

# The Current *fbcNewsletter*

MAKING JESUS FAMOUS IN DONIPHAN AND BEYOND!

JANUARY 2024

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Pastor's Notes

Happy New Year Church Family,

It does not seem like a year has passed since I last said that. It is crazy how quickly time flies. The good news is that it is getting closer to when our Lord will come, with each passing day, week, month and year, we are drawing so ever close and for that I am excited.

The New Year also is a great time for us to reflect over the past year and thank God for His many blessings. We can ponder on the things that went well and the things that didn't go quite so well and draw from them. We can make a commitment for a New Start in a particular area of our lives, as well. I am prayerful that each of us will allow the Holy Spirit to speak to our hearts on areas in our lives that we may need to get more in line with the Lord's purpose and plan.

In the near future, we will calendar the Women's Worship Events. Keep praying for Kasey and Kelley as they lead Running For Jesus Run Club and the women's worship events. Also I would encourage our young men to make a commitment to 414Men, the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

As we enter the New Year, if there were a focus for our church in the New Year, I believe it would be Getting Ready. Getting Ready spiritually will carry great dividends physically, since every part of our life has spiritual connections, meaning you can't separate the two, though many try. Though know one knows when Christ will come for His church, it seems hard to believe that it could be much longer, so we must GET READY!

And if Christ tarries, drawing closer to the Lord will not be something anyone would regret. The closer I am to the Lord the happier (blessed) I am. He sees to it—that is what He does for His children. His word says it like this, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to us." There is nothing better that could happen to us than to be nearer to our Lord. Let's commit to it in 2024! As it relates to our Lord, a slogan we might adopt is "Doing More in 24!"

I am thankful to be your pastor and I look forward to serving Him with you in 2024. Until He comes, be Faithful!

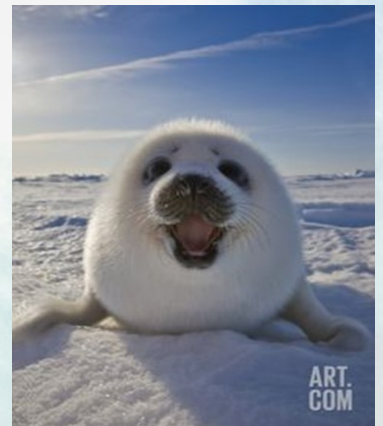
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\*8:00 AM Prayer Meeting every Thursday.\*

## Church Events

- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – S.A.M. Movie Night
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Ken Vawter AM Service  
Bro. Neil's Ordination PM service
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Auditorium Remodel
- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – 4:14 Men

Rejoice in the Lord, always.



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Another year has come and gone and we are  
that much closer to the Lord's coming.

December was a great month with the  
highlight of our ministry being the Nursing  
Home Ministry. It was so good to see the  
residents of each nursing home smile as they  
heard the story of Jesus' birth from Luke  
chapter 2, and received gifts from our folks at  
First Baptist Church.

We start our activities in January with January  
12<sup>th</sup> being a Movie Night. We will start at 6PM  
(This is an outreach event with community  
participation). Please invite your friends  
because this movie has an evangelistic tone to  
it. I will give a devotional after the movie.

Prior to the movie we will have hot dogs, and  
popcorn to snack on, with soft drinks to enjoy.

Ps 33:20 "Our soul waiteth for the LORD: He is  
our Help and our Shield" (KJV).

Billy Cunningham  
Senior Adult Pastor



*It's a whole new year. Hang in  
there. We're in this together!*





Church on Mission

Women on Mission

January 2024

As Christians we recognize that everything, we do has a spiritual component. The “race marked out for us” is simply our lives. Everyone’s race is somewhat different, but we are all exhorted to run “with perseverance.” In the Missions Mosaic this month you’ll be reminded of Joseph’s story. Though his life took bizarre twists and turns, he remained steadfast. Like Joseph, wherever you are in your race, don’t look back. Focus on the road ahead and run with endurance. How are we to endure; with thanksgiving, rejoicing, in prayer, in the name of Jesus, and with peace ruling in our hearts.

*(Hebrews 12:1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.*

“Socks For Seniors” at Colonial Home, Current River Nursing Center & Walnut Street was full of Joy for everyone that was present. Thank You FBC for participating in so many ways to make this a fun time for the residents.

Calendar:

1/29 – 12:00 WOM

Annual Lunch Planning Meeting

WMU Watchword :

**“Be Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer”**

Carol Wilhelmy, Missions Director





# Youth Pastor's Pen

I hope everyone had a great Christmas this year and its my hope that the way we celebrated it glorified God. Now as we enter 2024 I wonder what it will bring. I know we are going to have a presidential election and wonder now how the wars in Ukraine and Israel will turn out. No matter what 2024 brings in our lives we have nothing to fear, because God is on His Throne. In fact many are worried about our economy, who will win the election, inflation, and threats of pandemics. However, Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:25-34 not to worry. Jesus says **25**“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26**Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27**And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? **28**And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, **29**yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **30**But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? **31**Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32**For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **33**But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**34**“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

The main thing we should do in 2024 is to *seek first the kingdom of God*. We should strive to come closer to God each day, we should strive for righteousness and stay in the word daily. We also need to strive to tell others the Good News and look towards Christ and seek Him. Once we do that we will start to see how insignificant the economy, who becomes president really is. God is in control, His Will be done and that should comfort us no matter how bumpy life becomes.

Brother Neil

