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Luke 7:1-23

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Next week's message with Pastor Aaron from Luke 7:24-50
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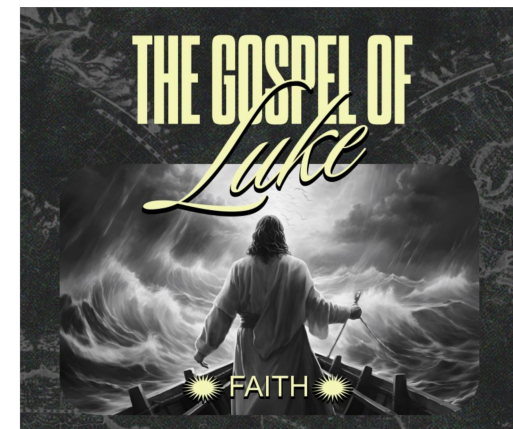
Prayers and Concerns

Shut ins... Belva Paynter

Prayers for... Mary Lynne Archer's mom, Sandie; Jeff Burger; Joyce Hughes

Deepest Sympathy to... Jessica Crumm and family in the death of her mother,
Janice Gilli, on Saturday, April 6th.

Ashley McCormick and family in the death of her father,
Dennis Taylor, on Tuesday, April 9th.



Senior Pastor Aaron Szloboda
Youth Pastor Jeremy Davis

Pastor Emeritus Dr. Jerry Wenger
Visitation Pastor Ray Benesh

Welcome Friends!

We are so happy that you're here! We would like to invite your children to the Kid Zone, located in our Grand Concourse to the right. Scan QR Code to let us know how we can help you get connected or visit one of our Information Centers located in the upper Foyer or in the Grand Concourse if you have questions.



Children's Activity Bags

Activity Bags are available for our little ones during the service. Each bag has a coloring page w/crayons, toys, and a small snack. Bags can be obtained in Nursery A or kidzone. PLEASE RETURN BAG AND TOY at the end of the service to be sanitized and re-used weekly.

This Week @ Friends

SUNDAY, April 14th

- 8:00 **Worship Service, Nursery A (newborn-3 yrs) and kidZone (3 yrs-4th).**
9:30 **Sunday Morning Adult Groups:** The Great Disappearance w/Paul Kuzma in Fireside Room and Exploring the Bible w/Jerry Wenger and Martin Sheehan in Room #3.
9:45 **Worship Service, Nursery B (newborn-18mo), Nursery A (18mo-3 yrs), kidZone (3 yrs-4th), and Children (5th-6th).**
11:00 **Sunday Morning Adult Groups:** Common Ground w/Sean Frazier in Fireside Room; End Times study w/Randy Marple in Room #1; "Book of Galatians" study w/Roger & Lisa Clark in Room #3; 2 Timothy study w/Ron & Joan Lepic in Room #6.
11:15 **Worship Service, Nursery B (newborn-18mo), Nursery A (18mo-3 yrs), kidZone (3 yrs-4th), and Children (5th-6th). FSM Youth (7th-8th)** in Friends Center.

MONDAY, April 15th

- 6:30 **Men's Basketball Open Gym (17+)** in IFLC Gym.

TUESDAY, April 16th

- 10:00 **Women's Bible Study** w/Patti Weeks in Fireside Room.
10:00 **Men's Bible Study** w/Pastor Jerry in Church Café.

WEDNESDAY, April 17th

- 10:00 **Primetimers (55+) Bible Study** in IFLC Café.
6:00 **Nursery (newborn-2yrs), Kidz Clubs: KidDoz (2yrs), BigKidz (3-4yrs), KingdomKidz (K-4th), ReFuel (5th-6th) and Adult Groups:** Grace Gals study "Isaiah" w/Kim Cain in Fireside Room; I Am A Christian class w/Kim Curry and Tracy Stewart in Room #1; Romans study w/Jeff Burger in Room #3; 20's-40's study w/James & Amanda Dillard in Room #6.
6:00 **GriefShare Support Group** in Room #4.
6:30 **Youth (7th-12th) FSM** in IFLC.

THURSDAY, April 18th

- 6:00 **Men's Morning Bible Study** in Fireside Room.

SATURDAY, April 20th

- 7:00 **Men's Morning Basketball Open Gym** in IFLC Gym.

Statistics

General Offering Report: Offering needed monthly for 2024 General Fund budget \$115,456.33, March final \$112,246.12; April to-date \$31,174.33

Giving Options: Boxes inside Sanctuary by entrances, online: Church App, scan QR code, erfriends.com and select the GIVE tab, or text GIVE to 84321

Attendance Last Week: Sunday Worship - 860



Announcements

Special Called Congregational Meeting

A Special Called Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, April 21st following the 11:15 service in the Sanctuary. Agenda: Zoom interview with Assistant Pastor Candidate Rod Thompson.

Today through Thursday afternoon, you will have the opportunity to submit a question to be asked during the Zoom meeting. **All questions need to be submitted by this Thursday, April 18th before 4pm.** Question form is on the Church Center App (home page) and our website erfriends.com. Questions can also be turned into the Church Office.

Bountiful Backpack Ministry

April Food Donations - individual pudding cups, Tomato and/or Chicken Noodle soups are needed. Drop off items in the Grand Concourse donation bin or in the Church Office. Thank you!

Sports Ministry

Softball - Softball Saturdays are almost here! Join us and bring a friend! Here at Friends, we love God and love people and softball is just one of the ways we do both! Softball will be held on Saturdays, June 1st - July 20th (2 games each; 1 hour each) at the Friends Softball Field from 9am-3pm for co-ed, ages 14+. **Register on App** (under more, signups) by May 1st to get a t-shirt. Cost is \$20 (includes t-shirt IF signed up by May 1st, equipment, field upkeep, and umpires). Any questions, contact Alex Snyder at 740-232-8820.

Children's Ministry

VBS Volunteers Needed - Sign-ups for VBS Workers are going on now and WE NEED YOU! It takes about 150 workers helping in many different areas for VBS to be a success. If you can help in any capacity, please **Register on App**. VBS 2024 "The Great Jungle Journey" is June 3rd-7th.

VBS Registrations - Parents, get your children signed up now for VBS. **Register on App** (under more, signups). "The Great Jungle Journey" will lead your children on an epic cruise from Genesis to Revelation! VBS is June 3rd-7th, 9am-12:30pm for kids ages 4 years through 6th grade.

Church Membership Class - A Church Membership Class will be held next Sunday morning, April 21st from 8:00am-12:00pm in Room #4 with Pastor Jerry Wenger and Scott St. Clair for anyone interested in becoming a member. This class will include an overview of our Church's mission, vision, values, and ministries, our beliefs and history, and a discussion on what it means to be a church member. Children (under 18) interested in becoming a member must be accompanied by a parent. **Register on App** (under more, signups) or bulletin tear off. Any questions, contact the Church Office at 740-695-0971.

Home, Garden, & Craft Show - Plan now to attend our 3rd annual Home, Garden, and Craft Show on Saturday, April 27th from 9am-3pm in the Ickes Family Life Center! A few spots are still available for Venders and Crafters! **Register on App today** (under more, signups) or on our website erfriends.com. Hope to see you there! Questions, contact Cinda Hoover at 740-310-2630.

St. Luke's Soup Kitchen - As part of the Outreach Ministry here at Friends Church, we are looking for someone to serve food to the less fortunate on the 3rd Sunday of each month at St. Luke's Soup Kitchen in Wheeling. For approximately 20 years, Rick & Kathy Wilson have been faithful servants of this ministry. They will walk alongside the new leader or (co-leaders) for one year to help them get established. Please prayerfully consider. Questions or more information, contact Rick or Kathy Wilson at 740-425-3851.

East Richland Christian Schools

Open Enrollment for 2024-25 school year is going on now. East Richland Christian Schools offers 3 and 4 year old preschool, and Kindergarten to 12th grade. The online enrollment application can be found at eastrichland.org/prospective-students.

For more information about the school, please visit the school's kiosk in the Grand Concourse, call the main office at 740-695-2005, or visit their website at eastrichland.org.