

# KOKOMO CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

January 2017 Monthly Newsletter

## From this Year to Next

We thank God for another year of trusting to do His will. As I look back over 2016, I am reminded that none of us knows fully where the Lord will have us in a year's time. Some precious ones who we had gotten used to sharing our lives with, for various reasons, moved to connect with different fellowships within the vast Body of Christ: we think especially of the Rick Dennis and the Chris Hummel families. We have missed them and pray God's blessing upon them in their new spiritual homes. It also reminds us that we must set our hope fully on Jesus Christ, and not on aspects of our lives that we assume will not change, but can change suddenly.



On the other hand, not only have we had some moving on, but we have also had some moving in! It is an exciting time of newness both for those moving in and for us who were already here. There is an evolution on both sides of that relationship which requires wisdom, prudence, and stability in the Lord. They say that familiarity breeds contempt, but that need not be so in Christ. As we put our roots down in any kind of new relationship, in time the honeymoon fades, and faults and quirks become noticeable to both parties, but the love also becomes more real too. You learn to appreciate people more for what they really are rather than a romantic illusion of what they are. With that introduction, we thank God for that chance to share this Christian walk with Hunter Cain and Kristen Childs. Hunter is starting out new in this walk with God and has testified of God's remarkable grace breaking into his life

in the last few months. Kristen has been a supportive friend to him by wanting to walk the same path. Also, because of the tornadoes that hit our community in August, we were able to meet Pat and Judy Canady. Pat is one of the few people that I have met that has committed to get back into church and stuck with that commitment. It has been a blessing to get to know

them, and we appreciate their social and friendly hearts, which is a valuable addition to our group dynamic. May we be faithful to them and make it easy for them to become integrated and feel established in this local fellowship.

Looking ahead to 2017, it will be amazing to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of our church. We wonder what the Lord might have in store for us this year, but it is certain that whatever it is, the devil and the flesh will stand between us and those things. Only by prayer can we see the materialization of the very things that God wants to do for Himself through us this year. What lessons will He teach us regarding abiding in Him? What suffering is there in store for us? What trials? What joys? What changes in life circumstances that we were not expecting? What blessings? What new assignments? What souls He wants us to reach out to, to love, to share Christ with? What revelations? What fulfillments of previous prophecies that have been spoken over our lives? *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart (Jer. 29:11-13). For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him (Is. 64:4).*

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So let us press on in faith, in faithfulness and in prayer to see what He has for us in 2017. Amen.

*Pastor Nicky*



# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day  Church 10:00 & 6:00	2	3	4	5  Church 7:00	6	7  Men's Breakfast 9:00-10:30 am at the Schultze's
8  Church 10:00 & 6:00	9 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 am Kokomo Senior Citizens Bldg.  Lisa Kilmer's Birthday Sherry Hale's Birthday	10  Wayne Free's Birthday	11	12  Church 7:00	13  Ann Godsil's Birthday	14  Andrew McGrew's Birthday
15  Church 10:00 & 6:00  Sam Farmer's Birthday	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	17	18	19  Church 7:00	20  Pastor & Marcia Schultze's Anniversary  Kokomo Rescue Mission Service 7:00	21
22  Church 10:00  Building Fund Offering  North Woods Commons 5:30 pm	23	24  Amanda Hedrick's Birthday  Bill & Ann Godsil's Anniversary	25	26  Church 7:00	27	28
29  Church 10:00 & 6:00 Laurie Sullivan's Birthday Rescue Mission "Restock Sunday"	30  Doris Lechner's Birthday	31	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 29th Kokomo Rescue Mission "Restock Sunday"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bleach, Liquid Hand Soap, Powdered Laundry Detergent, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue, Disinfectant Spray, Canned Soups, Ravioli or Spaghetti O's with Meat.</p>			