

Our Vision Statement

Our church will fulfill the Great Commission by sharing the love of God in Christ with every person through evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship.

Our Core Values

- The Advancement of the Kingdom of God (Luke 4:18, 43)**
 - We will submit ourselves continually to God's agenda, which seeks to advance the rule and reign of Christ in our personal lives and the world in which we live.
 - We intend to rely upon the Holy Spirit to fulfill the Kingdom Agenda.
- Servants, not Stars: A Willingness to Serve (I Corinthians 4:1-2; Romans 12:4-8)**
 - We will seek to be faithful in our service and support of the ministry.
 - We recognize that God wants to cultivate a ministry through each of us.
 - We will not limit our involvement in service, but become more than just a spectator in the ministry.
- Radical Hospitality (Hebrews 13:2; I Peter 4:9; Romans 12:10-11)**
 - We will do our best to introduce people to Jesus Christ and warmly receive all who enter our doors.
 - We will seek innovative and creative ways to be kind, respectful, and considerate of all individuals.
- The Innate Worth of Every Individual: Everybody is Somebody! (John 10:14-16)**
 - We will strive to affirm the value of individual contributions and the presence of every individual.
 - We will seek to treat every individual with respect, fairness, and love.
- The Absolute Authority of Scripture (Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 4:2)**
 - We will utilize the Word of God (the Holy Bible) as our foundational textbook for every class and guide for all Christian endeavors.
 - We will seek to strive for excellence in our spiritual walk and applying the Word of God to our daily lives.

Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study

"ATTITUDE: LIVING POSITIVELY IN A NEGATIVE WORLD"

THE ATTITUDE OF DETERMINATION

PRESSING ON TOWARDS HIS PURPOSE FOR YOU



based upon "Attitude is Your Paintbrush: It Colors Every Situation" by James W. Moore

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV)

Friendship Baptist Church

6:30 P.M.

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Introduction

It is all about choices. The choices we make ultimately impact the attitudes we develop. We can choose to be positive, just as we can choose to be negative. Our environment doesn't necessarily have the power to shape us and conform us in whatever way it chooses. We have the power through the Holy Spirit to chart a new direction for our life. Contrary to prevalent opinions, Knowledge is not the single key to success. We must commit to change our thinking and the emotions that we choose to attach our thoughts about the negative situations we encounter in life.

“Behavior starts with a thought.” Thoughts stimulate emotions which then result in attitude and finally produce behavior. Therefore, toxic thoughts produce toxic attitudes, resulting in toxic behaviors. But, in Christ Jesus we have access to the power to control every step in the process.

Our attitude determines whether we will be mediocre or excellent, anxious or calm, intolerant or accepting. Ultimately the quality of our life is determined by the choices I make. May we all choose wholeness in every aspect of our life -relationally, emotionally, financially, physically, and spiritually. Choose to be a shining light that dispels the darkness in a negative world.

Choose Your Attitude; Change Your Life!



Biblical Text - Matthew 6:25-33

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

What does it mean to “seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness”? How is this accomplished? Name a few obstacles?

List a few choices that we can make that will demonstrate a “Kingdom” mindset.

1. Choose to _____.
2. Choose to _____.
3. Choose to _____.

The Purpose Driven Life is

“You cannot fulfil God's purposes for your life while focusing on your own plans. ”

— Rick Warren, The Purpose Driven Life:

- ✓ Pursue God's Purpose for your Life by Having a Strong relationship with God
- ✓ Pursue God's Purpose for your Life by Having a Strong relationship with your Family
- ✓ Pursue God's Purpose for your Life by Having a Strong relationship with your Church