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## Are You a True Friend?

Various studies and surveys show that as many as 90% of new church members state that the reason they started coming to their church is a result of a friend's effort. Their friend either invited them to church or told them about things happening at their church so that they were encouraged to attend their friend's church. And yet other surveys show that out of all people who never or seldom attend church only about 2% ever get invited by a friend. So then the question we should be asking ourselves is, "how can I consider myself a true friend if I never invite my friend to church?" But before we invite our friend to church we need to be a sincere friend. I think Abraham Lincoln said it best when he said: "If you would convince a man of your cause, first convince him that you are a sincere friend."

Here are the steps to Friendship Evangelism as Stafford North outlined them in his book, *Evangelizing Your Community*:

1) Choose 2-3 friends or families to become closer to. These are friends you already know and are around frequently. It could be people from work, neighbors or people whose children are in the same grade or activity as your children.

2) Make a commitment to pray every day for your chosen friends. Pray that their needs will be met, spiritually and physically. Pray that opportunities will come for you to help them and that they will recognize their spiritual need.

3) Commit yourself every day to thinking and planning ways to become closer to your friend. Determine to spend more time with them. Find the common ground and be a good listener when they speak.

4) Let them see your Christianity. Don't just talk the Christian way, let them see it. Let them see how you deal with crisis; let them see how a Christian family raises its children and let them see Christian values and priorities.

5) When you have established your friendship and won their trust, then you must do what a true friend does and help them with their greatest need, their salvation. Invite them to accompany you to church or ask them if they would be interested in a Bible study. You need not be the one who conducts the study, we have several in the congregation who can and are willing to do this. But remember you must ask the question. Don't let the opportunity slip away to help your friend with their greatest need. And don't give up after one try. Just because the first attempt didn't work out doesn't mean all other efforts will fail.

Ultimately our motivation for leading others to Christ must be love. Like Jesus when "He saw the multitudes that were weary and lost as sheep without a shepherd, He was moved with compassion" (Mt. 9:36); we too must be overcome with compassion for our fellow man if we are to be successful soul winners.

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by Bruce Rothell

### ELDERS

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### MISSIONS

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Karen Brown

### SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am  
 Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

*“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another”*  
Romans 12:10

## How to Get People to Like You

1. Learn their name and use it. The sweetest sound to the ears of many people is the sound of their own name. It allows you to become more personable.
2. Don't use “I” too much. We often become too self-centered. We think the world revolves around us.
3. Say ‘thank you’ and ‘you’re welcome’ whenever you have the opportunity. Politeness is always fashionable and appreciated (to the young or old).
4. Talk about something the other person likes. They will think you are interesting.
5. Don't be too easy to get your feelings hurt. As someone has said, the most flammable piece of wood around is the chip on the shoulder. This is so important - we have to learn to be thick-skinned.
6. Don't miss an opportunity to compliment. Passing along deserved praises “oils the gears” of friendship and takes the friction out.

Have you noticed these rules put the emphasis on the other person rather than ourselves? When we are no longer the center of attention, we can get along with other people.

## SOUND SYSTEM

After moving into the new auditorium we have come across a couple of problems... one being it is hard to hear the prayers for the Lord's Supper. A new / different mic has been ordered to see if this will help with that issue. Also, with it being such a large room it is difficult for people to hear anything if you are not using a mic. So we are asking that prayers be led from the pulpit if at all possible. Thank you for your help and understanding.

### Sunday, Nov 2nd

Baby Shower for Jennifer Wadkins

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Time change (hope you turned your clocks back!)

### Sunday, Nov 9th

Budget meeting, includes Elder's and Deacon's meeting 2:30

### Wednesday, Nov 26th

Due to Thanksgiving holiday, services are moved to Tuesday night

### Thursday and Friday, Nov 27th & 28th

The office will be closed

### Sunday, Nov 30th

5th Sunday special contribution

### Sunday, Dec 7th

Teen Christmas Party after evening service at Ben & Selene's home (boys bring pop, girls bring chips)

**upcoming**  
work dinners  
**events** fellowship  
retreats picnics games parties  
meetings

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

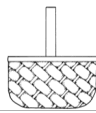
- No names have been turned in to the office.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; David Guten (Afghanistan);
- **Our friends and family:** Suzanne Stamps; Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Jeannene Thomas (cancer); Barbara Vaughan; Eric Vaughan (heart); the Mulkey family; Ann Isom (Bert's sister); Larry Isaacs (chemo); Bryant Calip (chemo); Maggie Ryan (cancer); Daniel Cessor (cancer); James Hultman (cancer); & others.

## HOODIES

We have the opportunity to help some of the children in the Glenpool school system by purchasing hoodies to help keep them warm. We will be purchasing about 60-65 and will need about \$600.00. If you would like to contribute to this please give the funds to Jerry Buller and mark it 'hoodies'. Many thanks. For questions see Bruce Rothell.

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

If you know of a family the church can help with a basket of food, please give their name and the number in the household to Keith Riggs by Nov 4th. After we know how many families we will be collecting for, a list will be posted for the needed items. Those items will need to be at the church building by Nov 16th. For questions see Keith.



## HEY PARENTS!

Have your kids done something special? An award maybe? How about an achievement? Something worthy of a little praise? Let us know and we will feature them online. It's okay... brag a little! Just tell, email or text Matt at mfd38@tds.net or 918-284-0257.



## BUDGET MEETING

Budget meeting Sunday, Nov 9th, at 2:30; this will include all Elders and Deacons.

## MEETING

There will be a class for all Door Greeters and Ushers during the 5:00 evening hour on Nov 2nd, immediately after the devotional. We will meet in the fellowship hall. We vitally need for all ushers and door greeters **and anyone wishing to serve in either one of these positions** to attend this class. For questions see Bruce Rothell.

## EVANGELISM TEAM

There will be an Evangelism Team meeting on today at 4:00 pm. For questions see Bruce Rothell.

## BABY SHOWER

Come and be a part of the baby shower for Jennifer Wadkins on today at 3:00 here at the church building. Jennifer is having a girl, and is registered at Target, if you have any other questions see Kaci, Debbie, Renee or Selene.



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Bert Shelby, Oct 26  
Keith & Nancy Riggs, Oct 27  
Steve Rucquoy, Oct 28  
Jackson Wadkins, Oct 29  
Andrea Russell, Oct 29  
Autumn Caldwell, Oct 29

Nick White, Nov 2  
Evan Bain, Nov 4  
Kaylee Whitchurch, Nov 5  
Thomas Hallsted, Nov 5  
Lilia Rothell, Nov 9  
Darrell Burcham, Nov 12

Jesse Byers, Nov 13  
Shirley Hill, Nov 15  
Mickey Hecht, Nov 17  
Natasha Tuggle, Nov 19  
Melinda Jones, Nov 25

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## Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes  
Sunday AM Worship  
Sunday PM Worship  
Wednesday Bible Classes

## Contribution

Sunday Contribution \$3,519.00  
Budget \$4,185.00  
Over Budget \$5,297.81  
Building Fund \$4,744.23

## Men To Serve

### Sunday Morning

Song Leader Matt Caldwell  
Opening Prayer Robert Hill  
Scripture Reading Matt Hamilton  
Closing Prayer Jesse Byers  
Lord's Table Chris Patterson  
Doyle Tuggle  
Harry Reeve  
Bill Path  
Topper Causby  
Larry Potter

### Greeter

Bruce & Lilia  
Steve & Sandy

### Ushers

Bob Hecht  
Bob Simmons

### Lock Building

Johnny Riggs and Bob Simmons

### Announcements

Bobby Hill

### Sunday Evening

Song Leader Matt Caldwell  
Opening Prayer Randy Brown  
Closing Prayer Darrell Burcham  
Lord's Table Harry Reeve  
Bill Path

### Wednesday Evening

Song Leader Bobby Hill  
Opening Prayer Randy Brown  
Closing Prayer Jerry Morgan

## Communion Preparation

11/2 Susan Yeager  
11/9 Renee Whitchurch  
11/16 Mickey Hecht  
11/23 Barbara Girod  
11/30 Debbie Whitchurch  
12/7 Selene Williams  
12/14 Bayla Burrus  
12/21 Lilia Rothell  
12/28 Becky Byers



"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB  
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

### Search Programs:

Oct 26 - One God, Three Persons  
Nov 2 - The Called Out Body  
Nov 9 - The Devil's Schemes  
Nov 16 - Doctrine Matters  
Nov 23 - Give Thanks  
Nov 30 - Do You Believe?

## Sunday Morning Sermon

Jonah Series: "Fleeing & Falling"  
Jonah 1:3-5  
Benjamin Williams

## Sunday Evening Adult Class

Pastoral Epistles  
Benjamin Williams