



# The Current



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## LIVING A LIFE FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

We have a lot to be thankful for when it comes to all that Christ has provided for us. Imagine where you would be; where your family would be had it not be for the grace and mercy afforded to us through God's one and only Son. When I think of my future with Christ compared to a future without Christ, it encourages me to seek to live a life filled with thanksgiving.

The Apostle Paul reminded us to "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Php. 4:6).

The psalmist wrote, "Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations" (100:3-5).

February is known as the "love" month because of Valentine's Day. But this February, let us show the Lord know just how much we love Him! I am thankful to be your pastor.

Bro Monty

## Church Events

- Feb 1st - Walnut Street Nursing Home Ministry at 3:30 pm
- Through Feb 5th - Donate canned foods and soups to Souper Bowl of Caring
- Feb 5th - Deacon's Meeting at 3:00 pm
- Feb 5th - Leadership Meeting at 4:00 pm
- Feb 8th - Colonial Home Ministry at 3:30 pm
- Feb 14th - Valentine's Day
- Feb 15th - Current River Nursing Home Ministry at 4:00 pm
- Feb 17th - Asylum Youth Movie Night at 6:00 pm
- Feb 18th - Bread Shed at 6:30 am
- Feb 19th - Quarterly Business Meeting and Meal at 6:00 pm
- Feb 20th - President's Day; Church Office Closed
- Feb 27th - WOM Meeting at 1:00 pm

# JAM'D CHILDREN'S NEWS

by Bro Monty

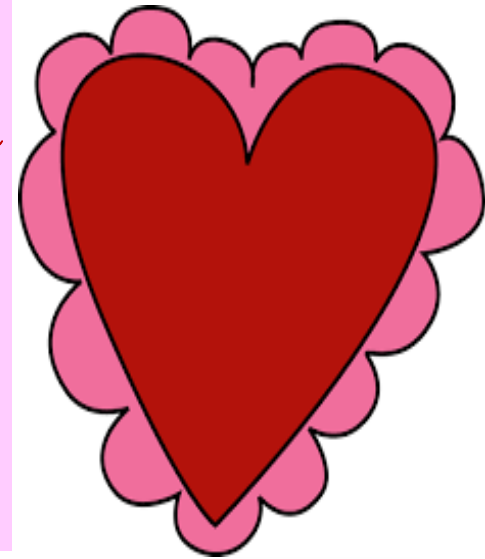
The number of JAM'D students have gradually increased, but we still need your children. We have several children in our church family we would love to see engaged in JAM'D. It is a great opportunity for them to learn more about Christ, strengthen their fellowship with other believing children and to become involved in evangelism by inviting and bringing their friends to join them at JAM'D.

Our challenge to each of our parents is to get their children enrolled in JAM'D and start encouraging them to invite their friends. Become the vessel your child can use in order to get their unchurched and unsaved friends in contact with Jesus Christ.

Remember our motto: To Be a Catalyst for Christ in Doniphan and Beyond!

Proverbs 22:17

*"A merry heart does good like medicine"*



**1 John 4:8** - He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

**John 3:16** - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**1 John 4:18** - There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

**Romans 5:8** - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**1 John 4:7** - Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

**John 15:12** - This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

**GOD**  
**is**  
**LOVE** 



# Youth Pastor's Pen

By Drew Simmons

*Greetings Church family!*

*February is here, so that must mean that love is in the air. I know the Bible says that God is love (1st John 4:7-8) and since I'm a believer, I have the Holy Spirit living in me so I guess that would mean that love is always in the air. I guess what I'm trying to say is Happy Valentines Day! 2017 is already off to a BANG in our student ministry. We have been busy planning the next few months with events like our Movie Night coming up this month, our Annual Fundraiser Banquet next month, and we're even crazy enough to have scheduled a lock-in in April. So, needless to say, we've got lots to do in the month ahead, and even more things to pray about. Church, I ask that you come along side us and get busy praying, loving, and supporting our students as you always do so well. Our numbers have been increasing across the board on Wednesday and Sunday, so we know that God is answering our prayers and doing a great work in the hearts and lives of our students. The Youth Leaders and I are VERY excited about what He is doing and we are giving all the honor, glory, and praise to God because we know He alone is responsible for it. Lastly, if any of you would like more information about our student ministry, or would like to know how you could become more involved, please come see me or one of the other leaders anytime and we would LOVE to help get you plugged in somewhere! As always church, I love you all so much! Thanks for all you do and God bless!*

*In Christ, Drew Simmons*



## ASYLUM YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Movie Night on Friday, February 17th at 6:00 pm*
- *Annual Fundraiser Banquet on Sunday, March 19th at 6:00 pm*
- *Lock-In Saturday Night on April 29th at 7:00 pm*

## Ten ways to love

- Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
- Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
- Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
- Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
- Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
- Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
- Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
- Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
- Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
- Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

# Women on Mission

## William Booth: Soup, Soap, and Salvation

**William burst into the house. "I have found my destiny!" he shouted. "I have found a place where there is so much human misery in such a small space that there is a lifetime's worth of work there for me!"** Horrified by the poverty and suffering most people took for granted in industrial England, William Booth dedicated his life to bringing the gospel to the outcasts of society who would never enter a church and weren't welcome there. At age fifteen, William vowed, "God shall have all there is of William Booth," and not even resistance from the church and government, lack of financial support, or vicious attacks by angry mobs could stop him from spreading the light of the gospel through the streets of England. Today, all around the world, General William Booth's Salvation Army operates thousands of evangelistic and social service centers, changing countless lives with the love of God and the courage of their convictions.

**IF THERE IS ONE IMAGE** of The Salvation Army that comes immediately to the public's mind, it is that of a bell-ringing volunteer tending a Christmas kettle on a city street. The kettles were started by Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee in December 1891. It's success encouraged other local corps to do the same, and by 1895 the kettle was used in thirty Salvation Army corps on the West Coast.

Two years later, Officer William A. McIntyre took the novel idea to Boston, but his fellow officers refused to cooperate for fear of "making spectacles of themselves." So McIntyre, his wife, and his sister set up three kettles in the heart of the city. That year the kettle effort in Boston and other locations nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy. The kettles provide about one-third of the money used to aid over 4,500,000 persons annually at Christmas. The Christmas kettle stands as a symbol of service, a refreshing reminder amid the hoopla of Christmas that people do care for one another.

As of September 2015, the Salvation Army operates in 127 countries and provides the gospel and services in 175 different languages. Today, all around the world, General William Booth's Salvation Army operates thousands of evangelistic and social service centers, changing countless lives with the love of God and the courage of their convictions. The year 2012 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the death of William Booth (1829-1912). A few thoughts jumped out during this study: Have we found our destiny? Are we totally sold out to God? Did we burst in and declare it so others would know? Does the poverty/lostness of others break your heart? He didn't let the negative attitude of others stop him from sharing the Gospel.

Missionaries provide us insight and encouragement to reach our community "By All Means." Just maybe we need to do some bell-ringing.

What blessings January brought by way of salvation at the Nursing Home Ministries, the Bread Shed and with two youth following their profession in baptism. I just can't wait to see what Jesus will do in February.

Thank You, Church, for the can goods and the undergarments for the elementary school. We are so blessed.

Thank you for serving along side of us.

*Carol Wilhelmy, WOM Director*

**William and Catherine Booth**

