

Look At What's Comin'

Friendship Baptist Church 79th Anniversary Services

Big service planned for our church's anniversary Sunday on **October 29th**. The morning service will be followed by **dedication of the newly finished portico**. All are welcomed and encouraged to stay for the anniversary meal following the dedication. Let's invite others to come for this mile-stone in the ministry of the church!

Sat. Oct. 21, Men's Bible Study

All men invited / begins at 8:00 a.m. / breakfast followed by Bible Study, in the church fellowship hall.

- **Same morning at 9:30 a.m.** "Door Knockers" will be available to pass out at the homes of our church neighborhood, inviting them to our church anniversary services on **Oct. 28th**

Needed: Nursery Workers Ladies, please see Vicki Day as we are in need of nursery workers during the services.

Thanks! - But there will be no need for Halloween candy this year

Food Shower!

Let's welcome the Emmons family to Wichita, and to our beloved church by giving them a **FOOD SHOWER** next Sunday night, Oct. 21st, following the evening service. There will be "finger food" and desserts for all during this time of fellowship. Bring your food items to the church at service times, or any time this week during daily business hours.

Let's show them our love and appreciation as they take this big step in the ministry of our Lord.

Schedule of Services

Sun. Sch. 10 am / Worship 11 am
Sun. Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Last Sunday's Report

Attendance 59
General Offering \$ 2,544.00.
Missions 1,144.00

And all
that believed
were together



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Ray Melugin, Pastor Oct. 15, 2017

Why Have a Deaf Ministry?

For ten years, Friendship Baptist Church has welcomed the deaf people of Silent Baptist Church to conduct services and events in our building, and have been glad to do so. Bro. Wilcoxson has stated that 2% of the population is deaf. All need to "hear" the gospel; all need to be saved, hearing and deaf alike.

Some churches do not have a deaf ministry because it is **difficult**. Could you learn another language that communicates with "signs"? It's not easy. A deaf ministry can be **discouraging**. There is much work and at times, few results. (we could also say the same for hearing ministries) A deaf ministry is **demanding**. Deaf people need someone to become their ears and voice to the hearing world. This demands time and love. A deaf ministry can be **disappointing**. Many times the burden of the ministry is misunderstood. "Is it really worth it?" Ask the deaf if their church means something to them. Ask the Lord if the deaf are important to Him.

Five Scriptural Reasons to Have a Deaf Ministry

1. **Because God's love is for everyone** When the Bible says "*For God so love the world...*" the world includes the deaf.
2. **Because the Great Commission includes all people**. All people includes race, language, culture, non-hearing.
3. **Because deaf people can bring glory to God**. Their singing is different, prayers are different since deaf prayer's are with open eyes so they can "see" what's being said. They can bring glory to God because they can live for God.
4. **Because deaf people must know someone cares for them**
All people need friends, and that includes the deaf.
5. **Because when you reach one, you reach others**. Since the Deaf can only communicate with deaf, they know where The others are. They can win others as we do.
- Let's pray for the deaf of Silent Baptist as they pray for us

We Cannot Do Without Our Missionaries

**Bill & Gaye Richards
Germany**

Since our last letter, two more souls have been saved through our archery and hunting clubs. We have seen many spiritual dividends through this spiritual investment.

The church had our annual family camp. We made our annual 3 hour trek to the Alps of Northern Austria. This is our largest out-reach ministry of the year. Despite the enormous efforts involved, it always is a great blessing to us personally. This year, we were joined by missionaries and members of their churches from all over Europe. This week-long camp was a great opportunity for fellowship and renewal of our spirits. Pastor Jeff Ables (Spfd, Mo.) was the main speaker. Everyone greatly enjoyed his messages and fellowship with his family.

This past year in Europe, the spiritual battle has been intensifying. A host of issues are creating strains of the openness of European societies. As missionaries, we rely on that openness to allow us to preach the Gospel. The pressure of political movements has become a threat to spreading the word of God here. Pray for us that God will grant protection, wisdom, and guidance so we can continue to see souls saved.

Thank you for your support

Bill and Gaye Richards