

Thank You!

I need to start this newsletter by saying a thank you to all of our awesome church family. You have done an amazing job showing our community about the love of Jesus. Thank you to all of you who helped wrangle inflatables, carry chairs, set up tables, haul barricades, play games, make crafts, take registrations, keep kids safe, work unknown behind the scenes, dance in the sanctuary, sing songs with your class, teach kids, and basically just share Jesus with kids with all that you do. Thank you for being willing to give of your time, your energy, your heart so that kids can meet Jesus. We have noticed you and are more grateful than we can ever express.

Over the next few weeks, we are praying that some more of these families that we have been ministering to will be at Friendship. As they come, we will need to show them extravagant welcome. Be ready to go out of your way and invite them not only into our church, but into our lives. Thank you for letting God use you to make a difference!

Promotion Sunday:

Our Sunday school classes will be promoting to their new class on Sunday, August 6. Check out the class breakdowns below to see where your child will be heading to class. As always if you have any questions or concerns you can contact our Youth and Children's Pastor, Shane, at 270-217-5687.

Friendship Kids

Bed Babies Room 201

Toddlers Room 200

2-3 Year Olds Room 202

4-5 Year Olds Room 204

K-1st Grade Room 206

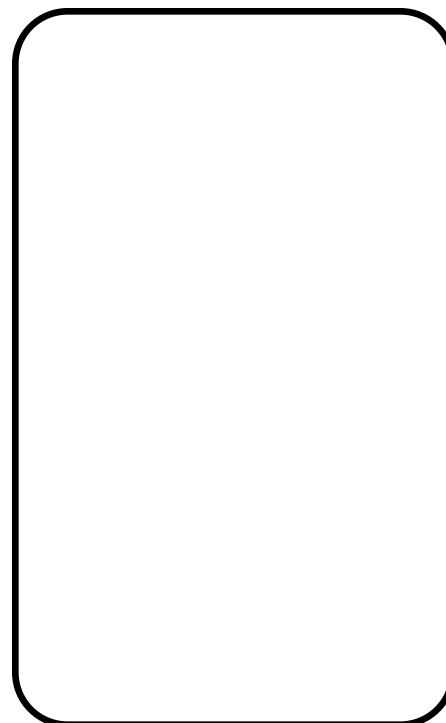
2nd-3rd Grade Room 203

4th-5th Grade Room 205

Friendship Youth:

All youth in grades 6-12 begin in the Youth Room (Modular Unit 2) and then go to their classes. Right now we have a boys class and a girls class.

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

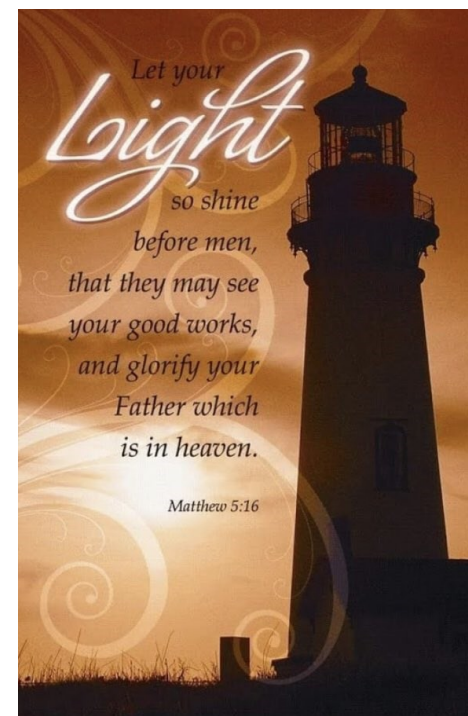
Prayer Service - 6:30 pm
Youth Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Children's Bible Study - 6:30 pm

COOKIE BRIGADE

August 13 - Pam Hawkins
August 27 - Tori Ramsdell



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



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Rev. Chad Davidson,
Minister of Music & Worship

Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 318,462
Received to Date: \$ 336,009

Nursery Volunteers

August 6

8:15 a.m. — Laura Hughes
10:45 a.m. — Matt & Miranda Scott
Spencer & Melissa Hawkins

August 13

8:15 a.m. — Tori Ramsdell
10:45 a.m. — Vicky & Ryley Fox
Carol Fields & Lakyn Noland

August 20

8:15 a.m. — Amanda Triplett
10:45 a.m. — Gene & Deborah Reaney
Kathy Goodman & Kathy Baucum

August 27

8:15 a.m. — Masami Smith
10:45 a.m. — Luke & Rachel Diefenbach
Jessica Collins & Meredith Yancey

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FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU.
I AM YOUR GOD.
I WILL strengthen YOU. I WILL help YOU.
I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY righteous RIGHT HAND.
ISAIAH 41:10



“In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.’” (Isaiah 6:1-3)

During the days of Isaiah, a King named Uzziah reigned and brought Judah to great power and prominence. However, Uzziah became proud, and God struck this proud King with leprosy. On the day the King died, Isaiah 6 records that Isaiah had a vision of God.

In this vision, the Lord is revealed to be a great king, sitting on a throne. The text says that “Seraphim stood above Him...” Seraphim are angelic beings whose unique task is to worship and praise God. Their name “seraphim” comes from the word “seraph,” which means “to burn.” The seraphim lived in the center of the fire of God’s glory, and they burned and shone with white-hot heated praise!

Each of the seraphim had six wings. With two, they covered their faces because they couldn’t bear to look on the face of the Lord, and with two, they covered their feet because they were unworthy to be in His presence. Although they had been before God for thousands of years, they still covered their faces and hid their feet in shame.

Piercing the stillness around the throne, you would have heard the cry of seraphim tongues calling out one word back and forth to one another, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.” What does it mean that God is holy? The root from which this word comes from means “to separate or cut off.” This implies the idea of God’s separateness from us and all impurity.

So how can an unholy man approach a holy God? The only answer is Jesus. The Bible teaches that we are made alive “in Christ” by grace through faith in Him. In Christ, we can approach God because we have a perfect sacrifice for sins and perfect righteousness. Without Jesus, we have no hope. But with Jesus, we can come boldly into His presence!

God is good! All the time!

Jason

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events:


- September 6 — Ministry Team Night
- October 29 — Labor For Your Neighbor
- October 31 — Fall Festival
- November 12 — OCC Packing Party
- November 19 — Harvest Meal




August

- 1 11:00 a.m. — JOY Club
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 2 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 6 9:30 a.m. — Sunday School Promotion
5:00 p.m. — Adult Choir Resumes
- 8 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 13 7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 15 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission
6:00 p.m.— Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 16 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team
6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 20 1:30 p.m. — Harper Baby Shower
- 22 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 27 7:00 p.m. — Ice Cream Fellowship
- 29 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3

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



The JOY Club will go to Hoskins BBQ on Tuesday, April 1. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to ride the bus. Plan to join us!




Sunrise Children’s Services will have a booth at BBQ on the River September 21-23. They need volunteers to work at the booth and donations to help cover the supplies needed. See Traci Lawrence for details.



Join us for a Baby Shower honoring JoAnna Harper on Sunday, August 20, 1:30 p.m. at Friendship. JoAnna, Jake and baby boy Harper are registered at Babylist.

babylist.com/list/jake-joanna-harper



Ice Cream Fellowship Sunday, August 27 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.



Wednesday, August 2 at 5:00 p.m. The menu is: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Rolls, Watermelon, & Cookie Ice Cream sandwiches. Sign up in the worship center or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, August 1.



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.

Often in our faith journey we are quick to give “Sunday School” answers to questions that need deeper reflection. My awakening to such thinking was most vivid in 2003 when I lost both parents: my dad in March and my mom in November. During times of loss, or upheavals in our life, our faith is tested. We end up either holding tighter or letting go. Thank God that the working out of our faith in those desperate times ultimately depends upon His Sovereignty, not our sufficiency to handle things or make sense of it all.

During the hazardous junctures of our existence our true character is revealed. But even more importantly than our character, the sufficiency of Christ to walk with us through these problematic, often gut-wrenching events, materializes. His strong arms hold tightly and carry us through the storm. I imagine many of you have felt exactly what I am talking about.

The words to this modern hymn “He Will Hold Me Fast” were originally written by: Ada Ruth Habershon. Matthew Merker read the words while going through a period of questioning in his faith journey. Through his struggle and working out of his faith, he emerged stronger. The questions were not too big for God. The resultant words of the hymn are powerful and comforting.

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hope through life’s fearful path,
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.*

*Chorus
He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

*Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His Holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.*

*For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;
‘Till my faith is turned to sight when He comes at last.*

*He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Merker discovered, as countless before him, it is God who does the saving. Our salvation is secure in Him. Our destiny is sure. The path may be filled with dense fog, hailstorms, tornadic explosions, unexplained happenings that shake us to our knees. Yet...if we are Christ’s child, HE will hold us fast!

Under the Master’s Baton,
Bro. Chad