



There are lots of little steps on the road to becoming an adult. As you grow and change you begin to see the world a little differently. You lose some of the wonder; you start to feel the pressure of responsibilities. Adults and kids see the world differently. Kids see a big cardboard box and they imagine it to be a spaceship, a racecar, a restaurant, a castle. Adults see a box and think "That's a nice box. need to keep this in case I need it."

For our Friendship Kids Box Fort Day I had the chance to experience the wonder of a cardboard box again. It was fun watching the kids build and reshape their fort, pretend to be princesses, and give me imaginary food. It was fun to watch them see the world not just as it is, but how it could be.

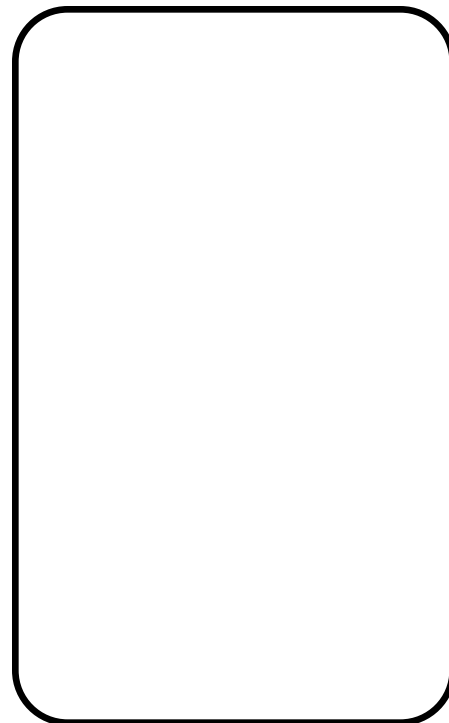
Our God is an infinitely creative creator. He made the world full of wonder, of mystery, of beauty. He created leafy sea dragons, elephants, and sloths. He made mounts, valleys, canyons, sunsets, beaches, stars, spring days, and cool breezes. He is infinitely creative, and he put that spark of creation in us. He gave us the ability to imagine, to see beyond what is right in front of us. He gave us the ability to be creative. In kids that is just natural; it just happens. For adults it is harder. We have schedules, bills, and worries. We often find ourselves too tired to think much less create.

But we have been made in the image of God. We have been called to create. I was reminded of that as I watched kids find wonder even in a cardboard box. I want more of that wonder. I want more of that joy.

Shane



Egg Hunt - All kids in fifth grade and under are invited to attend the Friendship Kids Egg Hunt. We will start in the sanctuary at 10:30 for worship before dismissing kids to gather eggs. Kids will be divided by ages so that even the littlest ones will be able to have a fun time gathering eggs. We are asking volunteers to bring candy filled eggs and place them in the bucket in the KidZone.




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



Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. Item for March is: **COLORING BOOKS & CRAYONS.**

Box provided in KidZone for OCC items



COOKIE BRIGADE

March 10:
Tori Ramsdell
March 24:
Pam Samuels

I AM THE
Resurrection
AND THE *Life.*

HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME,
THOUGH HE MAY DIE, HE
SHALL LIVE. AND WHOEVER
LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME
SHALL NEVER DIE

John 11:25-26

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Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 77,756
Received to Date: \$ 66,550

Nursery Volunteers

- March 3**
8:15 a.m. — Christa Copeland
10:45 a.m. — Andrew & Lacy Halligan
Cathy & Lauren Barks
- March 10**
8:15 a.m. —
10:45 a.m. — Kara Allard & Susan Knight
Robbie Spees & Kelly Dixon
- March 17**
8:15 a.m. — Billie Stuber
10:45 a.m. — Sheri Wright &
Patty Bickerstaff
Jeff & Erin Ashenfelter
- March 24**
8:15 a.m. — Bridget Browning
10:45 a.m. — Nathan & Kathryn Thomas
Phyllis Rambo & Andrea Brewer
- March 31**
8:15 a.m. — Jim & Debbie Scourick
10:45 a.m. — Vickie Turley & Cheryl Tyler

The LINK

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WORSHIP@7pm

Join us at Friendship

He is alive
celebrate the resurrection





**“If we are faithless, He remains faithful,
for He cannot deny Himself.”
(2 Timothy 2:13)**

The word faithful means to be steadfast in affection or allegiance to someone. Faithful implies a steady adherence to a person or thing or promise.

The apostle Paul assures us that God is faithful. Faithful is not something that God simply displays, but it is part of who He is. In fact, even if He wanted to, God cannot stop being faithful because faithful is part of His nature. God is faithful. God is not just faithful because He chooses to be, but He is faithful because He has to be. God is faithful.

According to the apostle Paul, God is faithful to us even when we are not faithful to Him. God does not choose to be faithful because we are faithful, but He is faithful without condition. God is always faithful to His Word, to His promises, and to His people. Regardless of our response to Him, we can trust that He will do what He said.

It's good that God's decision to be faithful to us has nothing to do with us, because at times, each of us have been less than faithful toward Him. God's faithfulness flows despite our actions, because His faithfulness is based on who He is and not on who we are.

It is of great comfort to know that whatever is going on around us, God will be steadfast in His love toward us. We can be confident that God will not change His mind about us. Our faithful God will walk with us every step of the way. God is faithful.

God is good! All the time!

Jason



The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to help every church and encourage every believer to live on mission. Through your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® and the Cooperative Program, NAMB supports more than 5,000 missionaries and more than 3,800 chaplains who serve in difficult places where the Gospel is often not welcome. Envelopes are available in the worship center.

Family Night Supper

Friendship Women on Mission are hosting Family Night Supper Wednesday, March 6, 5:00 p.m. The menu is: **Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert.** The meal this month is on a donation basis, with all proceeds going to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Sign up below or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, March 5 if you plan to attend.

With Deepest Sympathy

Bro. Jason & the Friendship family express Christian love and sympathy to...
...Jim & Debbie Scourick in the death of her father, Tom Spears.
...Gary & Carol Roberts in the death of his daughter, Leslie Roberts.

MARCH

- 1-2 Youth DNow
- 5 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 6 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 7 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club
- 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 10 7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 12 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 16 6:00 p.m. — Benefit Singing for James Solomon
- 19 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 20 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team
- 6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 23 2:00 p.m. — The Promise @ Trace Creek
- 26 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 29 7:00 p.m. — Good Friday Worship
- 30 10:30 a.m. — Children's Egg Hunt
- 31 Resurrection Sunday
- 9:00 a.m. — Breakfast Fellowship

Weekly Events:

- Tuesdays @ 6:30 a.m. — Men's Prayer Group
- Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. — Women's Morning Bible Study
- Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. — Women's Evening Bible Study
- Saturdays @ 8:00 a.m. — Men's Prayer Group



**March 23
2:00 p.m.
Trace Creek
Baptist Church**

Sign up in the Worship Center if you would like to ride the church bus to see "The Promise". We will leave from Friendship at 12:30 p.m. Deadline to sign up is March 13. No cost.

Deacon NOMINATIONS

It is time to start the process of selecting deacons who will serve the needs of the church body at Friendship. You may nominate up to 3 men who will each serve three year terms. Nominations are due in the church office by March 31. Deacons will be selected by the church in the May Business Meeting.



The JOY Club will go to Pagliai's in Princeton on Thursday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m. Meet at the church at 10:45 a.m. to ride the bus.



Mowing Volunteers are needed to mow the church property on a 6-8 week rotation. Sign up in the worship center if you can help, or see Brent Samuels for additional information.



**“God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
and rides upon the storm.” ~William Cowper**

William Cowper (pronounced Cooper) was born in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, England in 1731 to John and Ann Cowper. His father resided as rector of the Church of St. Peter. When William was at the tender age of six, his mother Ann died in childbirth. The death of his mother at such an early age had a deep effect on William, and he struggled with bouts of depression and mental illness referred to at the time as “melancholy” throughout the rest of his life. Circumstances in life caused him to suffer such a mental breakdown that he attempted to end his life three times and nearly succeeded. He was sent to St. Alban's asylum and came to be under the care of Dr. Cotton, a Christian therapist. During his 18 month stay, he began to read the Bible, which brought peace to his mind and spirit and he eventually recovered.

After his release, he settled at Huntingdon with a retired clergyman named Morley Unwin and his wife Mary. Cowper became so well acquainted with the family that he went to live in their house and moved with them to Olney. There he met hymn writer John Newton and began assisting him with his pastoral duties. Newton invited Cowper to contribute to a hymnbook he was compiling called Olney Hymns. Being much inspired, Cowper ended up contributing 68 texts including “There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood” and “God Moves In A Mysterious Way”—the latter being written as an outpouring of gratitude to God after his attempted suicide. Cowper thrived under Newton's guidance and his time in Olney was some of the happiest, most lucid periods of his life.

*There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see, that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream, Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die.*

By Keisha Valentina, June 22nd, 2020

Under the Master's Baton,
Bro. Chad

WARRIORS FOR JAMES
BENEFIT SINGING
SATURDAY, MARCH 16
SINGING BEGINS AT 6:00PM
Lakeland Event Center
4900 US HWY 62 Calvert City, KY 42029

SIGN UP IN THE WORSHIP CENTER TO RIDE THE BUS.
BUS LEAVES FROM FRIENDSHIP AT 5:00 P.M.