

## Friendship Kids

On Wednesday nights Mrs. Lynette is going to be teaching about David and how he was a man after God's own heart. She will also be introducing some new, fun worship songs. If you like singing and learning about Jesus then you don't want to miss Wednesday nights in February!

On Sunday Nights I (Shane) will be teaching about the miracles of Jesus in a study called "Miraculous." You won't want to miss this look at the life of Jesus and what his life means for us.

There is also a new text group for Friendship Kids Ministry where we will be posting about upcoming events and other Friendship Kid news. To join just scan the QR code you see here. It opens your messaging app to send the word "kids" to our number. Just hit send and then follow the message prompts to add your name.



## Friendship Youth:

Nerf Blaster Battle  
February 16 6:00-9:30

This is an awesome time for you to invite your friends to come to church. We will start at 6:00 with Bible study where they get a chance to hear the gospel followed by a Nerf Blaster battle after church. Please bring your own Nerf blaster. We will be using all types of Nerf Blasters so that means both the darts and the Rival balls will be used, so bring whichever one you like. Eye protection will be provided.

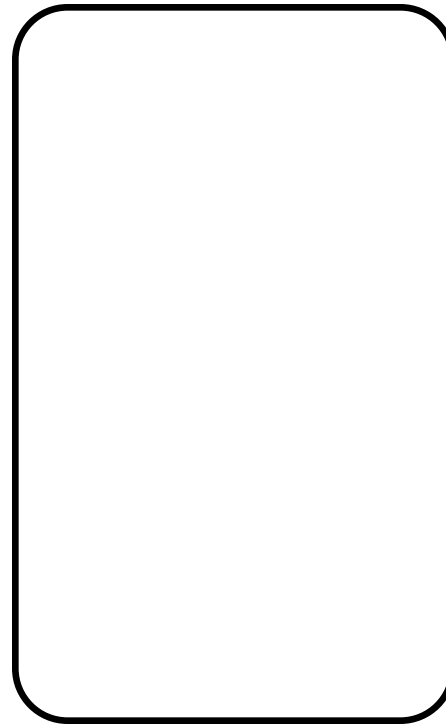
DNOW  
March 28-30



We are going to partner with other churches in our community for DNOW this year. The theme is Total Surrender. If you are new to the whole DNOW (Disciple Now) experience it is a combination worship/Bible Study/Sleepover thing. We will be having Bible Study and Worship times at Lone Oak First Baptist and then spending time in host homes on Friday and Saturday night. More information like schedule and sign ups coming soon.



Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. Item for February is: **SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS**. There is a box in the KidZone for your donations.



Welcome  
to our  
New Members

Addie Smith

We're So Glad

You're Here!

## 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

February 2  
Debbie Scourick  
February 16  
Debbie Sisco

IT IS WRITTEN:

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 8:39

Jesus

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

## Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 34,442  
Received to Date: \$ 34,698

## Nursery Volunteers

### February 2

8:15 am: Billie Stuber  
10:45 am: Spencer & Melissa Hawkins (BB)  
Miranda Scott (T)

### February 9

8:15 am: Tori Ramsdell  
10:45 am: Vicky Fox & Rachel Martin (BB)  
(T)

### February 16

8:15 am: Amanda Triplett  
10:45 am: Gene & Deborah Reaney (BB)  
Kathy Goodman & Kathy Baucum (T)

### February 23

8:15 am: Masami Smith  
10:45 am: Pam Samuels & Vickie Turley (BB)  
Laura Hughes & Meredith Yancey (T)

BB - Bed Babies C201  
T - Toddlers C202



# FRIENDSHIP NEWSLETTER

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1 JOHN 4:7

Let us love one another:  
FOR LOVE IS OF  
God.







**“But because of His great love for us,  
God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ  
even when we were dead in transgressions –  
it is by grace you have been saved.  
And God raised us up with Christ and seated us  
with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus...”  
(Ephesians 2:4-6)**

The most important truth in all of Christianity is stated right here: **we are made alive together with Christ.** Paul uses the words “with Christ” three times: we are made alive with Christ; we are raised up with Christ; and we are made to sit with Him. Christ has come to live in us and He has joined Himself to us and we are one person with Him.

Do you remember how Jesus taught this truth? He said, **“I am the vine; you are the branches”** (John 15:5). Can you tell where a branch ends and where a vine starts? No. They are one plant - sharing one life together. For those who are in Christ, we are no longer just ordinary human beings, but we are new creations, begun again, and linked with the life of Jesus Christ.

Later in this letter, Paul compares the church to a body of which Christ is the head. Have you examined your body lately? Have you noticed that your fingers don't come off if you twist them a half-turn and pull? They are tied to the body and they share the life of the body. Your fingers are not attached by any mechanical process, but they are an organic part. These metaphors are all provided to show us the intimate way we are united to Jesus Christ. They shout to us that Jesus is our life.

Don't think of yourself in any other way, because the whole work of the enemy is to get you to disbelieve this truth. The enemy wants you to go back to thinking that you are just an ordinary individual, struggling through life, trying to make it the best way you can, needing to mobilize all your human resources to try to get ahead of others. Any time you believe this lie, you go right back to acting as you once did - back to the misery and heartaches. You can escape that only when you come back again to this central truth - we are alive in Jesus Christ!

There is one final thing to notice here. These verbs are all in the past tense, suggesting this is something that has happened - not something that is going to happen. You have been connected with Christ when you believed and trusted in Him. You don't have to work toward it - it is something that is already true and every Christian has this experience. We were made alive in Jesus and we cannot be the same again. I pray that we live each day as new creatures, made alive in Jesus Christ.

**God is good! All the time!**

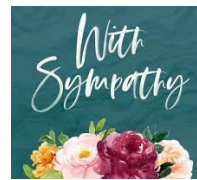
**Jason**

**Deacon-Led Bible Study** — Begins February 9 at 6:00 p.m. This 8-week study is for adults wanting to strengthen their relationship with Christ. Register in the Worship Center by February 2. There will be a study in the worship center for those not participating in the deacon-led studies.

# February

- 2 7:00 p.m. — Chicago Mission Trip Interest Mtg.
- 4 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club  
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 5 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 9 6:00 p.m. — Adult Small Groups Begin  
7:00 p.m. — Church-wide Birthday Fellowship
- 11 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4
- 15 4:00 p.m. — Davidson/Whitt Wedding
- 16 7:00 p.m. — Deacon Mtg.  
7:00 p.m. — Youth After Church Fellowship
- 18 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission  
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 19 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team  
6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 23 7:00 p.m. — Evansville Mission Trip Interest Mtg.
- 25 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2

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



*Bro. Jason & the Friendship family extend Christian love and sympathy to Kim Davidson and family in the death of her grandmother, Mildred Jenkins.*



**Family Night Supper** — February 5, 5:00 p.m. The menu is: **Breakfast—The Works!** Sign up in the Worship Center or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, February 4 if you plan to attend. Cost: \$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 attend.



Join us at Rafferty's on Tuesday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m. Meet at the restaurant.



Contact the church office to sign up for text alerts regarding service time changes, church events, prayer requests and service cancellations due to inclement weather.



**Chicago Mission Trip Interest Meeting** — Sunday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. The team will assist with a Food Ministry at a local church March 13-15. Deadline to register is February 19.

The history of this hymn spans nearly a thousand years and multiple languages in a story that magnifies the unchanging nature of God. Frederick M. Lehman was born in Germany, but moved to America with his family when he was just four years old. He first met the Lord in Iowa, where he spent most of his childhood. God convicted his heart and drew the 11-year-old child to Himself, and Lehman's life was never the same.

Lehman studied for ministry and served as pastor in Iowa, Indiana, and Missouri. Throughout his career, he wrote many hymns and sacred songs, giving himself to the artful expression of God's love. Through unfortunate circumstances, he lost everything in business and found himself working manual labor in a California packing house. Despite his unfortunate turn in circumstances, his faith never wavered. Inspired by a recent sermon, he took every moment of downtime between packing the oranges and lemons, and began to write a love song to the Lord. After two stanzas and a refrain, he was at a loss for words, but there was a problem: songs from that time weren't considered complete without at least three stanzas.

When he returned home, he began composing the melody for the hymn on his old upright piano. Even so, he was without a third stanza. Then he remembered a poem he had recorded on a small card that he used as a bookmark. He pulled the card out and found the poem fit perfectly with his composition. Then he saw the note written beneath the poem: “These words were found written on a cell wall in a prison some 200 years ago. It is not known why the prisoner was incarcerated; neither is it known if the words were original or if he had heard them somewhere and had decided to put them in a place where he could be reminded of the greatness of God's love - whatever the circumstances, he wrote them on the wall of his prison cell. In due time, he died and the men who had the job of repainting his cell were impressed by the words. Before their paint brushes had obliterated them, one of the men jotted them down and thus they were preserved.”

*The love of God is greater far; Than tongue or pen can ever tell,  
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.  
When mortal time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;  
When men who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call;  
God's love, so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race— The saints' and angels' song.  
Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quills And ev'ry man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure,  
The saints' and angels' song.*

Taken from: <https://www.afrankvoice.com/hymns-history/the-love-of-god>

Under the Master's Baton,  
Chad



**Churchwide Birthday Celebration** — Sunday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. Join us as we celebrate YOUR birthday! Twelve tables will be decorated representing each birthday month. Sign up in the KidZone if you would like to help.