

**Church office hours**

M-W-F 8:15-12:15

**Bulletin Deadline**

Friday 8:15

**Pastor's Office Hours**

MW 8:30-Noon

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LEGRAND FRIENDS CHURCH

# Friend to Friend

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Sundays**

- 8:15am Praise Team
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Worship
- 6:00pm H.S. Youth
- 6:30pm Young Adults

**Monday**

- 6:30 pm Bible Study

**Wednesday**

- 5:15 Chuckwagon
- 5:45 Pioneer Club
- 6:00 M.S. Youth

**Thursday**

- 9:00 Men's group
- 6:30pm Bible Study

Friends,

Last week some willing workmen from the church were doing some significant trimming on an overgrown tree in the backyard of the church. We had a very large pile of the removed limbs when we glanced over at some other trees in similar need. We decided that one should be completely removed from the group. Once it was cut down, I noticed the tree right next to it showed the results of being too long adjacent to the other tree and had dead spots because of it. I wondered if those areas would now get sunlight and begin to grow again. I then began considering what might be encroaching on my spiritual life and causing a stagnation of growth, including possible weak beliefs about God I might be adhering to.

Are there areas of theology that need pruning to give a fresh opportunity for growth? Is there a habit or attitude that is harming God's plan for His best in my life? I pray that my eyes will be opened and my heart willing to start to clear out where it is needed. May God bless us as we seek His best even as we discover new insights about the Living God.

John 15:1-4

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. NIV*

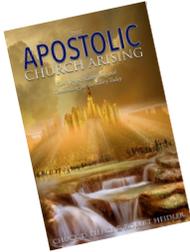


In Christ,  
Pastor Alan

# New Classes & Youth Groups

## Adult Classes- Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

**Transformation: Letting God change you from the inside out,**  
by Bill Hybels. Starting Sept. 24, Led by Nancy Slingluff



**Spiritual Gifts & Leadership** – Using selected passages from scripture and the book *Apostolic Church Arising* by Chuck Pierce and Robert Heidler. Led by Charlotte Stangeland starting Sept. 10

## Children & Youth

**Sunday School –at 9:00 a.m. starting Sept. 10**

**Nursery** – Available, if needed

**PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade** will be taught by Leah Slingluff.

They will be using the Children's Activity Bible.

**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** will be taught by Paula Rush. Candy Bar Lessons- The candy aisle of the grocery store is filled with sweet confections. Kids will learn that there is nothing sweeter than the love of God.

**Middle School – High School** will be taught by Nick Grossman

## Youth Groups

**Middle School Youth Group**, meeting on Wednesday nights at 6:00, will be led by Alan Mullikin and Ben Little. Starting Sept. 6

**High School Youth Group**, meeting on Sunday evenings 6:00 p.m., will be led by Michelle Stubbs & Phil Rush. Michelle is our new Youth Pastor.



## Small Group Bible Studies

*Study the Book of Acts and learn more about the Early Church and the Power of the Holy Spirit*

### Mondays at Eakins' House

6:30 p.m. starting Sept. 13

Led by Paula Rush



### Thursdays at the Church

6:30 p.m. starting Sept. 14

Led by Charlotte Stangeland & Vicki Sawyer

*Everyone welcome!*

## **BiMonthly Meeting Minutes LeGrand Friends – August 13**

Le Grand Bi-Monthly Meeting met after worship today with 13 members present. Clerk Jay Wyatt opened the meeting with prayer and Denise Phipps read the minutes from the June meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer Nancy Slingluff presented her reports for the months of June & July. For June, giving was \$9,769.76 and expenses were \$8,606.00. For July, giving was \$10,847.35 & expenses were \$11,807.73. July expenses reflect new AC unit and Nancy noted that giving has been very steady. Meeting approved these reports.

Pastor Alan went over his reports for June & July. Average June attendance for worship was 73; average July attendance was 70. Pastor noted that for next year, we might want to remember to change the dates for “Food, Fire & Film” event so it’ll be dark enough. Also, noted how well VBS went & that he spent several days in Oskaloosa for IAYM Sessions. Meeting approved his reports.

Phil Rush reported for Trustees that it would be beneficial to have regular maintenance on heating/cooling units at church & parsonage. They got the Maple tree trimmed up in front. Discussion was held on the small food pantry unit’s placement & construction that the Girl Scout Troop will sponsor. Trustees will approve the size & placement.

Chuck Sawyer announced for Ministry & Counsel that Michelle Stubbs will be our new youth leader. Meeting approved & her contract will be finalized at a later date. Chuck also encourage all to consider joining Bible studies, they will be held on Monday & Thursday nights at 6:30.

Pastor said that since Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be a bye week for East Marshall’s football team, it’d be great to have a movie night for the community. Pastor also noted that as of this day, four people had signed up for the mission work trip to Belize. Chuck Sawyer closed the meeting with prayer.

### **IaYM Upcoming Events**

**CQH Work Days** Sep 5, 12, 19, & 26

**Family Camp** at CQH Sep 8-10,

**Man Camp** CQH Oct 6-8

**U.S.F.W. Fall Retreat** Oct 7

**Battle Ready Men's Conference** -

Oct 13 & 14 Fairfield Friends

**All Boards Retreat** Oct 27-28

### **Work Team to BELIZE**

This November we are planning to take a work team to Belize City, Belize to work on the Friends School and Church. The team consists of Travis Vaughn, Lloyd Stangeland, Gary Bryant and Alan Mullikin. In Belize, once you finish the 6<sup>th</sup> grade you are mandated to take a test which you must pass if you are going to be allowed to continue in formal education. The Friends School is there to assist the kids who have not passed it, to help them learn and grow so that they can have a legitimate chance to pass the test and then have opportunities to get back into the state schools. Those who do not pass the test, have very limited scholastic as well as employment opportunities.

The school is relocating to a different building which needs some alterations to be set up for their intended usage. Friends are also beginning a church in the building. Our job is to help in whatever is needed to accomplish those alterations. It could be erecting and finishing walls, painting, repairs, basically whatever is needed. We plan to leave Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> and return Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. The costs are \$45 per day for room and board while there as well as the flight to and from (approximately \$600). Additional expenses are one day of sight-seeing, travel food, and souvenirs. Please keep this team in your prayers.



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Nancy Slingluff

**YOUTH PASTOR**

Michelle Stubbs

*Strengthening and Expanding the Church of Jesus Christ, one heart at a time.*



## **Pioneer Club Begins Wed. Sept. 6**

5:15 Chuckwagon

5:45 Pioneer Club

(PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:00 Middle School Youth

**Bible Stories- Games**  
**Music - Crafts**