

# STUDENT MINISTRY

## October 16

### Ignite Tour

Friendship youth will be attending the Ignite Tour Concert at Heartland October 16 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30, due by October 5. Sign up in the youth room.

## October 18

### Friendship Fall Festival

4-6 pm. Students & Youth Ministry Team leaders will work 2-3 tables at the event. More info to come.

## October 26

### Youth After Church Fellowship

Join us in the youth room after evening worship for pizza & games. Invite a friend!



## SAVE THE DATE!

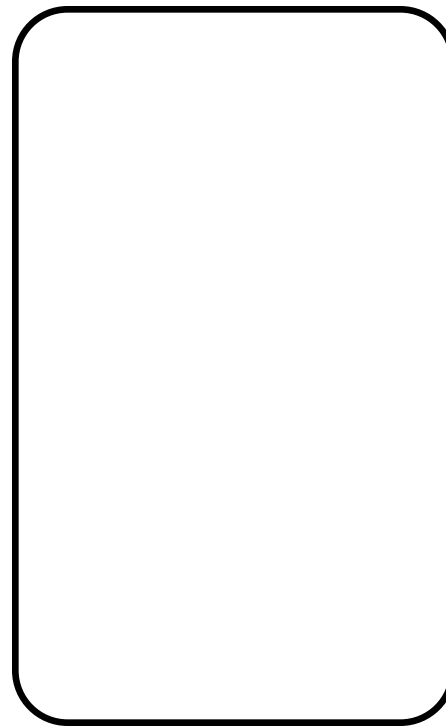
Friendship will once again be a Relay Center for OCC. Churches and individuals can bring their shoeboxes to Friendship November 17-24. Volunteers will be needed to receive boxes in the KidZone. Sign-ups coming soon. Contact Mike or Kathy Baucum for more information.



Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. Item for OCTOBER is: **NOTE PADS & COLORING BOOKS**. A box is provided in the KidZone for your donations.

### Report From The Facility Options Assessment Team (FOAT):

- Team met with Architect and engineers to discuss Task 1 (estimates for multipurpose building and sanctuary).
- Over the next 4-8 weeks, Architect and engineers will be preparing design schematics, identifying design features, and preparing the estimates for Task 1.



### 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

October 12  
Debbie Sisco  
October 26  
Kim Sturgill



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Minister of Music & Worship

### Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 436,270  
Received to Date: \$ 418,899

### Nursery Volunteers

October 5  
8:15 am: Billie Stuber  
10:45 am: Spencer & Melissa Hawkins (BB)  
Christi Hughes & Miranda Scott (T)

October 12  
8:15 am: Tori Ramsdell  
10:45 am: Vicki Fox & Carrie Childers (BB)  
Rhonda Holt (T)

October 19  
8:15 am: Amanda Triplett  
10:45 am: Gene & Deborah Reaney (BB)  
JP & Leah Tilley (T)

October 26  
8:15 am: Masami Smith  
10:45 am: Lynn Bond & Vickie Turley (BB)  
Cathy & Lauren Barks (T)

BB - Bed Babies C201  
T - Toddlers C202



# FRIENDSHIP NEWSLETTER

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friendship  
**FALL FESTIVAL**  
october 18 | 4:00-6:00

Children and their families are invited to join us for an afternoon of food, inflatables, and games! Mark your calendars now! We Need Your Help! As we welcome our community to Friendship, volunteers are needed for:

- Set-up / Clean-up
- Security
- Inflatables
- Games
- Registration
- Food Servers

Volunteer sign-ups will be available Sunday on the board by the elevator. We're collecting individually wrapped candy to use as prizes in the KidZone. Donations can be dropped off in the designated bin.



**“The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped...”  
(Psalm 28:7)**

The past few weeks have reminded me that life can change in an instant. For my family, just like so many in our church family, unexpected health challenges bring moments of fear, uncertainty, and deep reliance on God’s grace. But in the midst of uncertainty, something beautiful has happened: God showed up through His people, His peace, and His perfect provision. In moments like these, our faith is undeniably tested - but even more so, God’s faithfulness and His steadfastness are so clearly revealed. What could have ended much differently has become a testimony of God’s power, His protection, and His unshakable presence.

Bridget and I are so blessed to be part of the Friendship Family. We are thankful for the prayers of our church family – reminding us that we are never alone in the body of Christ. We are grateful for the support of our church family demonstrated through the meals, encouragement, texts, and visits – reminding us of the abundant love of Jesus Christ.

While there is still a road ahead, I am regaining strength day by day, and remain anchored in God’s promises. I have been drawn this week to Psalm 28:7, which states, “The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped...” God has proven once again that He is not only our healer but He is also our provider, our sustainer, and our ever-present help in time of need.

While healing continues - so does praise to our great God. Please continue to pray for me and my family. We are praying for a full recovery and for strength for the days ahead. I am confident that the Friendship Family will move forward more united, more dependent on God, and more ready than ever to share the story of God’s power and His provision with a broken and hurting world.

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

**Jason**

**COMBINED  
WORSHIP**

Join us for combined morning worship on October 5 & 12 at 10:45 am. On these two Sundays, we will gather for one service as we welcome our pastor back to the pulpit to preach God’s Word.

# OCTOBER

- 1 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 5:30 p.m. — Youth Search Team
- 5 10:45 a.m. — Combined Morning Worship
- 7:00 p.m. — Children’s Search Team
- 2026 Budget/Calendar Requests Due
- 7 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 8 5:30 p.m. — Youth Search Team
- 12 10:45 a.m. — Combined Morning Worship
- 7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 14 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 15 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team
- 6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 16 3:00 p.m. — Facility Options Assessment Team
- 7:00 p.m. — Youth to Ignite Tour Concert
- 18 4:00 p.m. — Friendship Family Festival
- 20 5:00 p.m. — Finance Team
- 21 10:00 a.m. — Women on Mission
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4
- 22 5:30 p.m. — Missions Team
- 26 7:00 p.m. — Youth After Church Fellowship
- 28 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1

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

**The Children’s Minister Search Team & Youth Minister Search Team** have met recently and are encouraged to see God at work throughout this process. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and seek His direction in identifying the next Youth Minister & Children’s Minister for Friendship Baptist Church.

We are beginning the process of posting job listings for the ministry positions in various locations.

We ask for your prayers as we continue this important work—for God’s guidance, for wisdom in our decisions, and that we would trust His perfect timing and provision throughout this journey.



**JOY Club** — Will go to Signature Smokehouse (formerly Hoskins BBQ) in Mayfield Tuesday, October 7. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to ride the bus.



**Family Night Supper** — Wednesday, October 1 at 5:00 p.m. The menu is: Italian Beef, Baked Beans, Hashbrown Casserole, Fruit, & Dessert. Sign up in the worship center or call the church office by noon on September 30 if you plan to attend. Suggested price is: Adults - \$6, Children under 10 - \$4.



When the songwriters (Ryan, Jonathan, & Meghan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge) first played the song “Behold Our God” for the evaluation team at a songwriting retreat back in 2010, they received this feedback: “Seems too ordinary at this point. Work on fresh and creative ways of saying these things.” Apparently, God didn’t think it was too ordinary, because twelve years later “Behold Our God” has been translated into over 15 languages and is one of the most well-known and widely sung songs Sovereign Grace Music has ever recorded.

Behold Our God started in the place that many Sovereign Grace songs start – at a songwriter’s retreat experiencing writer’s block. After working on a song for a while with no progress, Stephen Altrogge mentioned he had been meditating on Isaiah 40, and wondered if they could develop something from the questions of vs. 12-14:

*“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?” (Isaiah 40:12-14, ESV)*

That was enough of an inspiration to write two verses fairly quickly. But they needed a chorus. Everyone agreed it should start with, “Behold our God.” After a series of ideas that didn’t work, Jonathan sang out the chorus just as it ended up on the recording. They added the men/women response bridge and felt like they had a song.

After the retreat, they wisely ignored the counsel of the evaluation team and introduced it to their church in California. The church loved it. But Lynn Baird, father to three of the writers, said it needed a reference to the gospel. “You’ve got to write about Jesus next!” Over the next year, the writers worked on a third verse that connected the greatness of God to Christ. At the same time, Sovereign Grace Music was working on an album with a resurrection theme, and we asked if the last verse could reference Jesus rising from the dead. No small task for four short lines!

Finally, through the encouragement of a friend who said they could do it, was well as the stick-to-it perseverance of the writers, the Holy Spirit inspired the last verse, which beautifully and succinctly communicates the Gospel.

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him*

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge  
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Under the Master’s Baton,  
Chad