

**YOUTH AFTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday, January 18 after evening Bible Study  
 We'll eat pizza at church, then head to Metropolis Bowling Alley. Please bring \$10, plus extra if you'd like to play arcade games.  
 Don't let the cost keep you from participating!  
 Parents: Please pick up students at Friendship at 10:00 p.m.



**MFUGE CAMP**

**June 1 - 5, 2026**

**Southern Seminary, Louisville**

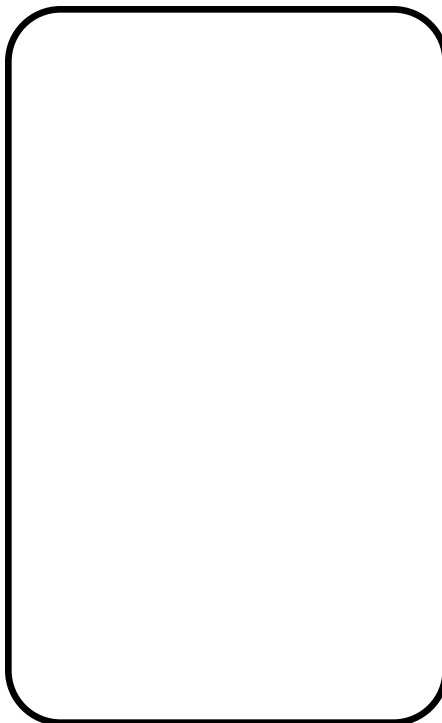
**For students 6th - 12th grade**

**\$100 deposit due January 11**

**What is MFuge?** During MFuge, students are divided into different groups for Bible study and ministry sites based on the type of work they request. We provide all programming and connect with local ministries to give students different areas to serve—everything from food banks to painting, construction, and yardwork.  
 MFuge is designed to give students a mission experience that opens their eyes to similar opportunities to serve in their own communities, learning to live life each day on mission!



**Cookie Brigade** — If you would like to be added to the Cookie Brigade rotation, please call the church office. The cookies are used for Operation Andrew visits.



**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**

**January 11**  
 Pam Hawkins

**January 25**  
 Debbie Scourick



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.

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. Chad Davidson,  
 Minister of Music & Worship

**Budget Receipts**

Required to Date: \$ 597,000  
 Received to Date: \$ 602,382

**Nursery Volunteers**

**January 4**  
 8:15 a.m. — Grace Payne  
 10:45 a.m. — Andrew & Lacy Halligan (BB)  
 Cathy & Lauren Barks (T)

**January 11**  
 8:15 a.m. — Andrew Brewer  
 10:45 a.m. — Robbie Spees & Kelly Dixon (BB)  
 Lisa Yarbrough & Susan Knight (T)

**January 18**  
 8:15 a.m. — Jim & Debbie Scourick  
 10:45 a.m. — Kara Allard & Lynn Bond (BB)  
 Sheri Wright & Patty Bickerstaff (T)

**January 25**  
 8:15 a.m. — Bridget Browning  
 10:45 a.m. — Josh & Jamie Hawkins (BB)  
 Luke & Rachel Diefenbach (T)

BB - Bed Babies  
 T - Toddlers

FRIENDSHIP  
**NEWSLETTER**

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The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.  
 Deuteronomy 31:8



**“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)**

As we step into a brand-new year, many of us are carrying a mix of emotions. There is excitement about what is ahead, reflection on what is behind, and maybe even some uncertainty about what this year will hold. A new year is a reminder that God’s mercy is not used up or worn out. Every morning we wake up, His grace is already waiting for us. The good news is that no matter how we feel walking into the new year, we do not walk into it alone.

Looking back, last year may have held moments of joy and celebration - or seasons of struggle, loss, or unanswered questions. Yet through it all, God has remained faithful. As we look ahead, we may not know all the details of what is coming, but we do know the One who goes before us. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us to **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”** This year, I pray we will lean less on our own plans and more on God’s guidance.

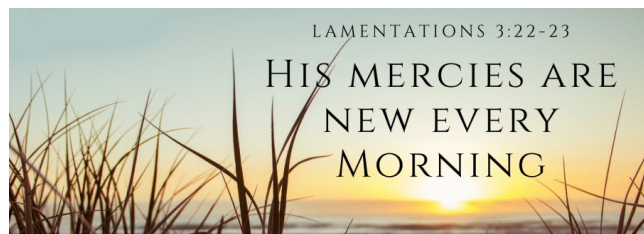
A new year also gives us a chance to reset our focus. Not on perfection or resolutions we won’t keep, but on faithfulness - taking the next right step with God. It’s an opportunity to spend more time in prayer, to open God’s Word with fresh expectation, and to love others with the same grace we have been given.

As a church family, we step into this year together. We will celebrate together, serve together, and support one another through both the highs and the lows. My prayer is that we continue to be a church that welcomes people, shares hope, and reflects Christ in both our words and our actions. May this be a year marked by growing faith, deepening relationships, and renewed hope in the God who holds our future.

Thank you for being part of the Friendship Family. I look forward to walking into this new year with you, trusting God for all that He will do.

**God Is Good! All The Time!**

**Jason**



# JANUARY

- 1 New Year’s Day
- 6 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club  
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 7 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 11 7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 13 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4
- 18 7:00 p.m. — Youth After Church Fellowship
- 20 10:00 a.m. — Women on Mission  
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 21 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team  
6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 25 9:00 a.m. — Coffee & Donuts
- 27 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 27-29 OCC Processing Center, Aurora IL

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



**OCC Processing Center** — January 27-29, 2026. Friendship will take a team of up to 19 people to Aurora, IL to pack shoeboxes from online orders. We will commit our time and talents as servants of God to influence the lives of others for the Kingdom of Christ. Cost is \$121 per person at 2 per room. Sign up in the Worship Center if you are interested in serving with this team. The deadline to sign up is January 11. Please see Mike or Kathy Baucum for more information.



**Centri-Kid** — June 22-26 at Campbellsville University. This camp is for students who have completed 2nd - 6th grade. At Centri-Kid, students will experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ! A deposit of \$100 is due by January 25.



**JOY Club** — The JOY Club will go to New Asia on Tuesday, January 6. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m.



Wednesday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m. The menu is: Taco Soup, Tomato Florentine Soup, Grilled Cheese & Dessert. Sign up in the Worship Center or call the church office by noon on January 6 if you plan to attend. Suggested price is: Adults - \$6, Children under 10 - \$4.

As I continue to offer “The Story Behind The Song” writings in 2026, one of our newer worship tunes “House of the Lord” by Phil Wickham is my focus this month. Phil Wickham was interviewed and these are his words:

“I wrote the song “House of the Lord” in the middle part of 2020—the most frustrating part of the year. A year, because of the pandemic, where we weren’t allowed to meet in the literal house of the Lord. But, what I realized at this time was that the house of the Lord is not something that’s made by hands or by man. It’s you and it’s me who call ourselves believers in Jesus.

The first verse of the song is about who God is, the second verse is about what God has done for me, and the bridge is who I am because of it. I decided to write a song about who God is, what He’s done, and who I am because of Him. That way, even if I’m not happy all the time, I can still have joy. Jesus said, “take heart, I have overcome the world.”

Joy isn’t based on circumstance. If it was, it would come and go. Our joy is found in the person of Jesus, and He is never failing. He conquered sin and death, and He never changes. He says we are forgiven, we are redeemed, and we are set free.”


“My spirit of gratitude was lost for weeks during the pandemic. I was home watching the news, without any outlet to do what I love to do. I saw the frustration in my kids and friends. I was missing birthday parties and other important events. I found myself asking a lot of questions. I knew I needed to practice what I preached: being thankful, no matter the circumstances.

“House of the Lord” is about how we are the church. A brick-and-mortar building isn’t the church. The church is what’s inside you and everything you need to totally impact and change the world around you for the kingdom of God.”

Taken from: [https://www.newreleasetoday.com/article.php?article\\_id=3260](https://www.newreleasetoday.com/article.php?article_id=3260)

Under the Master’s Baton,

Chad



Make plans to join us on January 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship before Sunday School.