

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I get connected at Friendship?

It is suggested that you begin the journey at Friendship by attending a worship service and Sunday morning Bible study time. This will enable you to get a taste of what the ministry of Friendship is like. After attending these events, it would be recommended that you attend our "Introduction to Friendship". This will allow you to hear from the Pastors and allows you to ask any questions you might have.

Is Friendship a Southern Baptist church?

Friendship is a Southern Baptist church that supports the mission efforts of the International Mission Board {IMB} and the North American Mission Board {NAMB}. We work cooperatively with other churches in doing ministry around the state, country, and world.

What is expected of a member at Friendship?

When an individual or family prays and God gives direction to place membership at Friendship, this happens with purpose. God has a plan for you here.

It is the responsibility of every member to actively pursue his or her part in this Body. Every member is to participate, protect, and provide for the ministries of Friendship. You participate by seeking out the gifts and talents that God has given you and how you can use these to expand His kingdom through Friendship.

Secondly, you are to do all to protect the integrity of God's work through Friendship. This means living a life of reflection of Christ out in front of others and to protect against any gossip that might hurt the Body.

Thirdly, you are to seek to serve God through your time, talents, and treasures so that Friendship can be used as God intends in this community. This includes honoring God by the giving of your tithes and offerings for the expanding of the Kingdom of God.

What is available for children at Friendship?

It is amazing the number of families with children at Friendship. Taking care of these families is important. We have a fully staffed Sunday morning Bible study time for our children. They gather with other children in similar age in times of learning the love and work of God. Every Wednesday, our children have the opportunity to participate in TEAM KIDS. This allows children to have a fun filled time of learning scripture and participating in the disciplines of knowing and loving God. Seasonal activities are available for the children especially in the summer. The summer brings on Vacation Bible School and camps; as well as, various other activities for children to participate in. Friendship also has a fully staffed nursery for our infants. These loving helpers make sure that every child is well taken care of so that parents can worship and study worry free.

How is Friendship involved in the community?

God has specifically placed us in this part of central Georgia. We know that we have a responsibility to be an active part in our community. Many of our members are involved in service either through the disaster relief ministry or maybe participating in the local

Christian Social Ministry feeding the hungry and homeless. Friendship is also involved with the women's shelter and nursing homes that reaches out to those in need. At Friendship, we believe that it is vital for every member to be involved building relationships with their neighbors, work associates, and class mates. We will only be able to love people effectively for God's kingdom if we are meeting them and hearing their needs. We believe that every soccer game or eating out opportunity allows us to build relationships for the kingdom of God.

How do teenagers fit in at Friendship?

Youth are a major priority at Friendship. Our goal is to provide a place for students who are looking to belong, get connected, and experience life. We believe in students and believe that they can make a difference in their world. Our team of youth workers are here to love, challenge, and equip them for life. We desire to partner with families to connect students to God, other Christ followers, and a needy world. Come check it out and get connected.

Can I get involved in missions at Friendship?

Over the past several years, members from Friendship have had the opportunity to serve Christ on various mission fields. Many have gone to Romania and Moldova while some have gone to New Orleans, Biloxi, Mississippi, Mexico, the Ukraine and other areas. Every trip that takes place brings an incredible growth to those involved. Friendship is blessed to have a mission ministry team who helps oversee many of our mission endeavors. Also, we are blessed to have missionaries who are out of Friendship that allow us opportunities to attend mission trips with them. These trips are open to anyone willing to be trained and to commit to what is necessary for these trips.

What is available at mid week for adults?

Prayer is foundational for everything we do at Friendship. We offer a time of prayer and praise in the chapel to worship our God and intercede for our community, nation, and global needs. Come join us as we learn to worship and pray.

There are also opportunities to serve as teachers and listeners in our children's Team Kid program or leaders in our Wednesday Youth service.

Is baptism really that big a deal?

At Friendship we try to follow as close as possible what God has set out for the church. One of those commands given to the church was to follow the Lord in baptism. We have printed materials that give a Biblical interpretation to help those seeking the Lord in this area.

How are decisions made at Friendship?

There are different types of decisions made by Friendship's family of believers. The day in/day out operational issues are directed by our church business administrator with the oversight of our financial, personnel, and facilities ministry teams. Spiritual direction for

ministry is made through the pastoral staff in cooperation with our lay leadership. The issues of assuming debt, selling property, the confirmation of calling a new pastor, revising the constitution/bylaws, or affiliating with another denomination will require a vote of affirmation by our congregation after a period of prayer and discussion.

What is the long range plan for Friendship?

Only God can truly dictate where we will be in the next five years. As God continues to bring increase to Friendship, we know we must stay ever focused on where He wants to take us. It is also vital for us to make sure that we have adequate staff leadership to provide support of the vision God has given Friendship. We believe God has placed us in a position to truly make an impact in our community; however, to do so we must establish a discipleship process that will help people draw near to God, experience the saving grace of our Lord Jesus, and become equipped to go on to maturity and become a reproducing believer of Jesus. Simply stated our church family is here to connect with God, fellow believers, and a community needing Jesus.