

# Friendship *Baptist Church*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH AUGUST 2016

## *Family*

This month's theme is family and how God has perfectly planned out our lives and placed us in families that are perfect for us. See the pastor's article on page 3.

## *Church Events*

- August 4 - Senior Breakfast
- August 10 - Family Night @ 6 P.M.
- August 14 - Music Meeting @ 6 P.M.
- August 23 - Light Bearers @ 9 A.M.

## *Important Announcements*

- Please see Mallori Corder if you are interested in becoming involved with the children's ministry this year. They need your help.
- The food pantry is in need of unsweetened cereal, mac and cheese, canned fruits, oatmeal, vienna sausage, grape jelly, canned tomatoes, canned spaghetti/meatballs, canned ravioli, and soups. Please bring your items by Sunday, August 14. Please leave them in the boxes in the sanctuary.

# Haven Student Ministry

Hello Friendship Family,

August is the 8th month of a great year. The Haven Student Ministry has quite a few things in the works for this new church year: "First Down", DNOW, IgniteNOW, OCC and a few other. If you have any questions about these events, just ask.

The Haven Students are studying the nature of God. It can get deep sometimes, but my hope is that we can find a way for the "rubber to hit the road." I, so many times, forget the beauty and powerful nature of the Living God that we serve. Pray that the students and leaders will see this amazing God we serve in a way that would change our lives completely.

Also, we are excited about the students that are moving up from the 6th grade. Come on up, the water is fine. The Haven starts at 6:30. We will try to finish up at around 7:30. (Porkchop gets long winded sometimes.)

Lastly, our students will start school this week. School can be fun and exciting, but many times it is frustrating and causes stress. Pray that they would stay safe and focused.

In His footprints,

*Porkchop Falkner*



# Family

Our theme for this month's newsletter is "Family." Family is one of the most precious gifts in which God shows His grace. We don't choose our parents or our children. Each of us just makes a splash into this world in the families God has assigned. We each wear a variety of hats that bear a God-given responsibility of stewardship in our families. The primary responsibility we have in stewardship is that we treat each responsibility with great care and in His grace live to give honor and glory to God in its fulfillment. We begin as children, trusting in childlike faith the goodness and truthfulness of our parents to care for us and provide for our every need. God's Word says that our primary responsibility is to, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."<sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:<sup>3</sup> "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." Eph 6:1-3. So from birth to death (yes, even after we turn 18), we are charged to live to honor our parents as it honors the Lord. Then, the time comes to begin our own family as adults. We love and marry, two becoming one under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Each unique but together a picture of Jesus and His Church, it's a responsibility to show the world the love of Christ which brings unity in love.

"First comes love, then come marriage; then comes..." babies. Life changes drastically when we step into the role of parenting. In this role we assume, not just the responsibility of ourselves, but also the little souls God gives us in His grace. We do our part to make sure they know they are loved and that their basic needs are met. We even at times get them to church where we hope they "get it" one day. But do we realize the gravity of our own spiritual leadership in their lives? Do they hear Jesus and see Jesus lived out in our hearts and lives? Do they acquire a craving for Jesus through what they witness in us? Do our lives lead our children closer to Christ or do we subtly push them away through our "Christianity of convenience"?



## Pastor's Pen

My heart aches for families, our families, who are so caught up in this temporary life (its pleasures, desires, events, etc.), that faith is no more than an activity of convenience. "When there is nothing better, more rewarding or more fun, to do, we'll try Jesus!" God grant us the courage and faith to reclaim our walks with Christ and our commitment to Him in order that our children, our grandchildren, and the whole wide world will know that THIS FAMILY stands with, believes in, and follows Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Amen!

*Jonathan Baker*

# Upcoming Events

- August 4 - Senior Breakfast
- August 10 - Family Night @ 6 P.M. Ice Cream Social
- August 14 - Music Meeting @ 6 P.M. Discussion
- August 23 - Light Bearers @ 9 A.M. Meeting at Cracker Barrel

# Deacon of the Week

- July 31 - August 6 – Rusty Cummings
- August 7 - August 13 – Sammy Sappington
- August 14 - August 20 – Joe Adams
- August 21 - August 27 – Brad Sullivan
- August 28 - September 3 – Barry McGregor

*“What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!”*