



Made For Friendship

Friendship is one of the deepest pleasures of life. But in our busy, fast-paced, mobile world, we've lost this rich view of friendship and instead settled for shallow acquaintances based on little more than similar tastes or shared interests.

Helping us recapture a vision of true friendship, pastor Drew Hunter explores God's design for friendship and what it really looks like in practice--giving us practical advice to cultivate the kinds of true friendships that lead to true and life-giving joy.

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Dr. James Carroll Senior Pastor

"This world is full of sorrow because it is full of sin. It is a dark place. It is a lonely place. IT is a disappointing place. The brightest sunbeam in it is a friend. Friendship halves our troubles and doubles our joy." J.C. Ryle

God made humans to be in relationship. First and primarily, we ought to relate properly to Him. But secondly and vitally, we ought to relate to other people. Our need for one another is made more glaring by sin, but it is woven into our nature from before the fall. Genesis reveals that God saw and met Adam's need for companionship prior to his plunge into rebellion against the Creator. Making Eve from Adam to be united to Adam in covenant marriage reveals a particular type of relationship that exceeds friendship in some regards. But at the core, their relationship displayed a God-honoring and God-reflecting intimacy that forms a basis for what the Bible calls friendship.

You might think a plea for friendship is unnecessary, but I was convinced by Drew Hunter's recent book, True Friendship, that our culture has largely lost this rich and rewarding gift. Rather than developing meaningful and life-giving friendships, we settle for acquaintances based on shallow similarities and preferences. We surround ourselves with people who for the most part look, think, and act like we do avoiding the more difficult investments required by friendship. Thus, we rarely ever take the time to move beyond surface-level conversations to forge the type of intimacy grounded in honesty and acceptance.

Biblically speaking, friendship is a word that communicates love. Jesus words are crystal clear in this regard. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). Certainly, there are aspects of our friendship with Jesus that are unique and don't transfer to friendship in any other context. However, Jesus connects friendship and love in a way that is out-of-step with our modern use of the word which has

been co-opted by Facebook. Friendship is more than receiving regular updates, commenting on major life events, and "liking" new pictures of the kids/grandkids.

We saw this concept of friendship illustrated during our recent study in 1 Samuel between Jonathan and David. They enjoyed a relationship of covenant loyalty and deep love (see 1 Sam 18:3) that has been and should be a characteristic of God's people. Their friendship was a gift that, in Ryle's words, "halved their troubles and doubled their joy." God desires for us to develop these types of friendships as well.

In the name of friendship, then, I want to encourage you once again to invest your time, energy, and life in developing intimate relationships with others in our local church. Your sphere of friendship will extend beyond our church family, but it must include it. Make every effort to take advantage of Sunday small groups and dive deeper by forming a discipleship group. For many of you who are already investing in this way, allow these words to spur you on as you continue.

There is so much more to say about this important topic. For deeper study, consider picking up Hunter's book. For help in navigating friendship, find one of our staff members this week. We'd be happy to serve you in this way.

Budget Forums

There will be two opportunities to discuss the 2020 budget with the Administrative team, please join us on the dates below:

Nov 17 // F-131 // following worship
Nov 20 // F-131 // 5:30 PM

FOREWORD BY RAY ORTLUND JR.

M A D E F O R F R I E N D S H I P



*The Relationship
That Halves Our Sorrows
and Doubles Our Joys*

November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Mercy Ministries Equipping Event (BGR)	2 Mercy Ministries Equipping Event (BGR)
3 YOUTH WORSHIP 5:30 PM // GYM	4 BAPTIST WOMENIS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 7:00 PM // NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH	5 WOMENIS MISSIONARY UNION (WMU) // 7:00 PM Call the church office for more info.	6 WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM/ See bulletin for details	7	8	9
10 YOUTH WORSHIP 5:30 PM // GYM	11	12 PRIMETIMERS // NOON 50+ Bring a side dish and join us for lunch.	13 WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM/ See bulletin for details	14	15	16
17 YOUTH WORSHIP 5:30 PM // GYM	18 LIFELINE ADOPTION MEETING 6:00 PM //F-131	19	20 WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES // 5:30 PM/ See bulletin for details	21	22	23
24 THANKSGIVING DINNER NIGHT OF WORSHIP // MEMBER MEETING 5:00 PM // GYM	25	26	27 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	28	29	30

Prayer Listing

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people....Ephesians 6:18

Like Paul encourages the Ephesian church, we are to be faithful in our prayers for our church family. If you would like to be included in our Prayer Guide, click here to submit your prayer request electronically or email gretchen@parkwaybaptist.com.

Prayer Requests

Natalie Stone
Carter Drury
Yvonne Jones
Ange Tims
Sarah Rodgers
Vic Moore
Cindy Greer

Missionaries Serving

Jason and Amanda Aaron (Michigan)
Chris and Lori Hart (Wisconsin)
Monica (Asia)

Military List

Ryan Campoamor
Logan Crady
Scott Hunt
Joseph Meece
Clayton Richardson
Dakota Snook
Jack Whitfield

Condolences

Cindy Greer and family in the loss of her brother Greg Moore.

Darrell Parks and family in the loss of his sister, Cindy Parks Chesser.

Church Leadership

Elders, Deacons, Admin Team, Ministry Staff, Sunday School Teachers, Children/Nursery Workers

Monthly Mission Partner Spotlight

Local // Bardstown Community Bible Study
Regional // Sunrise Children's Services
National // Samaritan's Purse
Global // Baptist Global Response

Missions Moment

Kartik Purnima is a Hindu, Sikh, and Jain festival. It is sometimes called "Deva-Diwali" Or "Deva-Deepawali," the festival of lights to the gods. In Hindu belief, this is the day that the Hindu gods descended to earth in the "sacred rivers." Devotees worship Vishnu on this day with flowers, incense sticks, and lamps.

This year on November 12, millions of people across the world will participate in this holiday celebrating false gods. No doubt the use of flowers and lamps will make for a beautiful sight in many cities, but this in no way reflects the beauty God the Father wanted for His creation. This celebration is a blatant rejection of the true Creator. It is evidence of how the darkness of sin has penetrated the world.

On November 12, please take some time to pray for the people of the Hindu, Sikh, and Jain religions. Pray that they will see the truth of the gospel and be receptive to the true light of the world, Jesus Christ. Also, pray for believers across the world to be bold to share the gospel.



International Adoption Information Meeting

On Orphan Sunday, Christians stand for children who've lost the protection and care of family. We are a people called to defend the fatherless...to protect the vulnerable...to visit orphans in their distress.

There will be an informational meeting on November 18 at 6:00 PM in Room F-131.



gather & GIVE THANKS

Join us as we gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 // 5:00 PM

Please bring a dessert of your choice.
Donations will be accepted to offset cost.

Welcome New Members // October 2019

We want to welcome our new members and pray for them as they learn more and more about what it means to be a follower of Christ. Please put this in a place where you will see and pray for our new members.



Jan Land
Letter



**Shoeboxes
are available
for pickup!**

**Please do not include
candy, gum toothpaste,
liquids or any war-
related items.**

*Return by
November 24*



Send Good News and Great Joy—

PACK A SHOEBOX!

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FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10/06	295
10/13	309
10/20	324
10/27	323

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

10/06	285
10/13	334
10/20	379
10/27	369

10/06

General Fund	\$ 18,644.72
Other	\$ 2,694.05
Total	\$ 21,338.77

10/13

General Fund	\$ 15,725.30
Other	\$ 200.00
Total	\$ 15,925.30

10/20

General Fund	\$ 18,165.86
Other	\$ 2,179.35
Total	\$ 20,345.21

10/27

General Fund	\$ 13,521.25
Other	\$ 87.00
Total	\$ 13,608.25

YTD Budget \$ 856,855.31
YTD General Offering \$ 793,176.73
YTD Expenses \$ 809,390.58

Weekly Required \$ 19,926.87