The KidsZone

Hey Friedship Kids,
Imagine stepping back in time to the night Jesus was born. The glow of golden fires light the streets of Bethlehem. You barter with shopkeepers, meet local craftsmen, taste bread and olive oil, and experience life in the little town where our Savior entered the world. At the edge of the village, you discover a humble stable, you pause as you stand before the manger, the story you've heard countless times suddenly feels different. You begin to understand the humble circumstances of Jesus' birth and the incredible sacrifice behind the greatest gift ever given. Suddenly, Christmas becomes more than a holiday. It becomes personal.

This is the experience we want every family to share this Christmas.

Join us December 4 for our first Family Ministry event! We'll gather for dinner and fellowship before traveling to First Church of the Nazarene in Mayfield to experience their interactive Walk Through Bethlehem.

From the youngest to the oldest (ages 0-99), every child of Friendship is invited! We especially hope families will join us for a lovely evening of fellowship, fun, and making memories together. For students whose families are unable to attend, we have chaperones and transportation arranged so they can still be part of this special experience.

Come make memories, grow together, and rediscover the wonder of the greatest story ever told. After all, Christmas is about more than what we receive---it's about the Savior who came for us.

I hope you'll join us and make memories to last a lifetime!

Agape,

Leah

Youth Corner

Dear Church,
Just wanted to drop a quick line to tell you how excited I am to be a part of Friendship.

I went on my first youth outing this past Saturday night and it was such an awesome experience at the Kentucky Opry seeing 10th Avenue North---they put on a great show!

Looking forward to December with everybody as we celebrate Jesus' birth and move into the new year. On Wednesdays and Sundays, I'll be teaching the youth about how to see Jesus in our lives each day through His grace, mercy, forgiveness, and love. We will be covering one of those areas each week as we dive into God's Word together.

In His Love,

Bro. Travis Ellis

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
Adult Prayer/Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Children's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Youth Bible Study - 6:30 pm



COOKIE BRIGADE

December 13
Robbie Spees

December 27
Sherry Queen

Thank You!

We are grateful for everyone who gave, packed, prayed, and helped with Operation Christmas Child in 2026. Every box represents an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with a child somewhere around the world. May 2027 bring as many blessings for us to share.

Budget Receipts

Required to Date: $503,596
Received to Date: $471,951

Inclement Weather Text Alerts

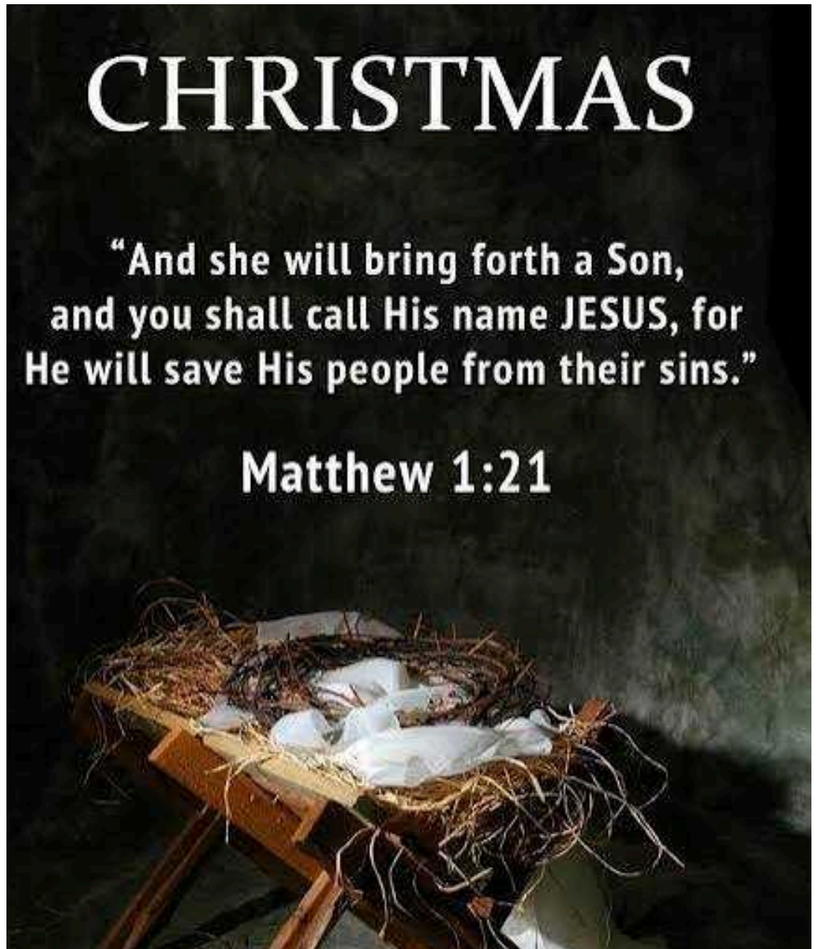
If you are not receiving text alerts regarding service time changes, church events, prayer requests, and cancellations due to inclement weather, please call the church office to sign up for this service. Inclement weather closings will also be posted on social media and on our website.



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"And the Word became flesh,
and dwelt among us,
and we saw His glory,
glory as of the only begotten from the
Father,full of grace and truth."
(John 1:14)

One of the things that makes Christmas so special is the opportunity to be together. Families travel great distances, friends gather around tables, and people make an extra effort to connect with those they love. There is something meaningful about being present with the people who matter most to us.

That is part of what makes the Christmas story so remarkable. John 1:14 tells us, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us..." Think about that for a moment. The God of the universe, the Creator of all things, chose to come near to us. He didn't remain distant or simply send a message from heaven. He came Himself. Jesus stepped into our world, took on human flesh, and experienced life as we experience it.

The birth of Jesus reminds us that God is not a distant God who is unconcerned about our lives. He is a God who loves us enough to come to us. Jesus entered a broken world filled with sin, suffering, disappointment, and uncertainty. He came to bring hope to the hopeless, forgiveness to the guilty, and salvation to those who were lost.

The manger was only the beginning of that mission. The baby born in Bethlehem would grow up to become the Savior who died on a cross and rose again so that we could have a relationship with God. That is what makes Christmas so extraordinary. God didn't simply send us something we wanted; He sent us Someone we desperately needed. Jesus came because we needed saving.

As you celebrate Christmas this year, don't allow the busyness of the season to overshadow the beauty of the Savior. Take time to slow down, reflect on His goodness, and most importantly, make room in your heart to worship Jesus. And just as God came near to us through Christ, let's look for opportunities to draw near to others by showing kindness, extending grace, and sharing the love of Jesus.

The greatest wonder of Christmas is not simply that a child was born in Bethlehem. It is that God came near so that we could know Him personally. May we never become so distracted by the celebration that we forget the Savior. After all, Jesus is not simply the reason for the season; He is the reason we have hope for eternity.

Merry Christmas!

Jason



December Calendar of Events

1	6:00 p.m. - Operation Andrew, Team 1
2	5:00 p.m. - Family Night Supper
4	5:00 p.m. - Dinner/Walk Thru Bethlehem
6	4:30 p.m. - WOM/Lottie Moon "Souper" Supper
8	6:00 p.m. - Operation Andrew, Team 2
10	11:00 a.m. - JOY Club - Badgett Playhouse
13	Food Basket Deadline
13	**NO EVENING SERVICES - SS Fellowships**
13	5:00 p.m. - Jingle & Jammies
15	10:00 a.m. - Women on Mission
15	6:00 p.m. - Operation Andrew, Team 3
16	5:30 p.m. - Finance Team
16	6:30 p.m. - Business Meeting
19	10:00 a.m. - Scourick Baby Shower
19-20	**FOOD BASKET DELIVERY**
20	7:00 p.m. - Deacons
22	6:00 p.m. - Operations Andrew, Team 4
23	**NO MID-WEEK SERVICES**
24	4:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Services
25	**Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!**
27	Combined AM Worship
29	6:00 p.m. - Operation Andrew, Team 5

Weekly Men's Prayer - Tuesday @ 6:30 a.m.

Scourick Baby Shower



In honor of JT & Jackie in the blessing of the coming arrival of their little girl and Grandparents Jim & Debbie. Due to time difference and travel, the shower will be a video call with the couple. Gift registry information available in the Worship Center.

Saturday, December 19th
Friendship Baptist KidZone
10:00-11:30 a.m.



December 2 @ 5:00 p.m.

Menu: Soup, Salad, Bread and Dessert. Kids will be serving the meal! Sign Up in the Worship Center, or call the church office before noon on Monday, November 30 to let us know you will be joining us.



Sunday School Fellowships
Sunday, December 13



Sunday School classes will gather for fellowship and celebration of the Christmas season. There are no evening services on this night.

Jingle & Jammies

Sunday, December 13, 5:00-8:30 p.m.



Kids, wear your favorite PJs and join us for a night of Christmas Fellowship: Food, Fun, Games, Movie, Crafts, and More! Sign up in the Kidzone or call/text Leah. Hope to see you there.

Lottie Moon "Souper" Supper & Dessert Sale
Sunday, December 6 @ 4:30 p.m.



Join us for a variety of homemade soups, along with cornbread, crackers, fresh baked bread with all the fixings! The meal will be on a donation basis and desserts will also be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for International Missions. Come for the Fellowship, Stay for the Worship!

WMU God's mission. Our passion.

Praying, Packing, Impacting Eternity

How God used our Church Family thru Operation Christmas Child to share the Gospel in 2026:
Total Shoeboxes Filled @ Friendship Packing Party: 650
Total Friendship Shoeboxes Donated: 743
Total Shoeboxes Collected @ Friendship Drop Off Location: 4,377
Total Friendship Volunteers @ Drop Off Location: 27
Total Friendship Volunteer Hours @ Drop Off Location: 203.5
Friendship Ministry Team OCC Processing Center Aurora, IL: Dec & Jan

Romans 10:13-15