



FRIEDENS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

# FRIEDENSBOTE

## FROM PASTOR MARK...

### GREETINGS!

The success of the **Green Bay Packers** this season depends, to a great extent, on the ability of the coaching staff to get the most out of the players, overcome areas of weakness or injury and inspire the team to work together to accomplish their common goal—getting to and winning the Super Bowl.

The success of our ministries is dependent upon our submission to God and our willingness to allow Him to work in and through us.

I am excited about the addition of Mark Kato to our “coaching staff”. He’s going to be a tremendous asset to our church and community as Associate Pastor for Youth and Children’s Ministry. God’s direction has been the focus of the selection process—we trust in Him!

This “coaching staff” is committed to working together to help the team (the church) to be as effective as possible in the pursuit of the mission set before us to “seek out and welcome all in need of spiritual direction, reconcile lives to God, and build and equip devoted disciples to serve Christ Jesus.”

Together we’ll help every member learn how to use their God-given gifts and talents more effectively and successfully. We will work to find ways to address our weaknesses and avoid spiritual injury or failure. We’ll work together to inspire spiritual conditioning for boys and girls, men and women—Sunday School, AWANA, BLAZE—the “gym” is open!

Everyday we have opportunities to face the “opponent” - we need to be ready—well-trained and confident because we’re God’s team!



I think I’ve taken the sports metaphor far enough— you get the picture!

I’m excited about the upcoming season of ministry and the men with whom I share pastoral responsibilities. I believe God desires us to experience victory after victory as together we function as a “team” - the Body of Christ.

Will you do your part? Will you do your best? Will you let the “coaching staff” help you do your best? Will you work hard, make sacrifices and work together as a team? Let me hear you say “YAH!” Come on, louder! Ok.... on three—let’s shout, “Victory in Jesus!” One, two, three...!



## Trips to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission

Two groups from Friedens had the opportunity to share the love of Christ with the homeless in Milwaukee.

**On July 6<sup>th</sup>** the Jr. and Sr. high went down to the Milwaukee Rescue mission to serve a meal and offer a smile to the men they served. Washing dishes, cutting potatoes, and serving on the line were all part of their experience. They served with happy hearts and listened to the testimony of a young man named Adrian who was brought out of a life of drugs and alcohol by the saving grace of Jesus Christ. He shared with them the differ-

ence that having Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord made in his life. Special thanks to Torrey Benson, Tracy Cooper, Barbie Schulze, Amber Ferrell, Jeffrey Esselman, Grace Mueller, Roy Desimone and Casey Schroeter for having the heart of a servant.

**On August 3<sup>rd</sup>** the adults had the opportunity to serve at the mission. All were truly blessed and enjoyed the fellowship they had with their brothers in Christ. Some comments of those who attended were: "I spent the afternoon with a group of people from church and felt very fortunate

and grateful to have that opportunity to be with them. We served dinner to over 100 remarkable people at the Mission. It was wonderful. I look forward to going back very soon!" "I found it fun and informative, especially the testimony from Fred. I'm glad I went and was happy I could be of help." "It is awesome the see the power of Jesus in making a change in the lives of these men. They were truly a blessing and encouragement to us."

Thank you to all who attended and please watch your bulletins and newsletters for future trips to the mission.



**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CHURCH FAMILY FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!! WE APPRECIATE ALL OF THE PRAYERS AND OFFERS OF HELP DURING THE TIME JOHN AND GARY WERE IN ROMANIA.**

YOUR LOVE OFFERING BROUGHT SUPPORT TO VERY SMALL VILLAGES LIKE SCINTEA AND NEGRESTI. THESE PEOPLE LIVE WITH SO LITTLE THAT SIMPLE THINGS LIKE CRAYONS, UNDERWEAR, DRYWALL SCREWS AND SOME DOLLARS TO PAY FOR SIMPLE NECESSITIES AROUND THE CHURCHES MEAN MORE TO THEM THAN YOU WILL EVER KNOW.

JOHN & VICKI SCHUETTE

GARY & DORIS SCHLENOVGT

\*SPECIAL THANKS TO ARLENE SCHLENOVGT, NANCY GRADY, SUE VOLL, VI SCHUETTE AND DAN BENSON FOR THEIR EXTRA HELP!



### **The Exchanged Life/Personal Evangelism**

The first part of the quarter we'll take a plain and practical approach to understanding the new life every believer has in Christ and their new identity in Him. The remainder of the quarter is designed to edify the saints and to strengthen believers in their own personal lifestyle evangelism and help them develop effective ways to tell others about the wonderful works of God.

Taught by: Dr. Don Zahurance - Sundays at 9:15 am

### **Women's Bible Study & Fellowship**

Do you enjoy Bible study and fellowship with other women? We'll choose some studies, brew some tea and grow together in Christ! Hosted by: Marci Ferrell at church— Starting September 11th Thursdays 9:30-11:30 am

### **Discipleship Training Plan**

"A Venture in Training and Accountability". The Objective of this course is to provide you with a basic working knowledge of Biblical discipleship; to present you with a variety of principles and methods for discipling other Christians." You be encouraged to be obedient to Christ during your process of personal disciplines and to develop your leadership skills. This is a six-month plan. Taught By: Dr. Don Zahurance – Weekdays/Weeknights (6-8 people per group) Times to be determined by participants.

### **Old Testament Survey**

This course will take you on a journey...a fast-paced adventure from Creation to Christ. Learn the heart beat of God and understand the central theme of God's chosen people, Israel.

Taught by: Dan Benson – Sundays at 9:15 am

### **Mary in a Martha's World**

This is a fresh approach to the familiar Bible story. The author shows all of us - Marys and Marthas alike - how to draw closer to our Lord: deepening our devotion, strengthening our service and doing both with less stress and greater joy. A sample listing of what she covers in the book: discouragement, being a "worrier", duty vs. devotion, developing intimacy with our God, serving in all kinds of ways, and more.

Taught by: Doris Feider-Schlenvogt – Sundays at 9:15 am

### **Bringing Up Boys**

"The Joys and Challenges of Raising Boys Explained!" Boys are different! But with pressure to be "gender neutral," many try to mold children into a one-size-fits-all model. Dr. Dobson explains why boys are the way they are, how to understand their emotional and physical development, and how best to motivate them into becoming godly men.

Facilitated by: Sue Voll – Sundays at 9:15 am

### **Men's Bible Study & Fellowship**

"Ephesians, Wholeness for a Broken World" Beginning Wednesday evenings in September from 7:00-8:00 pm. It's a word of encouragement, it describes the nature and appearance of the church, and challenges believers to function as the living Body of Christ on earth. We'll have some great discussions and occasionally we'll fry some brats, organize a round of golf, or do a service project for the church. Facilitated by: Mike Bendt – Wednesdays at 7:00 pm



## **BLAZE YOUTH**

Grades 7-12th Meets Sundays from 6:30-8:00 pm



### **H.S. Dinner and Book Club**

Every Tuesday evening this summer a group of High School students have been meeting to have dinner with fellow Christians and grow closer in their relationship with God. They have been reading the book "Live like a Jesus Freak". The 11 week Bible Study helps them to put into action the decision they made to make Christ their Savior and Lord. It feeds them on biblical truths and helps them to develop the habit of a daily quiet time. "Live Like a Jesus Freak" challenges them to leave this life behind and seek the abundant life God promises. Jesus never promised that being His follower would be easy - quite the opposite, in fact. *"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it."* Matthew 16:24-25. Please give a word of encouragement to the following students who have a desire to "Live Like a Jesus Freak" - Tracy Cooper, Roy Desimone, Amber Ferrell, Hannah Krier, Ashley Tretter, Al Medinger, Emily Mueller, Toni Turenne, Barbie Schulze, David Toeller, Melissa Toeller, Casey Schroeter, Melissa Scheibel and Grant Zahurance.



### **BLAZE KICK-OFF COOK-OUT**

Sunday, September 7th 5-8:00 pm

at Jesse & "Namie" Mueller's  
2310 N Green bay Rd.  
Grafton

Come and help kick off BLAZE !

For more info. Call 376-9588

### MEET OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES!

After weeks and months of interviews of many candidates, the Search Committee and Church Council presented Mark Kato as a candidate for Friedens' new Associate Pastor of Youth & Children's Ministries. Mark and his wife, Cathy, have a three-year-old daughter, Hannah, and currently live in Oswego, Ill. Mark is a 1998 graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, where he earned a bachelor's degree in International Ministries.

While in school, he served as children's director and youth pastor for Midwest Korean Church in Park Ridge, Ill., first as a volunteer and then as part-time staff person. From there, Mark and Cathy lived for one year in Niger, West Africa, where Mark served as a youth pastor to Sahel Academy, a missionary kids school.

Besides spending time with his family, Mark also enjoys playing the guitar and singing. Mark and Cathy are already well-known to many in the Friedens family, having spoken to the Blaze teen group at the 2002 Winter Retreat. Plus, they are friends with Matt and Kari MacKellar.

In his "Statement on Ministry," in which Mark shared his thoughts with the Search Committee on the value of youth and children's ministry, he said: "The Lord really burdened me that the future could be greatly impacted by people willing to invest in young men and women at this age."

Please welcome and greet Mark, Cathy and Hannah and make an effort to get to know them.



**AWANA-CHILDRENS MINISTRY** (age 4-grade 6) meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. For more information contact GERALYN ESSELMAN 284-9598. Starting up again September 11.

**HIGH SCHOOL GUYS/GIRLS DINNER/STUDY/FUN** Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm at the home of Doug & Marci Ferrell. Call 375-1009 for details.

**BLAZE – YOUTH GROUP** (grades 7-12) meets on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm. For more information contact the church office.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES** for High School, Jr. High, and Elementary age kids at 9:15 am.

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES** meet during the Sunday Morning Sunday School Hour at 9:15 am. For more information see the sign-up table in the west foyer or call the church.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** meets at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. For more information contact Mike Bendt (284-5499).

**THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/FELLOWSHIP AT CHURCH (9:30-11:30AM)** Call Marci Ferrell (375-1009) Starting September 11th from 9:30-11:30 am.

**PRAYER GROUP** meets Thursday mornings at 6:30 am. The church is also open weekdays at 6:30 am for anyone who wants to come and pray. Everyone welcome. Contact the office for more information.

**THURSDAY EVENING CHOIR & WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE** Choir meets first at 6:45 pm, the Worship Team meets at approximately 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Mark.

**SENIOR AFTERNOON WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets usually the first Thursday of the month, weather permitting. For more information contact the church office.

**"CHRISTIAN RECOVERY"** meeting at 8:00 pm on Tuesdays here at Friedens. It is a group for those in recovery from drug and/or alcohol abuse. It will be Bible and Christ-centered. The leaders are Lee & Dyane Sloan. You can call them for more information at 262-387-1526.

### **WHAT IS THE FRIEDENSNOTE!?**

The FriedensNote is a weekly on-line newsletter. It has information of the following week's activities, birthdays, anniversaries and much more! If you want to receive the Friedensnote contact the church office and give us your e-mail address.



It is true that we learn by example. The Lord Jesus Christ taught us by way of illustrations and the use of word pictures. The writers of Scripture teach us by way of instruction in theology. These examples give us reasonableness and practicality in our daily lives for witnessing. God expects us to tell the good news to every creature. This was the last command of our Saviour. Sadly, many believers just do not speak of Christ to their family, neighbors or friends. The fear of being rejected or ignorance of what to say are the biggest setbacks to being an effective witness. However, the Holy Spirit is always willing to assist and comfort us in our approach to giving out the Gospel. Therefore, take heart, my fellow laborer, God is preparing us and will employ a willing servant. I would like to give you a couple of expressions from Scripture that will be of assistance to you. These words describe what a believer is or has in Christ. Though we use the word "*Christiant*" or "*Born Again*", we do not often use the word "*Ransomed*" or "*Ambassadors*." So, enjoy the words and let the Holy Spirit use them in your lives to give a witness of the wonderful works of a Loving and Holy Father and a Supremely gracious son, Jesus Christ the Lord.

1. **ABIDE IN JESUS.** Have you ever been left alone? Have you ever been left behind? Allow me to illustrate some examples of abiding. When I was about eight years old my father took me to the outdoor sports show at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois. I was amazed at all the people and stuff that was there. I became mesmerized by the inner workings of the AMF bowling pinsetter machine. I could watch from the back, all the mechanization. It intrigued me so much that I didn't see my father move on. I turned around and he was gone. It felt like forever before I realized that I was lost. Fear ran through me. I began to run and call out, "Dad!" I never realized that there was more than one dad there. Well, I ran into a neighbor, who was running a display. He said that he would take me home, if my father didn't show. About an hour later my Dad found me. He wasn't happy, although, I was. The word abide means "to tarry", "to dwell", or "not to leave someone alone", is the thought. Another example is found in a movie. A number of years ago there was a movie called "Home Alone", where a child was left behind while the entire family took a vacation. The family did not tarry with the child but ignored him and left him alone. Lastly, I remember Job's friends. How that when Job was afflicted, they stayed with him during his most difficult time. For seven days they watched, prayed and said nothing. That's incredible. Enduring the pain with him, feeling the loss and watching him suffer. These were abiding with Job. Jesus asks us to abide with Him, for He abides with us. No matter how difficult the situation He remains. In our society many are leaving their home and their loved ones. They choose not to dwell or tarry with their family. We can use the idea of abiding in Christ as an opening thought for those who may be without a family. "*Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me*" (John 15: 4). "*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you*" (John 15:7). Ask someone if they would like it if they were ever left alone? Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us.
2. **ACCEPTED.** When was a time you were treated as an outcast or rejected by other kids when you were growing up? When have you helped someone that no one else was willing to help? This word means "to pleasure in", "to delight in", or "favor placed upon someone". These qualities are wonderful when we are on the receiving end. To be favored by someone feels extraordinary. To know that someone has accepted you indicates that they are willing to receive you as you are. By ourselves we are unacceptable to God, yet He chose to accept us in the perfection of His son Jesus Christ. This fact takes away the stress of having to work for acceptance. Thousands of people are trying to be accepted by their friends and as a result many often fail. By receiving Christ and being accepted by God, we will never be rejected by either one. "*To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved*" (Ephesians 1:6). "*To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious*" (1Peter 2:4). "*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light*" (1Peter 2:9).

Please contact Pastor Don at 284-2471 or by e-mail at [DJTEGMZ@hotmail.com](mailto:DJTEGMZ@hotmail.com) if these words have helped or assisted you in your personal witness.



## Do You Ever Worry?

By John Newton

Do you sometimes let your circumstances get you down and worry about what you are going to do? I think most of us would have to admit that sometimes we do worry, especially when we're experiencing difficult circumstances.

Before reading a very helpful book called *Combat Faith*, By Hal Lindsey I didn't have any assurance that God involved Himself in my life in any area other than the spiritual. I believed that God was at work in my life conforming me spiritually into the likeness of His Son Jesus Christ, and using the circumstances in my life to accomplish this. But I didn't think God would change my circumstances or effect anything in the physical world.

In the book *Combat Faith*, I read about how God provided for the needs of individuals as well as large groups of people as recorded in the Bible. I was especially impressed at how God met all the needs of the Israelites as they were led out of Egypt and lived in the wilderness for forty years. I thought these were great stories but I couldn't count on God to provide for my material needs, like He did for the Israelites. So I thought why shouldn't I worry, God hasn't committed himself to meeting my needs at least not physical needs.

I read on and Hal said, "When we worry, we are in effect saying to God, you don't care about me and my needs, and you don't really mean what you promised! Oh sure, you died for my sins, but you don't care enough to provide for me in my daily life." I thought this was a pretty bold statement considering God did not promise to meet all my needs, or did He? I read on for a couple of paragraphs until coming to a list of specific promises God has given all of us regarding worry: **Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for You.** (1 Peter 5:7) *Your responsibility: Cast your anxieties upon the Lord. His promise: He will carry them for you because He cares for you. .Stop worrying about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:6-7)

*Your responsibility: Stop worrying and commit everything to the Lord in prayer with thanksgiving. His promise: He will give you His supernatural peace.*

**And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.** (Philippians 4:19)

*Your responsibility: Trust Him with your needs. His promise: He will supply all your needs according to the measure of Christ's wealth.*

I was surprised to learn that God meets All my needs regardless of whether they are spiritual, emotional, or material. All these promises are either true or they're not. God cannot lie. But we do need to have faith in God's promises. We need to mix God's promises with faith. It's like having a warehouse full of concrete, it's useless for construction until we take it out and mix it with water and gravel. The promises do us no good unless we get them out of the Bible, into our heads, and believe them when the appropriate situation arises in our lives.

This is what I've determined to do in my own life. I'm unemployed and receiving unemployment. I have a degree in education, but do not have a teaching license. I did very well in my course work until taking my final semester of student teaching. I learned that I'm not well suited to managing the discipline aspects of a classroom. So I have a college degree I worked very hard for, and no job.

But God has provided for my needs. And as a result of God meeting my needs I have found satisfying uses to put my writing skills to use, for the church newsletter, freelancing for The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and writing a Christian novel. I would never have used my writing skills if I had not been in this position and hadn't trusted God to meet my needs.

I will continue to take God at His word and trust His promise to meet ALL my needs. I think it's safe to believe that God considers my having a job that is satisfying and suits my personality to be the kind of need that He intends to meet by changing my circumstances. Although I do realize that God will sometimes meet our needs by saying, "My grace is sufficient", and give us strength and peace to go through something unpleasant we would prefer were removed.

God has given us every reason to believe He cares for us and will keep His promises to us. Don't let your heart be burdened with worry and anxiety, instead ask God to give you His peace and meet all your needs. He promises He will!



# SEPTEMBER 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 6:30 am Prayer Group  1pm Senior Women's Group  6:45 pm Worship team 7:30 pm Choir	5	6
7 8:30 & 10:00 Worship Communion  5-8pm BLAZE COOK- OUT	8  7:00 pm 150th Anniv. Comm.	9	10  6:30 pm AWANA  6:30 pm Men's Group	11 6:30 am Prayer Group  6:45 Worship team  7:30 pm Choir	12  Women's "BreakAway" tonight & tomorrow at ChristPond	13
14 8:30 & 10:00 Worship  6:30 BLAZE	15  6:30 pm Church Council	16	17  6:30 pm AWANA  6:30 pm Men's Group	18 6:30 am Prayer Group  6:45 Worship team  7:30 pm Choir	19	20
21 8:30 & 10:00 Worship  6:30 BLAZE	22  6:30 pm Elders	23	24  6:30 pm AWANA  6:30 pm Men's Group	25 6:30 am Prayer Group  6:45 Worship team  7:30 pm Choir	26  Men's Retreat— Lake Geneva	27
28 8:30 & 10:00 Worship  6:30 BLAZE	29	30				



Teddy Pyzyk	9/01
Max Franzkowiak	9/02
Melissa Toeller	9/03
Katie Benson	9/03
Jacki Rowley	9/03
Vicki Schuette	9/07
Pastor Mark	9/11
Olaf Nielsen	9/12
Jackie Sorenson	9/12
Debra Brunnuell	9/13
Ashley Tretter	9/13
MaryAnn Fitzpatrick	9/13
Gerald Johansen	9/15
Debra Bendt	9/15
Matthew Petrovic	9/15
Travis Sternhagen	9/15
Amber Ferrell	9/15
David Ansay	9/17
Eleanore Wilde	9/18
Kent Kohn	9/19
Florin Kohn	9/19
Hannah Krier	9/21
Paul Kopp	9/21
Rich Hoerig	9/21
Ward Wojciehowski	9/21

Matt MacKellar	9/23
Carrie Schlenvogt	9/24
Richard Krier	9/24
Verna Franzkowiak	9/24
Madison Yellen	9/24
Ben Krier	9/26
Travis Wescott	9/27
Gary Cooper	9/27
Jim Purdy	9/28
Jim Wilde	9/29
Gary Mueller	9/29
Sue Blick	9/30



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Helmut & Marrienne Haak	9/03/1949
Edward & Eleanore Wilde	9/06
Jeff & Penny Mentzel	9/09/1989
DeVerne & Diane Smith	9/11/1965
Mike & Betty Toeller	9/17/1977
Bob & Ginny Niesing	9/19/1964
Jeff & Beth Rippel	9/19/1987
Joseph & Judy McGinty	9/21/1963

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Our church's website is terrific! You can access information about current activities, schedules, the monthly Friedensbote (our church newsletter), history, links to other helpful websites, and now you can also access our weekly "FriedensNote" - a nice summary of the week's ministry activities and a few inspirational features, too. The church's website is [www.friedenschurch.org](http://www.friedenschurch.org)