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## What's Happening at Friends

### **Student Ministry Volunteer BBQ**

**Saturday, August 19th // 5-7 PM**

If you are interested in serving our teens we would love to have you join us for a BBQ as we discuss the vision for the upcoming year! We are in need of small group leaders, group helpers, kitchen help and/or help cooking meals on Wednesday nights, and a logistical/administrative person. RSVP by emailing Dorene at [dfitzgerald@friendschurch.org](mailto:dfitzgerald@friendschurch.org) or calling 907.687.2491!

### **Class 201: Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts**

**Sunday, August 20th // 12:45 PM**

Join Gregg Heminger for an introduction to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, a discovery of the gifts you have been blessed with, and ways you can use your gifts to better serve God. Sign up by visiting [www.friendschurch.org/classes!](http://www.friendschurch.org/classes!)

### **Student Ministry Parent Meeting**

**Sunday, August 20th // 10:30 AM and 12:45 PM**

If you have a student going into 6th-12th grade, then please make plans to attend one of these meetings! We will be going over the vision for Student Ministries and introducing Joe Bob Howard as our new youth director! We hope to see you there!

### **Aslan Informational Meeting**

**Sunday, August 20th // 12:45 PM**

Friends Church is offering Aslan Academy to help parents grow their children in their faith! The next session is scheduled for September 2017-May 2018. If you are interested in signing up or in learning more about this program, please make plans to attend this meeting!

RSVP to Dorene at [dfitzgerald@friendschurch.org](mailto:dfitzgerald@friendschurch.org), or call/text 907.687.2491

**We have a lot happening on Sunday, August 20th!**

**If you need or want to attend more than one class, please call the church office or email us at [info@friendschurch.org](mailto:info@friendschurch.org) and we will make plans to meet with you separately.**



# The Strength of Our Faith

Gregg Heminger

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you, by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into. 1 Peter 1:3-12

## **A Faith That Lasts (vv. 4-5)**

1. Our Faith in Christ is imperishable.
2. Our Faith will be uncorrupted.
3. Our Faith in Christ is Unfading.

## **A Tested Faith (vv. 6-8)**

1. Our Faith is valuable.
2. Our Faith is revealing.
3. Our Faith is centered on our love for Christ.

## **Living a Faith That is Active (vv. 10-12)**

1. Peter points to the Faith of Old Testament prophets.
2. Peter points to the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.
3. Peter tells us that angels look into the works we are doing.



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