

WHERE FRIENDS ARE FAMILY

Thanks for taking the time to check out what's going on around The Friends Church!

There are 168 hours in a week, and we only spend one in church on Sunday morning. Our prayer is that this publication would not only inform, but also inspire you to see how God can use you in the other 167 hours.

Best of rien

Get to know our volunteers who work tirelessly to make our church the best place it can be.

Q What's your name?

Merry Harland

e How do you serve at church?

I am one of the helpers in the children's nursery watching the little ones. It is a blessing to me and hopefully a blessing to the parents as well.

• How long have you been part of The Friends Church?

20+ years

What is the best book or series that you've ever read?

I am a Rosamund Pilcher fan. I enjoy all of her books, but my favorite is the Shell Seekers.

What's something you like to do the "old-fashioned" way?

Make hand-written to do lists.

What is a hobby or interest you have that most people don't know much about?

I enjoy antiquing, but never by myself, always sharing the day with one of my sisters or my good friend, Sonni and then going out to lunch to get caught up.

How do you relax after a hard day of work?

Sitting in my kitchen surrounded by my nephews and nieces that share my home and hear about their day.

What is special about the place you grew up?

It is home. It is where many, many memories have taken place and we continue to add new ones each day. I still live in Broadview Heights and was blessed enough to have purchased my old family home from my brother, the home that I grew up in. The home has been in my family for 58 years and I have lived in it for all but 14 of those years.

Q What is the most embarrassing music you have on your phone/CD/etc.?

Kris Kristofferson

What's the best piece of advice you have ever received?

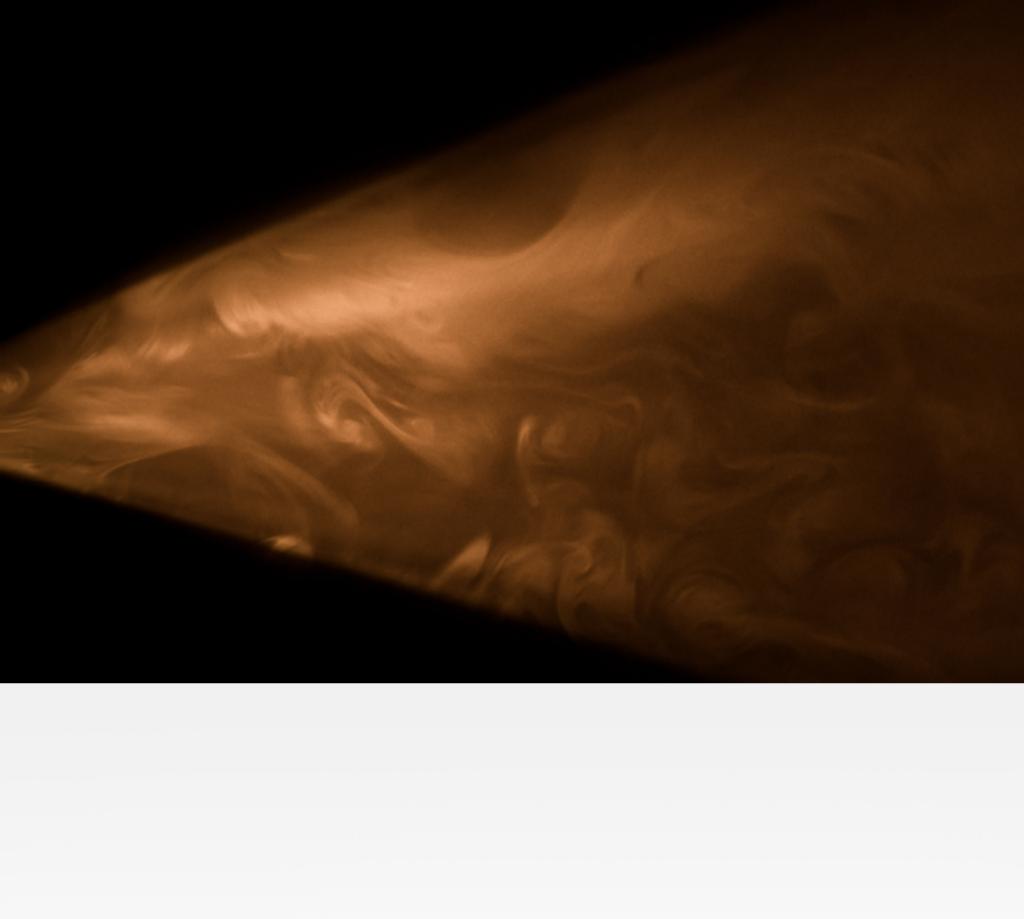
Have you thought about turning it over to the Lord? You're welcome to join me at my church on Avery Road.

What do you love most about The Friends Church?

Seeing God working through our church and most especially through Pastor Chad's sermons. The sermons always seem to speak to me personally and what I need to hear at that moment.

"ICASTI ALL YOUR CARES ON HIM, BECAUSE HE CARES ABOUT YOU."

1 PETER 5:7





TURN ON THE LIGHT

Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? How about turning on "The Light" by turning to the God to help guide the way!

Over the next twelve weeks, Pastor Chad will be leading our Midweek Ministry through a video study by Dr. Tony Evans on the Gospel of John. One of the most familiar books of the Bible, we find help and hope in the two purposes for the beloved disciples writings—that we would believe in Jesus and find life in His name.

Despite what our culture suggests,

there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus Christ. Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8pm each week, as we study the essential truths of our faith and the victorious life found only in Christ, our king.

Our goal is to move beyond knowledge and discover the real-life application of God's Word for a deeper walk with the Lord. (For those with kids, let us know if you're planning to attend. Plans are being made for the care of and ministry to your children during the study time.)

CALLING ALL MEN

Daily it's getting more challenging to be a man. Our present culture is redefining manhood and confusing men in their pursuit of Biblical manhood. But how will we respond? What will we say and do when the world demands a response?

Discover how to respond by rejecting passivity, accepting responsibility, leading courageously, loving unconditionally, living with integrity, serving humbly, and investing eternally. Let others see masculinity and manhood through the lens of

Christ in your life with these seven characteristics and become a better man, husband, father, and leader.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am (in the Sanctuary) for "7th To Seventy", an intergenerational Sunday School class for men—(young and older-ish) desiring to grow nearer to Christ while staying connected to the generations of men who led the way and those looking to follow. Currently we are studying 7 Challenges Men Encounter by Vince Miller. Join us for a time of challenge and real heart change.

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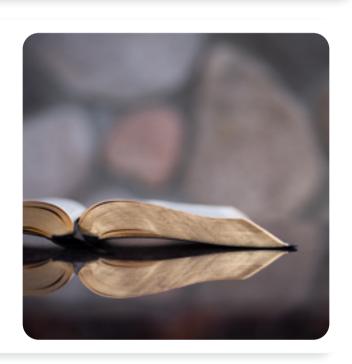
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Women's Breakfast will meet next Saturday, February 8th, (and on the second Saturday of each month) in the Fellowship Hall.

MIDWEEK MINISTRIES

Our Wednesday night Bible study is in a new study through the book of John. Come find life in the name of Jesus as you are drawn back to the essential truths of our faith.

Midweek Ministries are on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15pm.





LAURA'S HOME

Minister with us at Laura's Home shelter for women and children every Thursday evening (except the fourth Thursday of each month) from 7:30-8:30pm.

We bring a chapel worship service with music and a message for women and a Bible lesson for the children. We'd love to have you join us!





