

# The Current

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## Happy New Year

The year of our Lord, 2017—it's crazy how fast time is passing by. If Jesus was born in 0 A.D. as some suggest, that means 2,017 years have passed and we are rapidly approaching the 2,000 year mark of His death (presumably 33 A.D).

And if scholars are right, in that, God's time schedule is 7,000 years: 2,000 from creation to the flood, 2,000 from the flood to Christ, 2,000 from His death until now (2,033), and 1,000 for His millennial reign, then we are ever so close to His calling the church home—the rapture!

Think of this: what if 2017 was the year on God's timetable that He sent His Son to gather His church to heaven? That would be totally awesome, assuming one is saved! That would indeed make a Happy New Year.

This should provoke us in two ways: 1) to make sure that we are ready, so we can meet God without shame and 2) to make sure those we love are ready, for the Scriptures suggest that those who have heard the Gospel and rejected it, will not be saved during the Tribulation. Thessalonians 2:8—12 tells us that those who have heard the Gospel but do not receive it (V. 10), that God will send a strong delusion and they will believe the lie (V. 11). The lie is the lie of the antichrist. Verse twelve lays the hopeless verdict of those who reject the truth, to die without God and without hope.

None of us want this to happen to any person, let alone those we love most. So let 2017 be the year of evangelism of FBC Doniphan, that we might be catalysts for Christ in Doniphan and Beyond, and especially to our families!

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## Church Events

January 2 - Church Office Closed

January 3 - Blood Drive at FBC 1:30 to 4:00 pm

January 4 - Walnut Street Nursing Home Ministry at 3:30 pm

January 8 - Deacon's Meeting at 4:00 pm

January 8 - Leadership Meeting at 5:00 pm

January 8 - Special Business Meeting at 6:00 pm

January 11 - Colonial Home Ministry at 3:30 pm

January 14 - Chili Supper & Wild Game Dinner Planning Meeting in FLC at 6:00 pm

January 15 - First Focus Begins at 5:00 pm

January 18 - Current River Nursing Home Ministry at 4:00 pm

January 18 - Finance Meeting at 5:30 pm

January 21 - Bread Shed at 6:30 am

January 28 - Wild Game Dinner at 4:00 pm

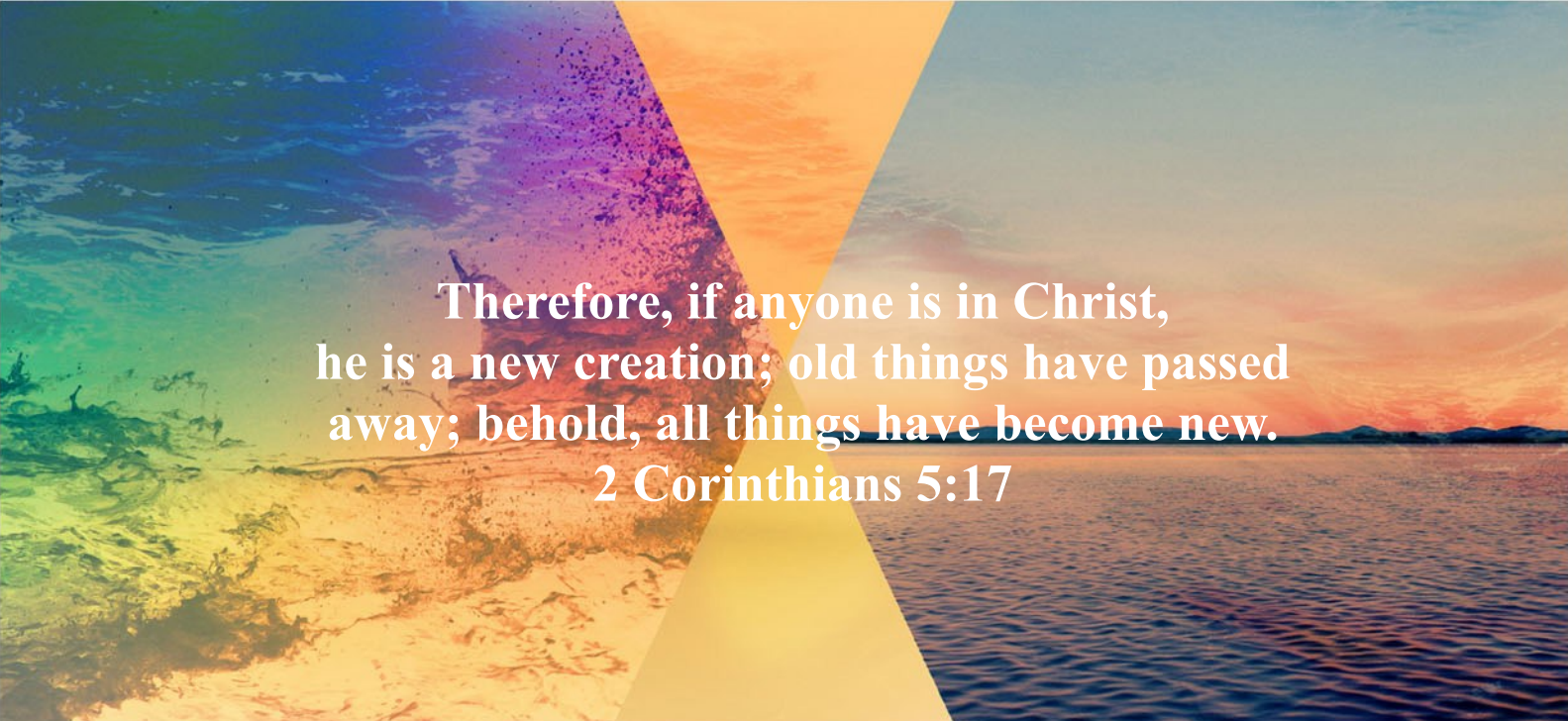
January 30 - WOM Meeting at 1:00 pm



# JAM'D CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

By Tricia Ezell

JAM'D will resume on January 4, 2017 after the holiday break. This is a wonderful time for your children to experience and hear of God's word. We have awesome teachers that are excited to share God's Word with you, through the Gospel Project Series. We also have games and food every Wednesday night beginning at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there. JAM'D will also have a First Focus children's Bible study beginning January 15th, every Sunday night at 5:00 pm.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
he is a new creation; old things have passed  
away; behold, all things have become new.  
2 Corinthians 5:17

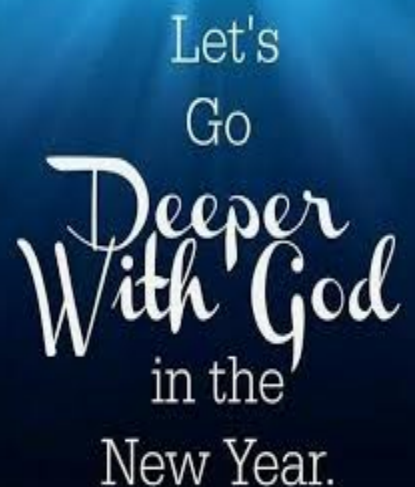
**Please Join Us  
To Serve and Share the Gospel  
With Our Community**

*Nursing Home Ministries Wednesdays at 3:30 pm*

*Youth and Children's Ministries Wednesdays at 6:30 pm*

*Bread Shed on January 21st at 6:30 am*

*Wild Game Dinner January 28th at 4:00 pm*



Let's  
Go  
Deeper  
With God  
in the  
New Year.





# *Asylum Youth Ministry*

## **Youth Pastor's Pen**

**By Drew Simmons**

**Happy New Year Church Family!**

**2016 was definitely a great year for us at Asylum Student Ministry. God did some amazing things in and through the lives of our students, as well as myself and the other leaders. I am SO truly blessed and thankful that God has placed us here to minister to these students and serve alongside our adults and other leaders. What an AMAZING God we serve!**

**We had nearly three dozen students make decisions for Christ in 2016 and of those ten have followed Christ in believer's baptism! We give God all the honor, glory and praise for they have been forever changed! We are ALSO excited and literally cannot wait to see what God is going to do in 2017. I am proud to say that we have three or four students who have really sold out for Jesus. They aren't perfect, no one is, but they are striving to be more and more like Christ each and everyday. They are truly seeking and living for Christ the best they can, no matter what Satan tries to throw at them. Church, my prayer is for us to come alongside our students and love, pray and support them, so these three or four can turn into 30 or 40. Satan is strong and powerful, BUT praise God that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world!**

**Before I close, I want to share a quick update how the CHRISTmas party went last month. Praise God we had 60+ students in attendance that night and they heard the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We also had nine come forward and make decisions for Christ...and here is the best part...eight of those nine decisions were salvation decisions!!! I hope that excites and encourages you, as much as it does us. So church, keep serving, giving and praying in 2017, and let's kick back and enjoy watching God do what He always does—working in and through His Word and the lives impacted by it.**

**As always we love you all and God bless!**

**In Christ, Drew Simmons**

# Women On Mission

The National Woman's Missionary Union provides the local women a two year emphasis, a challenge and scripture. As women come together across our nation to plan, to pray, to serve, our emphasis is the same.

**2014-2016 “All for You”: Surrender, Sacrifice, Serve – challenged to; surrender completely to Him by denying self, sacrifice willingly to take up your cross, serve by following Christ into your community, state and world.**

*Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.” (Mark 8:34 NIV)*

**2016-2018 “By All Means” – challenged to; follow His example, enter the world around you, start and develop relationships, make opportunities to show the love of Christ.**

*“I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings” (1 Cor. 9:22b–23 NIV)*

**As you can see we have been called over the past two years to surrender ourselves and be servants for the Kingdom. Now we are called to go and reach others for the Kingdom.**

**The beginning of a new year is a good time to reflect on the Women on Mission ministry, remember our purpose, review the objectives, and evaluate personal commitment and participation.**

## *Women on Mission - OBJECTIVES*

Pray for Missions	prayer links us with God and His mission
Give to Missions	commitment to the mission of God is strengthened by what we do
Learn about Missions	learning motivates hand on involvement
Support Missions	provide resources financially and through participation
Develop spiritually toward a Missions Lifestyle	a lifelong process of intentional and missional experiences
Participate in the work of the church and denomination	mission of God, infuses all these areas; worship, evangelism, missions, ministry, discipleship and fellowship

We can look forward expectantly and be encouraged in this New Year to see God at work in and through WOM.

Thank you for serving along side of us.

Carol Wilhelmy, WOM Director