



December 31, 2023

# WELCOME

Welcome to Wabash Friends Church. We're glad you're here! Our purpose is partnering with God to see lives change, one relationship at a time. We are God's family. We are in process. We reach out in relationship. We care for our community. We have a heart for the nations.

## THIS WEEK AT FRIENDS CHURCH

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

8:30 AM - Traditional Service, 10:45 AM - Contemporary Service

9:45 AM - Children & Adult Sunday School

**Sunday**  
No Roots Youth  
Tonight!

**Monday**  
Happy New Year!  
Church Office CLOSED  
TODAY!

**Tuesday**  
8:30 AM: Senior Breakfast,  
Fried Egg  
3:00 PM: Prayer Meeting  
6 PM-8 PM: Open Gym  
Basketball, Gym

**Thursday**  
5:30 AM: NACMBS, Atrium  
6 PM-8 PM: Open Gym  
Basketball, Gym

### NUMBERS LAST SUNDAY

General Giving \$ N/A

YTD Income Less Exp. \$ N/A

Total Worship Service Attendance: N/A  
1st: N/A, 2nd: N/A, Kids: N/A, SS: N/A



### JANUARY SENIOR BREAKFAST!

The next Senior Breakfast will be *this Tuesday, January 2, 8:30 AM*, at The Fried Egg in Wabash. Games & fellowship time will follow at the home of Sandy Davis.

### NEW CLASS: "THE OTHER HALF OF CHURCH"

Come learn more about how to create an emotionally healthy environment for the spiritual development of discipleship that is based on relationship with Jesus and one another and is also supported by the Biblical understanding of Hesed. Class is facilitated by Mike Scamihorn (mike.scamihorn@gmail.com). Class begins on Sunday, January 7, Rooms 113 A/B during the Sunday School hour.

### STAFF SEARCH UPDATE

**Lead Pastor**—In the past several weeks, we have narrowed 20+ candidates down to two. In the past two weeks, Staff and Coordinating Committee met with these two candidates. On Thursday, Coordinating Committee, Staff and the Search team all met to discern God's will on our next steps. The Holy Spirit showed up in amazing ways, and both the Search Team and Coordinating Committee recommend, with the blessing of the WFC staff, Brad Merchant as a candidate for Lead Pastor of Wabash Friends. In the next few weeks, we will have Brad in to preach in both services, spend some time in a Q/A session during Sunday School, and spend some time with M&O. After we have that time with Brad, there will be a called Business Meeting so we can discern, together, on whether to move forward with Brad as our pastor. The details about the visit will be shared as soon as they are confirmed.

## NEWS & INFO



Roots youth group will not be meeting tonight since it's New Year's Eve. Enjoy time with your families!



### CAMP FUNDRAISER

Help us to fund sending more kids to camp by purchasing Wabash Friends Church Gear (apparel & accessories). These items would make GREAT Christmas gifts! Please visit our apparel store at:

[wabashfriends2023.itemorder.com](http://wabashfriends2023.itemorder.com)

Questions, please see Brock or call Heather Edwards in the church office.



The next Bridge gathering will be Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 PM. Bridge is an opportunity for all students currently in grades 5-8 to come together, encounter Jesus, encourage one another, and have some fun!



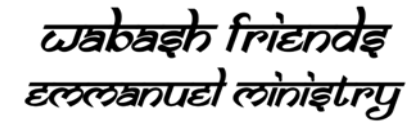
Kids Hope is seeking individuals to spend time mentoring a student at Southwood Elementary one hour a week through the school year. If you desire to make an impact on a student's life and be a support for them, please contact Sheri Proffitt at sheriproffitt@hotmail.com.



Be sure to check in your child each Sunday morning at the Faith Street check-in desk in the Atrium.

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:** We are looking to have someone who can teach the Preschool Sunday School class during even numbered months starting in December. Please see Mark Riner for more information.

Please see Mark Riner if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions or concerns regarding children's ministry.



### LETTERS FROM EMMANUEL HOSTEL

**ATTENTION EMMANUEL HOSTEL CHILD SPONSORS!!!** Stop by the table in the narthex to pick up your letter from your sponsored child.

### SPONSOR A CHILD

Sponsor a child from the Wabash Friends Emmanuel Ministry. \$30 a month will give you a child that needs support for housing, meals, and education.

All you have to do is fill out the registration form at the Mission Station. Once you fill out the form, place it in the tray on the table. The sponsorship starts in January 2024. This is your opportunity to make an eternal difference in the life of a child. Brochures about the ministry is at the Mission Station. We ask that this commitment be above your regular giving and tithe to the church. We need 64 sponsors. It is important to register today, even if you sponsored a child last year.