

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**A NEW YEAR**

As I write this article for the new year, I absolutely cannot believe that 2017 has come and gone. Is it possible for time to travel any faster than it already does? This past year was a great year, most notably within the ministries of White Hall. Our Vacation Bible School was the best ever. I just don't know how we get better each year, but I hope we continue that trend.

The Fall Festival was tremendous, despite the weather that refused to cooperate. The food, festivities, music and of course the candy were great. Each year the Fall Festival is one of the best ways for us to reach our community for Christ.

A new ministry event this year that ranks right up there with these other two was the Operation Inasmuch day. Seventy church members, at fifteen locations, performing five different ministries. We conservatively estimate that we touched the lives of 450 individuals that day. This one day of missions was an incredible way of the church demonstrating the love of Christ to the world around us. And I look forward to many more ways for us to share the good news of Jesus Christ with a lost and dying world in 2018.

**A NEW VAN**



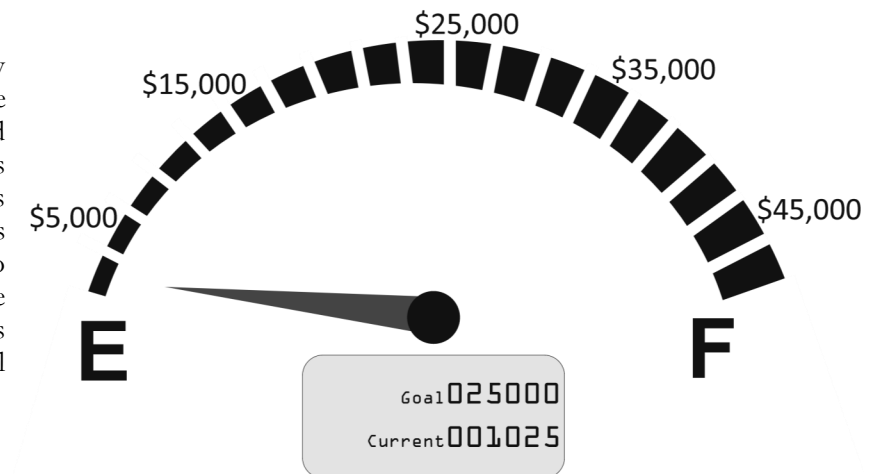
As the new year begins, one way that you can help the church is by helping us purchase a new van. The church vans are incredible tools to help us reach people for Christ and allow us to minister to those in need.

A few months ago the church formed a committee to replace our oldest 15 passenger van and with a newer van. The old van has become more troublesome as it has aged and continued to put on miles. This committee has already begun researching vans for sale and is looking at both new and used vans and will pursue the best option considering whatever we can afford.

This is where you can help. I would like to ask our church to begin praying for our van ministry. It is an incredibly valuable resource for the church, but it is also incredibly difficult to oversee. So pray for the coordinator and all the drivers and riders.

Also, as you are praying, ask God if He would use you to be a part of the van ministry. One of the challenges of the van ministry is "burn-out." We do not want to over tax any of our divers, riders, or the coordinator to the point of burn out. If we only had enough volunteers who would rotate, then this would not occur. Ask God if He would like to use you once a month to help with this valuable ministry.

Finally, I would like for you to pray to God about how much you should support financially toward the purchase of a van. Since the old van is worn down and needs to be replaced, we need your assistance to help us with this purchase. As you pray, let the Lord impress upon your heart how much you should give to help this ministry reach more people for Christ. Our first goal to reach is \$25,000. Once we achieve that goal, then the new van committee can determine what to do next. As you can see from the gas gauge in this article, we still have a long way to go. We need you.



**Welcome Center Volunteers**

**Weekly Schedule**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship Service 5-7pm AWANA 5:00pm Discipleship 6:00pm Evening Worship	<b>Wednesday:</b>	7:00pm Adult Bible Study Youth Worship RA's, GA's, & Mission Friends
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**Welcome Center Volunteers**

<b>January 7th:</b>	Carolyn Cranfield Eileen Elliott Virginia Hickerson
<b>January 14th:</b>	Barbara Taylor Diane Yarbrough Doris Graves
<b>January 21st:</b>	Janice Harper Kay Taylor Sheila Williams
<b>January 28th:</b>	Joe & Ruth Ethridge Linda Tilley

**December**

Average Sunday School Attendance for December	117
Proposed Monthly Budget Needs	???
Budget Received for November	???
<b>BUDGET RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR</b> (through 13 of 52 weeks of our budget year)	
Proposed Budget	\$ 69,589.65
Received	\$ 67,921.25

**Church Staff**

Pastor.....Dr. Chris Alexander	Chairman of Deacons.....Ronald Williams
Minister of Music.... Jim Criswell	Minister of Youth..... Sarah Campbell
Pianist.....Ruth Ann Davis	Secretary.....Demetra Hickerson

Serving Him,

Brother Chris



### "Another Year Is Dawning"

I am carried away with all the hymns that have been inspired and written for us today. This hymn, "Another Year Is Dawning", was written by Frances Havergal in 1874 as a poem for her New Year's greeting cards. The tune was written by Samuel S. Wesley in 1864.

The message still rings true for us today. Listen to these beautiful words of encouragement for the New Year.

"Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be  
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee.  
Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days."

The first conscious thoughts of our daily awakening should be to thank God for the coming light of day and the blessings of joy and service it may offer.

"Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,  
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;  
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest."

"Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,  
Another year of training for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be  
On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee."

Our Heavenly Father assures us of His presence and blessings. If we are only dutiful in His service, our joys and blessings will exceed our every expectation. Join with me as we serve our Lord with gladness and thanksgiving.

May you and your family truly experience a blessed New Year.

Thank you, Church, for your every expression of love and appreciation shown to us at Christmas. We love you!

Love, Bro. Jim

The holiday season was as exciting as our White Hall kids expected it to be. They did a great job of showing us the true meaning of Christmas with the Christmas program they presented on Dec.17th. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us in the coming year and how He will work in the hearts of our children. Awana will be back on schedule this month and I am excited every week to see and hear the kids soaking in God's word. We will be taking the children to the movies or having movie day on January 6th. We will meet at the church by 2pm. I want to wish all of you a very Happy New Year.

Sarah Campbell



Well the youth did it again. They went to Gallaway on Dec 20 and exceeded our expectations with their willingness to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The joy they shared with the children there was what Christmas spirit is all about. We are making plans now for our summer mission trip and I ask that you keep us in your prayers as we seek God's leadership and where He wants us. We also will be getting ready for our annual Valentine's fundraiser banquet and will let you know more about that as we get closer to February. I do ask that you keep this extraordinary group of young people in your prayers as they continue to grow in their walk with Christ. Happy and Blessed New Year!

Sarah Campbell

### List of future events:

January 6th @ 2pm Children's Movie

January 7th @ 2pm Harlan Morris

January 7th @ 4pm Deacons Meeting

January 9th @ 1:30pm New Missions and Ministry Meeting

January 10th @ 1pm Harlan Morris

January 10th # 7pm Business meeting

January 17th @ 7pm Missions Night

January 21st @ 2pm Holiday House

January 24th @ 7pm Bible Study

January 31st @ 7pm Bible Study

### **Chronological Bible-in-a-Year Reading Schedule**

Jan 1: Gen 1-3  
Jan 2: Gen 4-7  
Jan 3: Gen 8-11  
Jan 4: Job 1-5  
Jan 5: Job 6-9  
Jan 6: Job 10-13  
Jan 7: Job 14-16  
Jan 8: Job 17-20  
Jan 9: Job 21-23  
Jan 10: Job 24-28  
Jan 11: Job 29-31  
Jan 12: Job 32-34  
Jan 13: Job 35-37  
Jan 14: Job 38-39  
Jan 15: Job 40-42  
Jan 16: Gen 12-15  
Jan 17: Gen 16-18  
Jan 18: Gen 19-21  
Jan 19: Gen 22-24  
Jan 20: Gen 25-26  
Jan 21: Gen 27-29  
Jan 22: Gen 30-31  
Jan 23: Gen 32-34  
Jan 24: Gen 35-37  
Jan 25: Gen 38-40  
Jan 26: Gen 41-42  
Jan 27: Gen 43-45  
Jan 28: Gen 46-47  
Jan 29: Gen 48-50  
Jan 30: Ex 1-3  
Jan 31: Ex 4-6

