

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper who will be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” John 14:16-17

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Matthew 10:6-8

Coming in January – Power Evangelism! Taking what we have spent our time studying and putting it into action.

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Matthew 28:18-20

May He grant you out of the riches of His glory, to be strengthened and spiritually energized with power through His Spirit in your inner self, [indwelling your innermost being and personality], so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through your faith. And may you, having been [deeply] rooted and [securely] grounded in love, be fully capable of comprehending with all the saints (God’s people) the width and length and height and depth of His love [fully experiencing that amazing, endless love]; and [that you may come] to know [practically, through personal experience] the love of Christ which far surpasses [mere] knowledge [without experience], that you may be filled up [throughout your being] to all the fullness of God [so that you may have the richest experience of God’s presence in your lives, completely filled and flooded with God Himself]. Ephesians 3:16-19, AMP

*Thank You, Friends Church!*

**Because of you, we were able to collect and donate hundreds of items to help support ministries throughout the Fairbanks area!**

**Advent Love: The Door**

126 clothing items, 515 toiletry items,  
and 173 pantry items

**Advent Hope: Carenet**

70 clothing items and 28 baby items

**Advent Peace: Love INC**

24 cleaning items, 3 fuel cards + 1 personal check,  
and 8 fleece tie blankets

**Advent Joy: Food Banks**

67 canned goods and 15 dry goods

**GGF's Coat Drive that ended in November also collected over 150 coats, scarves, hats, gloves and boots; as well as 30 pairs of new socks for those in need across the valley. Thank you so much!**

**New Years Eve Praise Party**

**Today! // 8:00 PM-12:30 AM**

Hosted by the Friends Church Young Adult group, this will be an awesome way to bring in the New Year! Get ready for a fun evening filled with food, games, worship, and fellowship! RSVP to Chelsea at 931.266.1474. This is an adult only event, and child care is not available!

**Class 101: Pizza with the Pastors**

**Sunday, January 14th // 12:45 PM**

Please join us in fellowship together as our pastoral staff shares the vision of the church! We look forward to getting to know you! Childcare and lunch are provided.

**Financial Peace University**

**Begins Monday, January 15th // 6 PM**

With Dave Ramsey's 9 week Financial Peace University class, you can take control of your finances and start planning for your future! Childcare will be provided for a small fee.

**Women's Ministry Baby Shower**

**Sunday, January 21st // 12:30 PM // Overflow Room**

If you had a baby in October, November, or December (or are due anytime in January-March) then we would love to have an opportunity to get to know you and pray over your family! Please RSVP to Theresa Salzman at 907.388.7683 by January 7th.



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Weekly Budget: \$15,000

Weekly Giving: \$19,075

## **Family Sunday**

Gregg Heminger

**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16**

**And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11**

In addition to the honor and status implied by the value of the gifts of the magi, scholars think that these three were chosen for their special spiritual symbolism about Jesus himself—gold representing his kingship as well as God's provision for Jesus' needs as a child, frankincense, a symbol of his priestly role, and myrrh, which would be used as preparation for His burial.

See, Jesus is a very precious gift. He is the first gift I have ever received that continues to give. Each and every day I am receiving something else from the gift that is Jesus. He even explains to us how if we come to Him we will receive gifts:

**Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." John 4:10**

If you knew the gift of God – meaning Himself, you would ask of Him and He would give to you another precious gift – Himself and the gift of living water.

**But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23b**

- **What did you do with my Son?**

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:7**

- \* **What did you do with what I gave you?**

**But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Psalm 33:11, NIV**



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December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017