

I have been working with students for over half of my life. In fact I have been working with students for twice as long as some of our middle school students have been alive. In that time I have been to many graduations. I have seen a hundred or so seniors stand on stage at church and be recognized. I have smiled and told them I was proud of them and then prayed for them as they moved to the next stage of their journey.

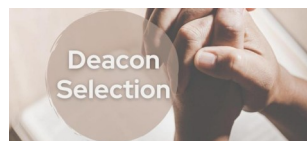
Being a youth pastor is about saying goodbye. It is about training students and then sending them out. This ritual of students graduating is part of the rhythm of working with them. I get to see God do amazing things in their lives and then I get to see them take what they have learned and use it as they grow.

This May will mark my fourteenth graduating class from Friendship. That means that these guys weren't even in school when I became first their children's pastor and then their youth pastor. It is such a privilege to get to watch as these students grow and learn. It is such a privilege to have even a small part in how they get to know God.

I say all that to say this. There is nothing more amazing than working in our children's or youth department. It is challenging, sure, but it is also rewarding beyond explanation. When those Seniors stand on the stage on May 18 they will have been taught and shaped by dozens of people at Friendship. Those teachers made an impact in the lives of these Seniors and they are who they are in part because those teachers were willing to let God use them.

I believe that God is calling even more people to step up and take part in our children and student ministry. I believe that you can use what you have been given and make a difference. So this year, when you see the seniors in their caps and gowns pray about how you can be a part of what we are doing at Friendship to help students and children grow into young men and women of God.

Shane



Deacon Selection — Friendship members will choose four men to serve as deacons in the May business meeting. The deacon candidates are: Mike Baucum, Doug Johnson, Steve Knight, Michael Myers, Phillip Peifer, Richard Pigg, Gene Reaney, and Ryan Smith. Please pray for God's guidance as we make this important selection.

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

May 11

Kathryn Thom-
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May 25

Susan Knight



Welcome to our New Members

Mark & Sue Ellen Morris
Alan & Lisa Yarbrough

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

THIS IS THE DAY
THAT THE LORD
HAS MADE; LET US
REJOICE
& BE GLAD IN IT
PSALM 118:24

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Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 183,695
Received to Date: \$ 165,197

Nursery Volunteers

May 4

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

May 11

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

May 18

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

May 25

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

BB - Bed Babies C201
T - Toddlers C202



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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025

*Trust in the LORD
with all thine heart;
and lean not unto
thine own
understanding.
In all thy ways
acknowledge him,
and he shall direct
thy paths.*



**Braden Hawkins
Nolan Stevenson
Sam Stuber**

Proverbs 3:5-6



“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord,
implore you to walk in a manner worthy of
the calling with which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
showing tolerance for one another in love,
being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.”
(Ephesians 4:1-3)

I stopped behind a car the other day and noticed a sticker on the rear window stating: “New Driver. Please Be Patient.” With all the road construction being done in our area and with all the traffic delays we are experiencing, this was a great reminder for me to be patient with other drivers. I admit this is something I’ve been working on for a few months now.

As I thought about the sticker, I wondered what would happen if people carried around signs that alerted us that they were a “New Parent” or a “New Christian.” If we only knew what our neighbors, coworkers, classmates, or others we encounter throughout our day – if we only knew what were going through, would we be more patient with them? Would we be more willing to come alongside and help them with their struggles?

Many of us, we rush through our days, trying to avoid being interrupted by others, but do you remember how Jesus treated people? Jesus wasn’t in a hurry. He had compassion on people and took the time to comfort and teach and show love to those He encountered.

As Christ-followers, we are called to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling we have received.” Paul instructs us to be “humble and gentle; patient, showing tolerance for one another in love; and preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” We seldom know all the challenges others are facing, but we still can be patient with them. Even when we are confronted with significant differences and relational friction, it is possible for us to demonstrate Christ-like love for one another. Let’s make every effort to be an expression of Jesus’ selfless love to all who cross our path.

God is good! All the time!

Jason




Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. Item for MAY is: **WATCHES, NECKLACES, BRACELETS, HAIR ACCESSORIES.** A box is provided in the KidZone for your donations.




- 3 Evansville Family Mission Trip
- 4 7:00 p.m. — VBS Worker’s Mtg.
- 6 11:00 a.m. — JOY Club
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4
- 7 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 11 9:00 a.m. — Mother’s Day Breakfast
- 13 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 14 5:30 p.m. — Facility Options Assessment Team Mtg.
- 18 10:45 a.m. — High School Graduate Recognition
- 20 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 21 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team Mtg.
- 6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 24 9:00 a.m. — Church Work Day
- 26 Memorial Day
- 27 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 28 5:30 p.m. — Facility Options Assessment Team Mtg.

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




Family Night Supper

Wednesday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m. The menu is: FISH FRY with white beans, fries, slaw, hushpuppies and dessert. Sign up in the worship center or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, May 6 to attend.



Will go to Majestic in Mayfield on Tuesday, May 6. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to ride the bus.



“MAGNIFIED! Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things!” VBS 2025 will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God’s amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God! Volunteers are needed to serve in this community outreach ministry. Sign up on the bulletin board by the elevator. If you would like serve in VBS please join us for a worker’s meeting Sunday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Our VBS is scheduled for July 13-17, from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

From the unruly streets of London to the pulpits of Baptist churches, Edward Mote’s life was a testament to the transformative power of God’s grace. Born in 1797 to pub-owning parents, young Edward grew up without any knowledge of the Bible or the loving presence of Christ. As he later recalled, “So ignorant was I that I did not know there was a God.”

But God had a plan for Edward Mote. As a young apprentice cabinetmaker, Mote’s life took a pivotal turn when his master brought him to the Tottenham Court Road Chapel. There, under the passionate preaching of John Hyatt, Mote encountered Jesus Christ and embraced Him as his Savior. This experience would forever change the course of his life. Despite his newfound faith, Mote continued to work diligently as a cabinetmaker, eventually establishing his own successful business. However, his heart was now filled with a deep love for hymns and a desire to express his gratitude to God through music.

One fateful morning in 1834, as Mote walked to his workshop in Holborn, London, the words of a chorus came to his mind: “On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.” By the end of the day, he had penned four verses of what would become one of the most beloved hymns of all time.

The following Sunday, Mote visited a friend whose wife lay ill. As they gathered to sing a hymn and pray together, Mote realized he had forgotten his hymnal. Reaching into his pocket, he pulled out the verses he had written just days before. The words brought comfort and solace to the ailing woman, and Mote, moved by the impact of his composition, added two more stanzas and had 1,000 copies printed to share with others.

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus’ name

On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil

His oath His covenant His blood, Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne

"Therefore whosoever heareth, these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

- Matthew 7:24
Taken from: <https://www.hymncharts.com/2024/04/08/the-story-behind-the-solid-rock/>

Under the Master’s Baton,
Chad

Evansville Mission Team — On Saturday, May 3, Friendship will take a team to serve alongside Oakhill Baptist Church and Community Central Church in Evansville. Our team will work through Send Relief to revitalize a local park. Team members will leave Friendship at 5:45 a.m. and will return the same evening. Please pray for our team as they serve the Lord and others: Morris & Debbie Alvey, Mike & Kathy Baucum, Chad & Kim Davidson, Steve & Susan Knight, Sherry Queen, and Phyllis Rambo.