

Psalm 119:14 (CSB)  
I rejoice in the way revealed by your decrees  
as much as in all riches.

Psalm 119 is the longest single song in the Bible and it is dedicated to God's ways and decrees, specifically the words written in scripture. For 176 verses the psalmist pours out his praise to God's word in a poem that covers all of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. To this psalmist God's word is a guide, a treasure, and as vital as the air he breathes.

My oldest son Nathan started college at the beginning of August. He has been doing band stuff, and getting ready for school stuff and his days are filled with meetings and practices and new things. This means that there hasn't been much time left to call home and tell us how he is doing. For parents who have spent the past eighteen years wrapped up in all that he does it has been a bit of an adjustment to just not know what new things he is getting to do.

So when Nathan texts one of us it is sort of a big deal. We will screenshot the conversation and forward it to each other and then we will pour over what he has said and try to figure out how he is really feeling behind the three word text. When pictures of the band are posted on social media we scan through them searching for that face that has been part of our days for so very long. Because we love him we are excited to read about his days and to grab every piece of info we can about him. We treat his messages to us as important because they connect us to him.

(Sometimes I feel like I should just let these two ideas sit together because I think that as a reader you can probably figure out where I am going with this, but I like writing so let's continue)

When I read through Psalm 119 I am reminded that I should have the same passion about God's word that I do about Nathan's texts. The Bible is God's messages right to my heart. It is the story of what he has done in the world and a reminder of what he is continuing to do. The Bible shows us His heart, His instructions, and His purposes. The Bible is a love letter written to us, a story that tells us about Him and about our place in the world. It is an invitation to know Him and to be a part of the story that He is telling in our world today.

Too many times I forget that God's word isn't just a history book. It isn't just a story told long ago, but it is the living word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 (CSB)

*For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

When I remember that, when I remember that God's word is vital it is easier to spend time reading it. It is easier to move through it and talk about it with others. It is my prayer that God will continue to give me a desire to read his word that is as strong as my desire to read a text from Nathan. (And if I am being honest I am praying that Nathan writes me some Bible book lengths texts to tell me about his day.)

**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



Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. Item for SEPTEMBER is: **WOW ITEMS!** Larger gifts/Main Item in box: Dolls, Foam Footballs, Soccer Balls w/pump, Cars/Trucks, Stuffed Animals, etc

Box provided in KidZone for OCC items



### COOKIE BRIGADE

September 1  
Kathryn Thomas  
September 15  
Susan Knight  
September 29  
Debbie Sisco

## Welcome to our New Members

Easton Myers

Lynette & Michael  
Nelson

*We're So Glad  
You're Here!*

Phone: 270.534.1900  
[www.friendshiponthenet.org](http://www.friendshiponthenet.org)  
[www.facebook.com/friendshiponthenet](https://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: \$ 377,672  
Received to Date: \$ 375,813

### Nursery Volunteers

September 1  
8:15 am — Christa Copeland  
10:45 am — Andrew/Lacy Halligan (BB)  
Cathy/Lauren Barks (T)  
September 8  
8:15 am — Debbie Alvey  
10:45 am — Robbie Spees/Kelly Dixon (BB)  
Susan Knight (T)  
September 15  
8:15 am — Jim/Debbie Scourick  
10:45 am — Kara Allard (BB)  
Sheri Wright/Patty Bickerstaff (T)  
September 22  
8:15 am — Bridget Browning  
10:45 am — Phyllis Rambo/Jamie Hawkins (BB)  
Rachel/Luke Diefenbach (T)  
September 29  
8:15 am — Andrea Brewer  
10:45 am — Nathan/Kathryn Thomas (BB)  
Cheryl Tyler (T)

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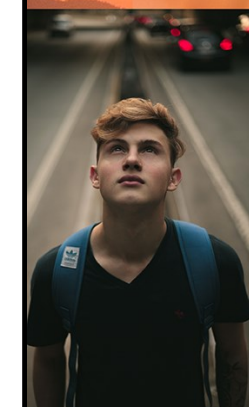
## McCracken County Expo Center

Sunday, November 10

6:30 p.m.



PLACE YOUR HOPE IN GOD. HE WILL NEVER FAIL YOU.



# HOPE

For West KY

The Friendship Family has been called to pray for **Hope for West Kentucky**. We will provide several opportunities for church members to pray for our community and for the lost. In addition, we will be challenged to invite our lost friends to attend the crusade.

Will you join us now in praying for spiritual renewal and revival to spread across our community?





“God is magnificent;  
He can never be praised enough.  
There are no boundaries to His greatness.”  
(Psalm 145:3, The Message)

We have so much to be grateful for at Friendship. God continues to change lives as we faithfully share the Gospel and walk in His ways. These are exciting and active days for the ministry at Friendship.

On October 27, **the Friendship Family will celebrate 25-years of ministry in our community.** Our morning will include Sunday School, a combined morning worship service, and lunch. Our focus will involve celebrating changed lives, missions, and ministry. You will not want to miss this special day as we offer God our praise for the great things He has done.



In November, **the Friendship Family will participate in Hope for West Kentucky.** Hope for West Kentucky is a series of evangelistic events held in Paducah. These events include a youth rally, school assemblies throughout the region, spiritual surveys on the campus of Murray State and regional community colleges, and an evangelistic crusade.

The crusade will be held at the McCracken County Expo Center and is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m. We are praying for 4,000+ people to hear and respond to the Gospel! Our youth will participate in the youth rally held on Wednesday, November 6. If you are interested in serving in Hope for West Kentucky, you can register to serve at <https://kbc.regfox.com/hope-for-west-ky-teams>. Our church family has already began praying for this evangelistic endeavor and in the coming weeks, we will be challenged to invite our lost friends to attend with us.

I hope you will join me in expressing our thanksgiving to God for all He does to bless the Friendship Family. Our God can never be praised enough!

God is good! All the time!

Jason

**2025 Budget & Calendar Requests** — All Ministry Team Budget & Calendar Requests are due in the church office before October 6.



**JOY Club** — Will go to New Asia in Lone Oak on Tuesday, September 3 at 11:30 a.m. Meet at the restaurant.

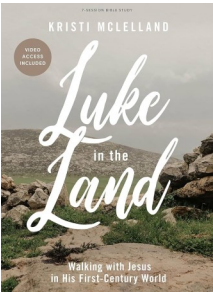


Join us for Coffee & Donuts Sunday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the KidZone.

# September

- 2 Labor Day
- 3 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club  
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 4 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 8 9:00 a.m. — Coffee & Donuts  
12:00 p.m. — Celebration Choir Retreat
- 10 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 13-14 Ladies Conference (Birmingham)
- 15 7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 17 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission  
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 18 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team  
6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 19 9:30 a.m. — Ladies Morning Bible Study begins  
6:00 p.m. — Ladies Evening Bible Study Begins
- 24 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4

Tuesdays @ 6:30 a.m. — Men’s Prayer Group  
Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. — Ladies Morning Bible Study (9/19)  
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. — Ladies Evening Bible Study (9/19)  
Saturdays @ 8:00 a.m. — Mighty Men



**Ladies Bible Study** — “Luke in the Land” begins September 19. Thursday morning study meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursday evening study meets at 6:00 p.m. Sign up in the worship center if you plan to participate. Nursery provided for evening class. Meet in the fellowship hall. Cost: \$25. Melissa Hawkins will lead both Bible study groups.



Wednesday, September 4 at 5:00 p.m. The menu is: HOMEMADE FRIED CHICKEN TENDERS, BAKED POTATO, GREEN BEANS, SALAD, ROLLS, CHOCOLATE CAKE AND

PEACH CREAM CHEESE PIE. Sign up below or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, September 3 if you plan to attend. The cost is \$6 for adults; \$3 for children under 10. 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

## Upcoming Events

- October 19 — Fall Festival
- October 27 — 25 Year Celebration of Ministry
- November 10 — Hope for West KY Crusade
- November 17 — OCC Packing Party
- November 24 — Harvest Meal



1 Thessalonians 4:16 “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”

Gloria shares that it was the early 1970s and they were busy with family and life. The second coming was not on their mind. One evening their friends Chuck Millhuff and Jim Bohi came over for dinner. During the meal, the two evangelists shared about a recent sermon they’d heard from Jim Crabtree.

Crabtree pointed out that Jesus is coming back, but we often forget that with the busyness of life. He ended the service walking through the congregation shouting “The King is Coming! The King is Coming!”

The quartet at dinner that evening began to brainstorm and word images began to form. After the men left, Gloria and Bill continued to talk. They knew they wanted the song to have a “musical setting that would...be something simple and yet grand—like a coronation procession.” Bill sat at the piano and the music and melody in his heart began to flow through his fingers to the keyboard. Gloria pondered the conversation and eventually set aside her housework, to sit down and write the lyrics of the song. Once again, the words flowed from her, and she even incorporated some of the word images pondered by their friends when they visited.

When she finished with the words, she took them to Bill at the piano. Gloria explains in the book, “when the lyric was written, I felt spent, yet shaky with excitement. I took the words in to Bill and he immediately played and sang them fitting them like a glove to the music he’d been hearing. His chorus finished the piece with simplicity and power.”

The song has been recorded by numerous artists and sung in countless concerts over the years. However, the message remains unchanged. One day, when we least expect it, “The King is Coming! The King is Coming! Praise God, He’s coming for me!” (Taken from: <https://dianaleaghmatthews.com/the-king-is-coming/#.Zq-c9XbMK3A>)

“O, the King is coming, the King is coming!  
I just heard the trumpets sounding, and now His face I see.  
O, the King is coming, the King is coming! Praise God, He’s coming for me!”

Under the Master’s Baton, Chad



The Celebration Choir will meet in the fellowship hall on Sunday, September 8 immediately following 10:45 a.m. worship. Lunch will be provided. After lunch, we will rehearse Christmas music until 3:00 p.m. Join us if you would like to sing in the Christmas program.

