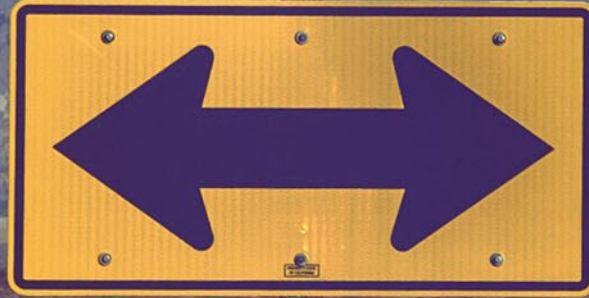


# The Current

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## *Making Wise Choices*



### MAKING WISE CHOICES THROUGH CHRIST

We just finished our study from James, who spent significant time on the subject of wisdom. He reminded those of us who lack wisdom to ask God for it. He also said that God will give liberally and not hold back. That is exciting!

The way God will grant His wisdom is twofold: 1) As we just referenced, we should ask for it. And 2) we need to become a student of God's Word. Solomon wrote, "For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding. He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous; He is a buckler (shield) to them that walk uprightly." (Proverbs 2:6—7).

But Solomon also warned us to "Be not wise in our own eyes..." This is a great trap of Satan. Eve, while in the Garden, was approached by Satan. Satan baited her by appealing to her "pride of life" (1 JN 2:16). She exercised her own wisdom and her and Adam sold out the human race through their sin—they made an unwise choice.

But the Scriptures remind us to make wise choices in Christ. In fact, the only wise choices we will ever make will be those "in Christ." Any other thing is foolish. Paul warned his readers in Rome of the dangers of "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools..." (Rom. 1:22). But Paul also encouraged us, by reminding us that we can do "all things," which includes making wise decisions in Christ, for it is He "who gives us strength" (Philippians 4:13).

I am thankful to be your pastor.

Bro Monty

### Church Events

- March 1st - Walnut Street Home Ministry at 3:30 pm
- March 2nd - Blood Drive at FBC from Noon to 5:30 pm
- March 5th - "Prove the Tithe Sunday"
- March 5th - Deacon's Meeting at 4:00 pm
- March 5th - Leadership Meeting at 5:00 pm
- March 8th - Colonial Home Ministry at 3:30 pm
- March 9th - VBS Training at FBC Dexter 8:00 - 3:00 pm
- March 11th - Set Clocks forward one hour tonight for Daylight Savings Time
- March 12th - "Change the World through Change". Don't forget your globes!
- March 15th - Current River Home Ministry at 4:00 pm
- March 15th - Finance Meeting at 5:30 pm
- March 17th - FBC feeding School Faculty at 11:30 am
- March 18th - Bread Shed at 6:30 am
- March 19th - Asylum Youth Annual Banquet & Skit at 6:00 pm in the FLC
- March 21st - MBC here at FBC for Prayer at 10:30 am
- March 25th - YAH-hoo's at 11:30 am
- March 25th - 70th Birthday Party for Priscilla Bass in the FLC. All are invited. 2:00 - 5:00 pm
- March 27th - WOM serving at BSU Lunch at 12:05 pm & Bro. Drew is Speaking. If cooking, please arrive at 11:00 am.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## JAM'D \* NURSERY \* KIDZ CORNER

By Paula Bodkin

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – “All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correction, and for training in righteousness. 17.) So that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” HCSB

Hello Church Family!

It's March already and time is so precious, especially with our children. As any busy parent knows; it's hard making time to spend with your kids, not to mention sharing the Word with them can sometimes get pushed to the back burner. We don't mean to do this; it just happens.

This month, I challenge you to take time and read our monthly Scripture at night, and discuss it with your children and watch God move. He uses the smallest of verses to change lives.

### JAM'D MARCH MEMORY VERSE:

“because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him for the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” ROMANS 10:9-10



Kids at FBC in Doniphan Kid's Corner at Bread Shed

### Praises:

1. JAM'D attendance has improved increasing every week. Thank you Parents and Volunteers so much for your commitment.
2. Kid's Corner attendance hit an ALL TIME HIGH last month we had 16 kids. Ages 3 - 12 years old. Praise Jesus!
3. We have a new Nursery Director - Paula Bodkin.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**6:30pm**

**GREEN NIGHT!**

**We will be also having Ice Cream!**  
**Can you guess what color?**



# Youth Pastor's Pen

by Bro Drew

**Hey Church!**

As Spring is making it's approach we are quickly reminded that summer is right around the corner! Later this month (March 19th @6pm), we are having our Annual Youth Fundraiser Banquet! We use the money we raise to fund our annual summer camp, as well as to support our students who need assistance with paying. The banquet night will be a fun and laugh-filled night, as we will be playing "Family Feud" again this year along with a new game show we are introducing called "FBC's Got Talent." There is no doubt that this night will be one to remember, so you definitely don't want to miss it. Tickets are only \$10 each and will go on sale Sunday, March 5th, and we will be available until the day of the event.

GOD is continuing to bless our Student Ministry in many ways. Our numbers continue to increase and we are seeing new faces, as well as old ones, each week. We've been averaging close to 40 youth on Wednesday nights and averaging 20 on Sunday mornings. We are also averaging 25 on Sunday nights.

Our students are growing closer together with Christ and each other, and I couldn't be more proud of them. Also I am thankful for our wonderful leaders who serve faithfully in the student ministry. We are not a perfect youth group and Satan is ALWAYS on the attack, but GOD is greater! GOD is on the move in our students' lives and I'm excited about it. My prayer is that our church family will come alongside our students and encourage them to keep it up, and pray for them each and everyday. I am FILLED with anticipation as to what all GOD is going to continue to do in 2017 with FBC Doniphan!

As always, I love you and appreciate your love and support!

*In Christ,*

**Drew Simmons**

## Our New Bulletin Board in the Church Lobby!



## Asylum Youth Upcoming Events

March 19th @ 6:00 pm  
Asylum Youth Banquet & Skit

March 26th @ 6:00 pm  
Youth Lead Evening Service

April 29th @ 7:00 pm  
Youth Lock In

July 5th - 8th  
iFollow Youth Camp  
@ Lake Williamson  
Carlinville, Illinois

Dates to Follow Soon ...  
STL Cardinals Game  
Six Flags Theme Park

# Women on Mission

259 million people in the United States and Canada do not have a personal relationship with Jesus.



*"Together For His Kingdom"*

This year's theme for the Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, emphasizes the cooperative mission to pray for missionaries, give to support their work, and go to further the gospel. The word *cooperation* suggests an attitude of unity, a sense of harmony and teamwork. Believers in the early church worked cooperatively to build the kingdom of God. The North America Mission Board has prioritized 32 Send Cities as vital missions fields for kingdom growth and influence. The cities, are spread throughout Canada and the United States, are the unreached Samaria's of North America. (Acts 8) The vast missions field is just as dark as long ago Samaria-a place full of evil.

Prayer and financial support is critical for the work of missionaries to carry the gospel forward. Every dollar of the Annie Armstrong Offering goes to their work throughout North America, allowing them to preach, baptize, and make disciples "together for His kingdom."

We will participate in the **Annie Armstrong Offering** during the month of April, which will conclude on April 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be an "Offering Competition" for the congregation to participate in and it's **Women verses Men**. The women will be represented by Rhonda Flanigan and the men will be represented by Monty Flanigan. The team with the least amount collected, will receive a "pie" in the face, administered by the winner. **Ok, ladies, let's get out there and support our team leader to win.**



**Our Annie Armstrong Goal is \$1,500.00**

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

**Doniphan Elementary underwear donations**– sizes adult medium & large to be delivered by 3/6.

**Three Rivers College BSU luncheon** will be 3/27. We will meet at 10:00am at our church to carpool. We will BBQ hot dogs. Bro. Drew will bring the message.

**4/1 - OFRA Children's Festival** at Riverfront Park. A great time for sharing the gospel and promoting VBS.

**Thank you for serving along side of us.**

**Carol Wilhelmy, WOM Director**