



Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has provided an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift to more than 220 million children in over 170 countries and territories. Local ministry partners hand out these tangible expressions of God's love at child-friendly, Gospel-focused outreach events. Afterward, many of the boys and girls are invited to attend The Greatest Journey discipleship program. Through 12 Bible lessons, children learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. They tell friends and family what they are learning, and more people put their faith in Christ—and go on to tell still others. Through these dynamic evangelism and discipleship efforts, believers and churches are multiplying!

Friendship participates in OCC Year Round, collecting box items each month. In November, we host a Packing Party where we box up the collected items. Each box is prayed over by those attending the packing party. In 2025 we packed over 580 boxes. Plan to be part of this exciting ministry where the Gospel is shared with children around the world and attend our packing party November 15!

For the month of February we are collecting: **WOW ITEMS**

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy

A BIN IS LOCATED IN THE KIDZONE FOR YOUR DONATIONS
You can also give toward the purchase of items for boxes.
Just note on your check/envelope that your gift is for OCC.

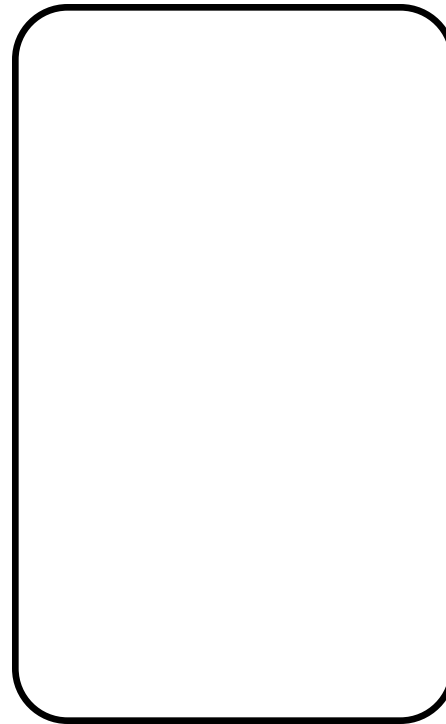
HERE ARE SOME SHOPPING TIPS:

- When shopping, choose quality items that will last a long time.
- Don't miss out on post-holiday deals after Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter.
- Take advantage of back-to-school sales in the fall.

EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE
CALM THE MENTAL CHAOS THAT KEEPS YOU STUCK,
DRAINS YOUR HOPE, AND HOLDS YOU BACK
KYLE IDLEMAN

**Adult Bible Study
Sunday Evenings @ 6PM
Begins February 15**

**Join us in the
Worship Center**



Weekly Activities

SUNDAY

Sunday School - 9:30 am
Worship - 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Evening Worship - 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 8
Kathryn Thomas
February 22
Susan Knight



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.

For **GOD** so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have *eternal life*
JOHN 3:16

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Budget Receipts
Required to Date: \$ 35,135
Received to Date: \$ 27,305

Nursery Volunteers

February 1
8:15 am:
10:45 am: Spencer & Melissa Hawkins (BB)
Christi Hughes & Miranda Scott (T)

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

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

February 22
8:15 am: Masami Smith
10:45 am: Pam Samuels & Vickie Turley (BB)
Laura Hughes & Lynette Nelson (T)

BB - Bed Babies
T - Toddlers

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**“For our citizenship is in heaven,
from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ...”
(Philippians 3:20)**

In Philippians 3:20 - the apostle Paul reminds us of a truth that reshapes how we live: “Our citizenship is in heaven...” While we live, work, and serve here on earth, our ultimate home is elsewhere. This world is not our final destination.

Imagine a citizen of one country living for a time in another. They may learn the language, respect the laws, and build relationships, but they never forget where they truly belong. They carry a passport that identifies their real home and that passport shapes how they see themselves and how they live, even while surrounded by a different culture. Citizenship shapes our identity. Citizenship determines our values, loyalties, and hopes.

As Christ-followers, we are, in a sense, living abroad. This world is not our permanent residence. Our primary allegiance is not to earthly systems or temporary achievements, but to the Kingdom of God. Our “passport” is our faith in Christ, reminding us who we are and where we are headed. Because of that, we don’t fully adopt the values or priorities of the culture around us, but we live by the customs of our true homeland. Our heavenly citizenship calls us to live differently - marked by humility, faithfulness, and hope - even when the culture around us pulls in another direction.

Paul also points us toward the future promise we eagerly await. Jesus will return, and when He does, He will transform our broken and fragile bodies to be like His glorious body. This promise does not lead us to disengage from the world but to serve others with confidence and love. Because our future is secure, we are free to live boldly - loving generously, forgiving quickly, and standing firm in God’s truth. We are to represent our heavenly homeland wherever we go. Our words, actions, and attitudes become a reflection of the Kingdom we belong to. We live differently - not because we are better, but because we know we are headed home.

Together, may we lift our eyes above the temporary and fix our hearts on the eternal. May we live as true citizens of heaven, reflecting Christ in all we do, while eagerly awaiting the day when faith becomes sight and our Savior makes all things new.

God Is Good! All The Time!

Jason

February

- 1 7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 3 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 4 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 10 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4
- 17 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 5
- 18 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team
- 6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 21 9:00 a.m. — WOM Coffee, Donut & Missions
- 22 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. — Lord’s Supper
- 7:00 p.m. — Birthday Fellowship
- 24 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1

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



Friendship Women on Mission will host West Union Baptist Association WMU on Saturday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m. for Coffee, Donuts & Missions. All women are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall.



MFUGUE CAMP — June 1 - 5 at Southern Seminary in Louisville. Mission Fuge is for 6th - 12th grade students. A deposit of \$100 is due by February 1.



Centri-Kid — June 22-26 at Campbellsville University. This camp is for students who have completed 2nd - 6th grade. A deposit of \$100 is due by February 1.



JOY Club — The JOY Club will go to Hokkaido Grill & Sushi on Tuesday, February 3. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m.



Wednesday, February 4 at 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 3 if you plan to attend. Suggested cost is \$6 for adults; \$3 for children under 10. Please remember that the food is purchased according to the number who sign up.



We are thankful for the faithful ministry of Chad Davidson at Friendship over the past 14 years. Please join us in praying for Chad & Kim as they begin this next chapter in their lives.

Friendship is blessed with many faithful servants in our music ministry, including instrumentalists, vocalists, leaders, and our sound and media volunteers. During this interim time, Josh/Jamie Hawkins and Spencer/Melissa Hawkins, will provide leadership to our music ministry. We will continue to utilize our vocal teams each Sunday, as well as our adult choir. We are thankful for each one who has stepped up to assist with the music ministry.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Psalm 104:33

Search Team Report

The Children’s Minister Search Team & Youth Minister Search Team have been busy reviewing resumes, checking theological ideologies of potential candidates, and conducting interviews.

The Youth Search Team has completed a video interview, listened to the candidate teach, contacted his references, and have scheduled an in-person interview with the candidate for early February. We will have another update once the in-person interview has been completed.

The Children’s Search Team had multiple conversations with a prospective candidate starting last November. Recently, the candidate withdrew her name from consideration because she wasn’t confident that she was the right person for Friendship. The Children’s Search Team will once again actively cast the net in search of the right person to lead our children’s ministry. 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.



Churchwide Birthday Celebration — Sunday, February 22 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.