little things that you did for our Friendship Kids Egg Hunt.

We spend time, energy, and resources on events like this for a few reasons. The primary one is that we want to share the gospel of Jesus with our community. These events create places where we can do that. We also have these events to help demonstrate our love for our community. We are placed in this place not by chance, God placed Friendship Baptist Church here. We have a mission to share His love with our community and events like this help us to show them that love.

We also have these types of events so that people will know about Friendship. Maybe a family came this week that wasn't quite ready to start coming to church yet. Their life is going good and they feel like they have too many things going on to give up their time to be a part of a church. But one day, things might not be going as well. They might have a need or a problem, or just wake up and realize that something is missing in their life. We have events in the hopes that if that day comes they will reach out and let us help them to discover the One who has the answers that they are looking for.

So thank you all for what you did to help out. Friendship has a great heart for reaching out to others and I am glad that I get to be a part of it. As you are praying today, pause and pray for those people who came and hung out with us. Pray that God will open up new opportunities for us to share the gospel with them. Many of them may already have a church home, but for those who don't pray that God will lead them to find a place where they can grow closer to Him.

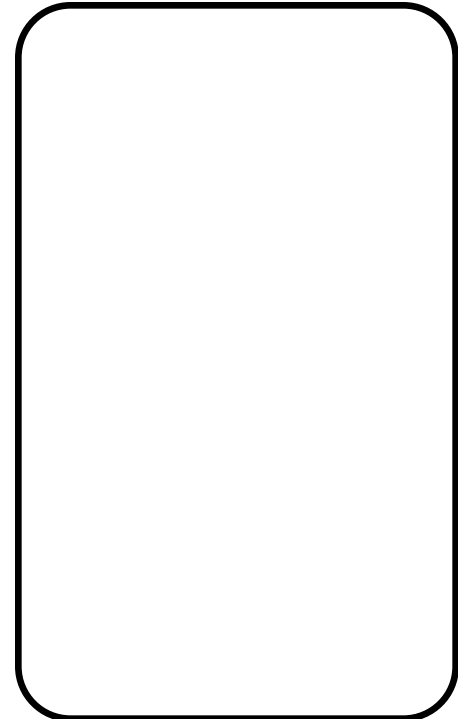


Shane's Monthly Book Review
Before you Lose Your Faith: Deconstructing doubt in the church

You may have heard the term "deconstructing" bouncing around social media lately. It is a term that has come to be used by those who are wrestling with what they believe and if they are going to continue to believe it. This book is marketed as a book for those people, the ones who are choosing to "deconstruct" to read as a way to, I guess, keep them from deconstructing. At least I think that is the goal.

The book is a series of essays and I found the first few essays to be very condescending in tone. I think that for someone who was struggling with what they believe those chapters might cause them to stop reading. There are some later chapters that I think would be a little more helpful, unfortunately I think by that time most of the book's target audience might have already given up. So, if you are or know someone who might be beginning down a deconstruction type path this might not be the best resource to pick up.

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



COOKIE BRIGADE

May 7 — Melissa Myers
 May 21 — Debbie Scourick

Welcome
 to our
New Members
so glad you are here.

**Jeff & Erin Ashenfelter,
 Kaylee & Colton**

Pam Cash

Rylan Coles

Kadynce Graziano

Kevin & Phyllis Rambo

Roman Smith

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 Minister to Students & Children
 Rev. Chad Davidson,
 Minister of Music & Worship

Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 180,462
 Received to Date: \$ 179,461

Nursery Volunteers

May 7
 8:15 a.m. — Christa Copeland
 10:45 a.m. — Andrew & Lacy Halligan

May 14
 8:15 a.m. — Debbie Larson
 10:45 a.m. — Kara & Karsyn Allard

May 21
 8:15 a.m. — Billie Stuber
 10:45 a.m. — Sheri Wright & Kaelin Mallory

May 28
 8:15 a.m. — Bridget Browning
 10:45 a.m. — Nathan & Kathryn Thomas

The LINK

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*Congratulations
 Class of 2023!*

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

**Karsyn Allard
 Kaylee Ashenfelter
 Ashley Brown
 Emily Carter
 John Robert Hughes
 Halle Stevenson**



**“I will raise my eyes to the mountains;
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.”
(Psalm 121:1-2)**

Psalm 121 provides great comfort and strong reassurance to us as we follow after Jesus. The psalmist, most likely King David, begins by looking ahead to the path in front of him and he asks, “Where does my help come from?” David then answers, “My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” God is indeed the source of our help and protection each day.

Psalm 121 was a song that was likely sung by the Jews as they journeyed to Jerusalem for religious feasts. David uses the imagery of mountains to convey both the majesty and the power of God. David’s gaze didn’t stop when he looked upward to the hills, but he looked beyond them to the God who made the mountains. David found comfort and refuge in a God whose power is unlimited. The psalmist acknowledges that although dangers abound, it is only by the grace of God that we can stay on the right path. David reminds us that God is our keeper and that He has protected us in the past, He has promised to provide for us in the present, and He will faithfully lead us to persevere in the future.

In 121:8, David closes out the psalm with a promise, **“The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time and forever.”** This promise is comprehensive. As God’s people, we can trust in His preserving power for all of our activity – “both our going out and our coming in” - and we can trust in Him at all times – “from this time and forever.”

When life gets hard, we would do well to read again the precious promises recorded in Psalm 121. This psalm is a great reminder that we are not alone in our journey through life. Like David, we must learn to look beyond the hills to the God who made them. God is certainly with us every step of the way, providing us with the help and the protection we so desperately need. David’s words are a source of comfort and strength as we face difficult times or uncertain futures.

God is good! All the time!

Jason



Plan to join us on Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m. for a church work day. Projects include: pressure wash modular units, sidewalks and pull weeds. Bring pressure washers, garden hoses, and gloves.



Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. The item for May is: **Small Games & Puzzles.**



- 2 11:00 a.m. — JOY Club
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 3 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 6 Church Work Day
- 9 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 14 Mother’s Day
- 16 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 17 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team
6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
7:30 p.m. — Deacons
- 20 10:00 a.m. — Kid’s Nerf Blaster
- 21 10:45 a.m. — Graduate Recognition
6:00 p.m. — Family Camp Movie @ Maiden Alley
- 23 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 29 Memorial Day (church office closed)
- 30 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2

*Tuesdays @ 6:30 a.m. — Men’s Prayer Group
Saturdays @ 8:00 a.m. — Men’s Prayer Group*



OUTREACH EVENT — Friendship will show the movie “Family Camp” at Maiden Alley Cinema on May 21 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available in the church office. Seats are limited, so invite a friend and get your tickets soon. No cost for this event.

DEACON SELECTION — Friendship members will choose 3 men to serve as deacons in the May business meeting. Please pray for God’s guidance as we make this important selection.



May 20 10:00-Noon

Friendship Baptist Church presents Nerf Blaster Battle Royale, an outdoor large group Nerf Battle for kids. Kids will play in a variety of Nerf blaster games including capture the flag and last man standing type games. Kids in Kindergarten through 8th grade will meet by the modular units at Friendship to get checked in. Kids should bring their own nerf guns (the one that shoot the standard sized darts). Darts will be provided by Friendship. For more information and to register go to www.friendshiponthenet.org/nerf . Space is limited so sign up now!



VBS 2023 — Sign up on the board by the elevator to serve at “Twist & Turns” VBS, July 16-20. There are a few spots available. We Need You!



The JOY Club Will go to A & B BBQ in Mayfield on Tuesday, May 2. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to ride the bus. Plan to join us!



Frances Havergal (1836-1879) was an unusual woman. The daughter of a minister, she mastered Greek and Hebrew to read the scriptures in their original languages. Having grown up in England, she traveled in Europe and enjoyed skiing in the Swiss Alps — an unusual recreation in the nineteenth century. She was also an accomplished singer who sometimes sang with the Philharmonic.

Havergal was a Christian all her life, but at age 36 experienced what we might describe as a conversion experience. A little book entitled *All for Jesus* made her aware of the incompleteness of her own devotion, and she rededicated her life to Christ.

Soon thereafter, she spent five days with a small group of people, some of whom were not Christians, and others of whom were lukewarm. She spent those five days witnessing to them and praying for them, and was delighted to see her prayers answered. By the end of that week, all ten people had devoted themselves to Christ. That night, too excited to sleep, Havergal sat up writing this hymn, “Take My Life and Let It Be” based off of Leviticus 11:44.

*Take my life, and let it be; Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move; At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be; Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing; Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be; Filled with messages from Thee.
Filled with messages from Thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold: Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use; Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour; At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee.
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

Under the Master’s Baton,
Bro. Chad



Family Night Supper — Wednesday, May 3, 5:00 p.m. The menu is: GRILLED PORK CHOPS, BAKED POTATO, SIDE

SALAD, ROLLS AND DESSERT. Sign up in the worship center or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, May 2 if you plan to attend. The cost is \$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.