

January 7, 2024

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 6-8 PM: Roots Youth Group, Atrium	Monday 6-8 PM: Open Gym Basketball	Tuesday 3:00 PM: Prayer Meeting	Wednesday 6:30-8 PM: The Bridge, Atrium	Thursday 5:30 AM: NACMBS, Atrium
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NUMBERS LAST TWO SUNDAYS

General Giving 12/24 \$34,786.53

YTD Income Less Exp. \$(1,071.31)

General Giving 12/31 \$24,363.17

YTD Income Less Exp. \$7,982.29

12/24 Total Worship Service Attendance: 407

1st: 168, 2nd: 227, Kids: 12, SS: N/A

12/31 Total Worship Service Attendance: 320

1st: 122, 2nd: 170, Kids: 28, SS: 106

Thank You!

Dear WFC Family,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all of you and your generosity shown with the Christmas gifts for staff. In this year of some trials and transition, we praise God for His goodness and faithfulness to our church family. We look forward to another year of partnering with you to share Christ's love in our community and beyond.

—WFC Staff

STAFF SEARCH UPDATE

Lead Pastor—In the past several weeks, we have narrowed 20+ candidates down to two. In early December, Staff and Coordinating Committee met with these two candidates. A couple weeks ago, 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. On Sunday, January 21, Brad will be preaching in both services, spending some time in a Q/A session during Sunday School, and spending 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 time for the called congregational meeting will be announced soon. Please refer to today's bulletin insert for more of an introduction to Brad and his family.

NEWS & INFO



Roots youth group tonight from 6-8 PM. Come hang out and let's celebrate how God has been working in our lives!

SKI TRIP—JANUARY 14

Roots youth will be hitting the slopes next Sunday, January 14! Be sure to see Brock Sizelove to get signed up and receive more information.

MORE INFO COMING SOON...



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!

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 Heseed. Class is facilitated by Mike Scamihorn (mike.scamihorn@gmail.com). Class begins TODAY, Rooms 113 A/B during the Sunday School hour.



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.

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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.