

Friends in Christ

Friends in Christ is an independent ministry primarily serving the Washington-Baltimore corridor in Maryland. We nurture people seeking loving relationships and the energy to help heal a broken world through living in Christ. We seek to serve ethnically diverse groups of seekers and finders looking to Jesus as the doorway to God and an energetic, loving life. We are incorporated as a religious group with no formal affiliation.

Worship & Ministries

We seek to help people grow in Christ through small groups and other activities.

We have a Bible study group which meets twice a month in homes in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. An additional group in Catonsville completed the synoptic gospels and no longer meets. For more information, contact Bill Samuel at bill@friendsinchrist.net.

We are open to working with interested people in establishing other small groups. These could include Bible study groups, worship groups, prayer groups, sharing groups, or however the group seems called.

We also reach out across the globe through a weekly email message. Subscribe from our Web site. Get current information on our activities by calling 641-715-3800, access code 10949913 or on the Web at <http://www.friendsinchrist.net/>.

Mission Statement

Our goal is to assist people into fulfillment as children of God through a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Core Values

We are committed to seeking God through Jesus Christ.

We are committed to fulfilling God's desire for us and others to become children of God.

We are committed to living Jesus' command to love one another.

We are committed to sharing God's love with others by bringing them into a loving spiritual community.

We are committed to the Bible as an essential resource for spiritual growth.

We are committed to the immediate experience of the Holy Spirit as an essential guide for spiritual growth.

We are committed to prayer, in its varied forms, as an essential method for our fulfillment as children of God.

We are committed to communal worship as the community's expression of its relationship to God.

We are committed to using expectant waiting as a vital form of prayer and worship.

We are committed to a serving ministry assisting the healing of brokenness and the implementation of justice.

We are committed to recognizing, nurturing and developing the gifts for ministry and leadership in all.

We are committed to unity with others in the body of Christ in a common effort to witness the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Response Form

Please keep me/us informed about Friends in Christ activities and ministries.

I/we enclose \$_____ as a contribution to the Friends in Christ ministry (make checks payable to Friends in Christ). [Contributions are tax deductible.]

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Return to:

Friends in Christ
P.O. Box 9295

Silver Spring, MD 20916-9295

Use the space below for questions, concerns, prayer requests and offers to assist in this ministry.

What Participants Say

Here are some things participants in the worship and classes we have held in the past have said about the experience:

"I have found the right place where sharing faith builds trust, strength, laughter and joy. They are a happy and positive group, and I wouldn't miss out on this!"

"Participating in this group has been a real help to me - after many months of painful alienation from God, I am finding it easier to pray and to relax in God's presence."

"The group has added another layer or dimension deeper towards my spiritual development and awareness. I've completed some healing and shedding of pain & guilt I had been burdened with for years and feel lighter and filled with joy and God's love."

"I experienced a closeness and friendship while enriching my spiritual growth. ... I felt the way that it was presented was very effective."

"It has been very pleasant for me to be among such kind-hearted and generous Christian folk. The prayer times at the end of the meetings were often rewarding and inspiring to me."

"My expectations are being met very well. I have found many blessings in the presence and sharing of others in the group. ... It has been a blessing and a refuge."

Coordinator

Friends in Christ has no paid staff. Our coordinator is *Bill Samuel*. Bill has long experience in leadership within the Society of Friends (Quakers) and in spiritual nurture, and is currently a member of Cedar Ridge Community Church. The coordinator handles overall planning and implementation of our activities. Active small groups determine their own direction and schedule.

Advisory Committee (currently inactive)

Georgia Fuller, *speaker and workshop leader*
Thomas Jeavons, *Former General Secretary, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

Frank Massey, *Former General Secretary, Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

Ben Richmond, *Former Principal, Friends Theological College, Kaimosi, Kenya**

Marcy Seitel, *Elementary teacher, conflict resolution instructor*

Michael Wall, *Pastor, Southview Friends Church, Charlotte, NC**

* Affiliations for identification purposes only

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