

2 Samuel 6:14-16; 20-22 (CSB)

David was dancing with all his might before the LORD wearing a linen ephod. He and the whole house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD was entering the city of David, Saul's daughter Michal looked down from the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

When David returned home to bless his household, Saul's daughter Michal came out to meet him. "How the king of Israel honored himself today!" she said. "He exposed himself today in the sight of the slave girls of his subjects like a vulgar person would expose himself."

David replied to Michal, "It was before the LORD who chose me over your father and his whole family to appoint me ruler over the LORD's people Israel. I will dance before the LORD, and I will dishonor myself and humble myself even more. However, by the slave girls you spoke about, I will be honored."

I am an Auburn Tigers fan. I, like most of their fans, am a fan because I went to school there. I am also a fan of theirs because I tend to like the underdog. I have never figured out why anyone would want to cheer on a dynasty. I like seeing the little guy win.

I wanted to start by saying that because being an Auburn fan does color the way that I see their basketball team. They are my team and my guys so I tend to see them in a better light than most do, I understand that and I am admitting that right up front.

So now that that is all out of the way. I love watching the Auburn basketball team play. Yeah, sometimes they are kids and go too far. Yeah, KD Johnson is a crazy. Yeah, sometimes Chad Baker-Mazara can be a punk sometimes, but I love watching them play because they love to play. It is fun watching them be excited. It is fun watching them play to the crowd and celebrated together. It is fun watching Baker-Mazara take pictures with the band after games and shout them out on social media. It is fun watching them have fun.

Now, my father was very much in the "act like you have been there before" camp. So if you are in that camp I understand. I understand if you feel like real winners don't have to emote or cheer. I get that. I see what you are saying, but that doesn't change that it is fun to watch people having fun.

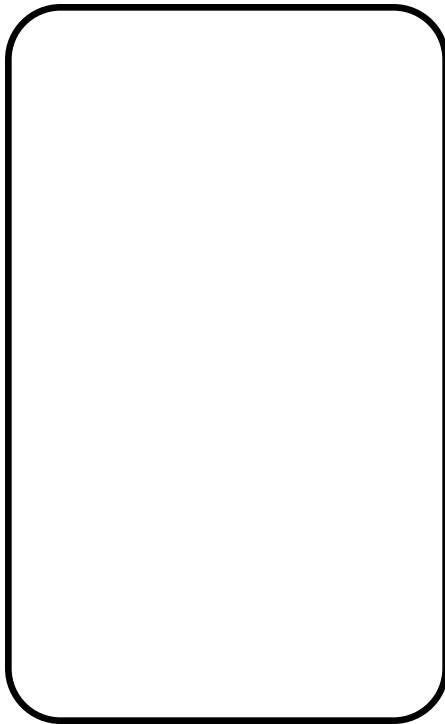
I think that sometimes this stoic idea of how we are to act and celebrate has made its way into the church. We feel like we are to be dignified and reserved. We think that we are to act like we have been there before. I get it, and if you want to cheer on your team with quiet claps workmanlike celebrations then you should do that.

But I think if we would just for a moment seek to lose ourselves in worship, if we would celebrate Jesus not like we have been there before, but like it was the greatest joy we had ever known then we would not only experience God in a new way, but others would be drawn to the joy and celebration.

We serve the great God of the Universe who chose to come and die for us so that we could know him. That is something worth celebrating. That is something worth shouting about. That is something worth hyping up those around us about. God is good and he has invited us to celebrate him.

You don't have to be an Auburn fan, but you can be more like David and celebrate the God who saved you!

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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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. Item for APRIL is: **COMBS, BRUSHES, HAIR ACCESSORIES**
Box provided in KidZone for OCC items

COOKIE BRIGADE
April 7
Sheri Wright
April 21
Robbie Spees

Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 133,296
Received to Date: \$ 131,297

Nursery Volunteers

April 7
8:15 a.m. — Laura Hughes & Debbie Alvey
10:45 a.m. — Matt & Miranda Scott
Spencer & Melissa Hawkins

April 14
8:15 a.m. — Tori Ramsdell
10:45 a.m. — Vicky & Ryley Fox
Carol Fields & Lakyn Noland

April 21
8:15 a.m. — Amanda Triplett
10:45 a.m. — Gene & Deborah Reaney
Kathy Goodman & Kathy Baucum

April 28
8:15 a.m. — Masami Smith
10:45 a.m. — Luke & Rachel Diefenbach
Jessica Collins & Meredith Yancey

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VBS 2024

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SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS



**“I have set my face like a stone,
determined to do His will.”**
(Isaiah 50:7)

I have discovered that you will never have real success in anything until you first become passionate about it. Isaiah was determined to do God’s will. In Psalm 57:7, the psalmist wrote, “My heart is steadfast.” The word “steadfast” means to have a commitment that is strong and solid like rock.

Henry Ford was passionate about automobiles. Thomas Edison was passionate about light. The Wright Brothers were passionate about flying. Paul was passionate about sharing the Gospel. You will be remembered in life for what you are passionate about.

Standing before Pilate, who tried to judge Him, Jesus said, “For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world” (John 18:37). A crown of thorns would crush His brow. A spear would pierce His side. Spikes would be driven through His hands and feet. Thirty-nine lashings would rip His back to shreds. What Jesus felt most passionate about was becoming a ransom for many. What Jesus felt most passionate about could only be achieved through His suffering and pain.

The same will be true in your life. You may feel insignificant. You may have to start out small, but when what you love begins to consume your mind, your thoughts, your conversation, and your schedule, you are moving toward success.

I encourage you to find something you are passionate about. Find something that energizes you. Find something that is worthy of building your life around. Find a ministry where you can contribute and make a real difference. This is what Jesus did when He rescued us from the penalty of sin and death.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to serve in a ministry at Friendship. I urge you to determine what area of ministry you are passionate about, something worthy of building your life around, and then engage yourself fully in ministry.

God is good! All the time!

Jason

Family Night Supper Wednesday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m. The menu is: Chopped Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Apple Cobbler & Chocolate Cake. Sign up in the worship center or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, April 9. Adults: \$6; Children under 10: \$3.

April

- 2 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4
- 7 7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 9 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 5
- 10 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 13 11:00 a.m. — Hawkins/Schwarz Wedding Shower
- 16 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 17 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team
6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 21 7:00 p.m. — VBS Worker’s Mtg.
- 23 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 30 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3

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



Join us as we celebrate **Brent Schwarz & Abigail Hawkins** at a wedding shower, Saturday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Friendship. The couple is registered at: Amazon, Target, Home Depot, and Charlton & Park.



The JOY Club will go to Mama D’s in Calvert City on Tuesday, April 2. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to ride the bus.

NURSERY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need 4 or more volunteers for our nursery rotation. It’s your chance to snuggle up with some of our cutest church members! Sign up in the worship center to volunteer.



“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”
Isaiah 53:4-5

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” is a modern Christian hymn written and composed by Stuart Townend. The hymn’s lyrics praise and admire the love of God the Father and the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ.

The Father loves us so much that He sent the Son to pay the penalty for our lawbreaking. The depth, height, and width of it are immeasurable. This selfless act of Jesus brings about the forgiveness of sins; favor with God that is undeserved. We are unworthy, partially responsible for placing Jesus up there. In response, we do not boast in anything except Christ and His Gospel.

*How deep the Father’s love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss – The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory.
Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.
I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.*

<https://songsofpraises.blogspot.com/2013/03/how-deep-fathers-love-for-us.html>

Under the Master’s Baton,
Bro. Chad

WOMEN ON MISSION

Women on Mission is a missions discipleship group designed to equip adult women in becoming active disciples of Christ as they live on mission for Him. Women on Mission members seek to live out missions through missions projects, ministries, prayer, giving, and Bible study. The purpose of the ministry is to provide every person with the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel. Ladies, you can be a part of Women on Mission. Join us Tuesday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



Vacation Bible School 2024 — “Breaker Rock Beach”, July 14-18. We need YOU! Sign up on the board by the elevator to serve, and help us reach children in our community with God’s Rock Solid Truth! VBS Worker’s Meeting is April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.