

Here is something I would suggest you never do. Go to youtube and search for unsatisfying videos. You will find a collection of things where someone mows a yard and misses a spot or cleans all but one section of a window. You will see videos that set up something, either a crash or a success of some sort and never finish. It truly isn't fun.

Why is that? There is this tension that exists when things are left undone. Our brains want things to be neat and tidy and wrapped in their own little boxes. Sometime when we look at our life we feel this same tension. It feels like nothing is going to work out and things will always be broken.

This month at Friendship Youth we are teaching through the book of Philippians. Early in the book we get this wonderful promise:

Philippians 1:6 (CSB)

I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is so easy to think that whatever is happening in the moment is the end. We look at our lives and it feels like those unsatisfying videos, things never resolve, they never get better. But here is the thing. He who began a good work in you is faithful to complete it.

Let me say that again. He who began a good work in you is faithful to complete it.

That means that you haven't messed up too much. That means that you haven't gone the wrong way too much. You haven't turned your back, done the wrong thing, chose the wrong person, too much. God is faithful to complete what he has started.

God will finish what he has started in you. We are not people who have to work to be good enough. We are made right with God through Jesus. If you are a Christian, if you have asked Jesus into your heart then you are made right with God. That is already taken care of.

For the rest of our lives God is working in us to make us more like Jesus, but you are already saved through Jesus. You are already redeemed through Jesus. You are already enough through Jesus.

Nothing you can do can take that away.

So let me close with that, no matter who you are, no matter where you are, no matter what you have done or what you have chased after God is not done with you.

If you have never asked Jesus into your heart then you should do that right now, but for all of you who have already done that then know that your right-ness before God is already taken care of.

You aren't going to sin a bunch and suddenly be heading to Hell, that's not how this works. You aren't good enough to earn salvation and you can't be bad enough to lose salvation

It is God who saves and holds you. He is working out a complete picture in your life.

It isn't always easy and sometimes it seems like big chunks are missing, but he is still at work.

He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion.

Rest in that, and follow after Him.

Shane

Welcome to our New Members

**Acie Tilley
Annabelle Tilley
James & Carrie
Childers**

*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

March 2

Kim Sturgill

March 16

Rachel Martin

March 30

Miranda Peeler



Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. Item for March is: **CRAYONS, MARKERS, COLORED PENCILS.** There is a box in the KidZone for your donations.

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Dr. Jason Browning, Pastor
Rev. Shane Yancey,
Minister to Students & Children
Rev. Chad Davidson,
Minister of Music & Worship

Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 80,365
Received to Date: \$ 69,163

Nursery Volunteers

March 2

8:15 am: Grace Payne
10:45 am: Andrew & Lacy Halligan (BB)
Cathy & Lauren Barks (T)

March 9

8:15 am: Debbie Alvey
10:45 am: Robbie Spees & Kelly Dixon (BB)
Susan Knight (T)

March 16

8:15 am: Jim & Debbie Scourick
10:45 am: Kara Allard (BB)
Sheri Wright & Patty Bickerstaff (T)

March 23

8:15 am: Bridget Browning
10:45 am: Jamie Hawkins (BB)
Luke & Rachel Diefenbach (T)

March 30

8:15 am: Andrea Brewer
10:45 am: Nathan & Kathryn Thomas (BB)
Cheryl Tyler (T)

BB - Bed Babies C201
T - Toddlers C202



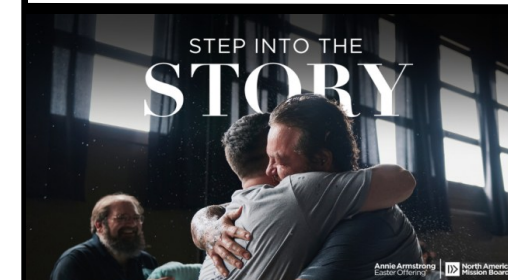
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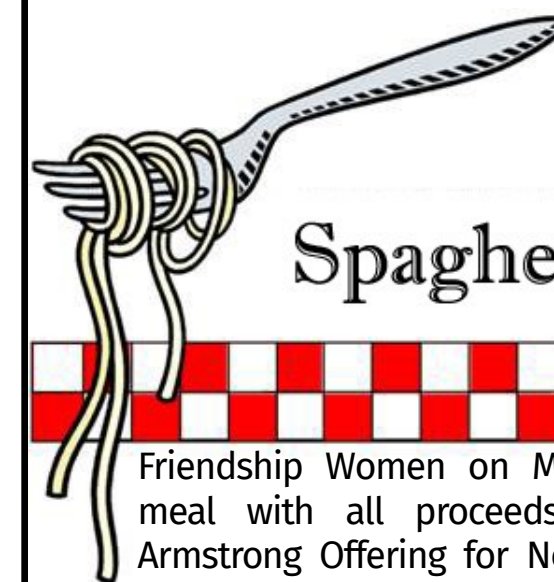
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We invite you to join us for this season of prayer March 2-9, 2025 for North American Missions. Prayer guides will be available March 2. In addition to prayer, your generosity in

giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering makes an eternal impact. Through your gifts to this 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.



**MARCH 5
5 PM**

Spaghetti Dinner

Friendship Women on Mission are hosting this meal with all proceeds going to the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. The menu is: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert. Sign up in the Worship Center or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, March 4 if you plan to attend.



“He guides me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.”
(Psalm 23:3)

I heard about a man undergoing basic training in the army. He was pulling KP and was given the assignment of sorting potatoes. There was a huge mound of potatoes and the mess sergeant told him to put all the bad ones in one bin and the good ones in the other bin. The sergeant came back two hours later to find the man still looking at the first potato. There was nothing in the bins. The sergeant said, “What's the matter, don't you like the work?” The soldier said, “It's not the work; it's the decisions that are killing me.”

I often feel that way. We have to make countless decisions, day after day, which touch the lives of our families and others whom we deeply love. We need wisdom. We need a Shepherd. We need Someone who knows the trails. We need Someone whom we can trust. We all need a decisive word from Someone who knows the way and the Lord certainly knows the way.

In Psalm 23:3, the Hebrew word translated “paths” means “a well-defined, well-worn trail.” Even when the trail is well laid out, sheep still need a shepherd. We are inclined to wander no matter how obvious the path. This is why we must trust the Good Shepherd. Our God knows the trails before us because He has been there before and we can trust Him. When facing challenging decisions, consider these suggestions...

Submit wholeheartedly to the leadership of the Good Shepherd. This is the attitude we must maintain. Unless we are willing to admit that we don't know the way and unless we are willing to submit to His leadership, we will never find the way. God knows the way and we can trust Him wholeheartedly.

Obey what we know now to be God's will. Most of God's will is already revealed in His Word. We must begin by obeying the truth we have.

But what about other areas of life where the Scripture does not give specific information? In these areas, we are led by the peace of God. As we spend time praying and waiting upon God, there comes a sense of peace, or an inner conviction, about the correctness of God's path for us. The peace of God will rule in our life as our Good Shepherd lets us know what to do. When we move forward in faith, we discover that God strengthens us with His peace. We can trust the Good Shepherd!

God is good! All the time!

Jason



The JOY Club will go to Bandana's on Tuesday, March 4 at 11:30 a.m. Meet at the restaurant.



Bro. Jason & the Friendship Family express Christian love & sympathy to David & Teresa Utley in the death of his mother, Billie Utley.



- 1 5:00 p.m. — Adult 2 SS Fellowship
- 4 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 5 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 11 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4
- 13 9:30 a.m. — Ladies Morning Bible Study Begins
- 6:00 p.m. — Ladies Evening Bible Study Begins
- 13-15 Chicago Mission Trip
- 16 7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 18 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 19 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team Mtg.
- 6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 22 Friendship Kids Crazy Craft Day
- KY Disaster Relief Training
- 23 9:00 a.m. — Coffee & Donuts in KidZone
- 1:30 p.m. — Browning Baby Shower
- 4:00 p.m. — Hutcheson 50th Anniversary Celebration
- 25 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 28-29 Youth DNow

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



Join us for a baby shower in honor of Logan & Madeline Browning March 23, 1:30—3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
Registry: my.babylist.com/madeline-browning

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Bringing Help, Hope and Healing

March 22—Princeton
18 years & up Cost: \$30
Sign up in the Worship Center



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 4 men. Nominations are due in the church office by March 31. Four deacons will be selected by the church in the May Business Meeting. Three men will serve 3 year terms, and 1 man will serve an unexpired term.



Together with their families Lyman & Kay Hutcheson invite you to celebrate their milestone on Sunday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m. at the Charity League, 1921 Broadway. RSVP Emily @ 270-727-2370 by March 9.

Rev. Cleavant Derricks was born 13 May 1910 in East Chattanooga, Tennessee, son of John T. Derricks and Ora (Kinamore) Derricks. Derricks developed an early aptitude for music, initially taking lessons at the Cadek Conservatory of Music, a school started by prominent Chattanooga violinist Joseph Cadek (1868–1927). Derricks also had two years of college at the Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College (now Tennessee State University) in Nashville.

As a young songwriter, Derricks developed a relationship with the Stamps-Baxter office in Chattanooga, run by co-owner J.R. Baxter Jr. (1887–1960). Baxter launched the Stamps-Baxter company with Virgil Stamps (1892–1940) in 1926 and ran part of the operation in Chattanooga until Stamps' death in 1940, when the Baxter's moved to Dallas to run operations from the main office there. Baxter thought highly enough of Derricks' songwriting ability that he published a collection of Derricks' songs in 1934 as Pearls of Paradise, including one of his most successful songs, “We'll soon be done with troubles and trials.”

Stamps-Baxter published his gospel song “Just a little talk with Jesus” in Harbor Bells No. 6 (Dallas: Stamps-Baxter, 1937). This original version had three stanzas and a refrain. Curiously, it was labeled “Spiritual” while being credited clearly to Derricks. He sold the song to Stamps-Baxter in exchange for fifty songbooks, which he then sold for ten cents each. What is known is that his church members needed new hymnals. Money was already tight during these difficult times, but the church was in terrible need of new hymnals. He stated he needed hymnals and did not have the money to purchase them, while offering a bargain. Would the publisher accept his song to provide hymnals for his church?

The publisher reviewed his song, not wanting the majority of them, but there were two songs they agreed to purchase. One of these songs was “Just a Little Talk with Jesus” published by Stamps-Baxter Music Company in 1936. Two other well-known songs written by Cleavant Derricks are “We'll Soon Be Done with Troubles and Trials” and “When God Dipped His Love in My Heart.”

*I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in;
And let a little light from heaven fills my soul.
He bathed my heart in love, and He wrote my name above;
And just a little talk with Jesus makes me whole.*

*Now let us have a little talk with Jesus;
Let us tell Him all about our troubles
He will hear our fainted cry; He will answer by and by
When you feel a little prayer wheel turning;
And you will know a little fire is burnin'
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.*

*I may have doubts and fears, my eye be filled with tears;
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night
I go to him in prayer, He knows my every care;
And just a little talk with my Jesus makes it right.*

Taken from: <https://www.hymnologyarchive.com/just-a-little-talk-with-jesus>
And <https://dianaleaghmatthews.com/just-a-little-talk-with-jesus/>

Under the Master's Baton,
Chad