

Children’s Year in Retrospect

March: Easter Egg Hunt
May: Community Fun Day
June: Dash Game
July: VBS
August: Talent Show
December: Samaritan’s Ministry Campaign, Christmas Program, Right Decisions, Right Now

Youth’s Year in Retrospect

February: Valentine’s Banquet
March: Easter Egg Hunt
April: Crisis Control Food Drive
May: Youth Sunday & Community Fun Day
June: Dash Game
July: Float in 4th of July Parade, VBS, Passport Missions Youth Camp (Salvation Army, Landscaping, Building Renovations, Food Bank, Danville Boys & Girls Club), Movie Night
November: Spare Time/Lock-In, “God’s Creation” Calendars
December: Christmas Card Post Office, Christmas gifts for Shut-Ins, Salvation Army Kettle Drive, Christmas Program, Right Decisions, Right Now
Other: Backpack Program

If you didn't pre-order a **God's Creation Calendar**, but would still like one or a few for Christmas presents, we have some available. Wall calendars are \$7 and pocket calendars are \$5. Please see Marisa or a Youth to get one.



January Birthdays

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| 1/3 | Crista Church |
| 1/6 | Kenny Smith |
| 1/10 | Sara VonCannon |
| 1/12 | Frances Prevette |
| 1/13 | Judy Daniels, Joey Venable |
| 1/14 | Steve Hurley |
| 1/18 | Darrell Beaver |
| 1/20 | Jean Idol, Beverly Weavil |
| 1/23 | Stoney Longworth, Kathy Mills, Terri Turner |
| 1/24 | Lindsay Dortch |
| 1/27 | Ernest George |
| 1/29 | Randy Longworth |
| 1/30 | Amy Simmons |
| | Brenda Grose, Kathy Horton |

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What Do You Want to Accomplish This New Year?

Happy New Year! With God’s help we got through 2016, maybe we’ve got a few new scratches and bumps, or a couple scars along the way, but we also had some laughs, some victories, some wonderful blessings, and God was with us the whole journey! {Matt. 28:20: “I am with you always”} (NLT).
Do you have a New Year’s resolution? To be “resolved” is to be committed and faithful to some good thing you want to accomplish. That’s not easy, is it? It’s hard to stay committed and faithful but it’s worth the effort when you see the good results. There is a saying “If

you aim at nothing you will hit it every time!” What are you “aiming” at in 2017? Here are few good targets:

PRAY MORE AND WORRY LESS

Philippians 4:6-7: “Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” (NLT)

Have you ever noticed most of the stuff we worry about doesn’t happen anyway?

TRUST GOD MORE THAN OTHER THINGS (ourselves, money, abilities, connections) LESS

Proverbs 3:5-7: “ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eye.” (NKJV)

ATTEMPT SOMETHING BIGGER FOR GOD IN 2017

Step out in faith, try to reach or disciple one person this year, or get involved in a new ministry!

Matthew 28:19-20: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.’ Amen.” (NKJV)

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE AND LIVE IT OUT

James 1:21-25: “So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.” (NLT)

It’s never easy to step out of our comfort zone, but what better time to get started than now? This New Year? If we all do a little more praying, trusting, attempting, and learning, imagine what God can do through us in 2017. Let’s make this New Year a year for taking on new challenges, and working for new growth. With God’s help, let’s aim to make this year the best we have seen in a long time.

Kent

January 22, (Sun)	Tammie & Katie Weavil AM
	Alice Striplin PM
January 25, (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
January 29, (Sun)	Robin French & Susan Hilton AM
	Bob & Bettie Spencer PM

Children’s Church & Wee Church Schedule

January 1, (Children’s)	Melisa Little & Carole Blakley
January 1, (Wee)	Julie Striplin
January 8, (Children’s)	Marisa Fraley
January 8, (Wee)	Marisa Fraley
January 15 (Children’s)	Neal & Lindsey Parnell
January 15, (Wee)	Beverly Weavil
January 22, (Children’s)	Marisa Fraley
January 22, (Wee)	Marisa Fraley
January 29, (Children’s)	Matt & Megan Coleman
January 29, (Wee)	Kathy Horton



Each month I have reported on the Women on Mission organization monthly projects and now with a new year dawning. Here is a reflection and thought provoking poem for us to truly consider as we begin 2017:

A New Year With The Lord
A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord
Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware
For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within
What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through
We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

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The next WOM meeting will be **January 4th**. Please search your hearts to find how you will spend this next year with the Lord, and if you are led to join us in mission work, plan to attend our January WOM meeting. Together we can reveal to the community how **“UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.”**

Senior Moments Highlights

The Seniors will be having their luncheon at 11am on January 19th at the church. So bring a dish, and join us for fun; fellowship; and, Bingo. Also, we will be making plans for the upcoming year.

Bad Weather Policy

1. The Bad Weather Committee in coordination with the Pastor will make the determination to cancel services and/or activities. If the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools is closed we will not have church activities.
2. You may watch WFMY-TV 2 (cable channel 9), WGHP FOX8 TV (cable channel 10), or WXII-TV 12 (cable channel 11) for cancellation information.
3. If you have not heard any news within a reasonable time, you may contact your Deacon.

Nursery Schedule

January 1, 2017 (Sun)	Marianne & CC Casas AM
	Edna Bond PM
January 4, (Wed)	Brenda Grose PM
January 8, (Sun)	Teresa Riggs & Carlene Compton AM
	Nancy Clodfelter PM
January 11, (Wed)	Alice Striplin PM
January 15, (Sun)	Tina & Crista Church AM
	Brenda Grose PM
January 18, (Wed)	Bob & Bettie Spencer PM