

# JANUARY 2017

Well, here we are at the beginning of another year! My goodness how time does fly! As I write this I need to let you know that I am struggling with the aspect of putting all the Christmas décor away. It's a tough job and why oh why is it so much more fun to put things up than to take things down?

Christmas and the holidays are a time of excitement, a time of busyness and a time for looking ahead in anticipation of what is yet to come and then here we go, putting it all away, tucking the tinsel, the ornaments and the nativity sets away for another year for safe keeping; it's almost like saying, "see you next year" to our joy, our hope, our peace and our love. So, let's make it different this year! We have so much to look forward to! God has blessed us with the gift of one another and opportunities to continue the "Christmas spirit" throughout the entire year.

This year, I challenge you (us) to keep the nativity forefront in our hearts as we love one another and extend peace even in times of conflict; may we keep our hopes focused on the promise that only the Savior can bring; that even in times of doubt, struggle and stress may we rejoice that He is alive and that we pursue true, pure joy each and every day.

The words of Howard Thurman challenge and inspire us as we end the Christmas season, but yet begin a New Year together...

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.*



The real Christmas story never ends...it lives in our hearts, in our actions, in our words... God is calling us to bring his promises to life.

Today is a day for new beginnings...Choose to share hope, peace, love, and joy as we celebrate all year long!

See you Sunday!

**Pastor Amy**



I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the generous gift at Christmas time. Mike and I both are so thankful to be a part of the ministry here at Dawson. May you and your families be blessed in 2017. Pastor Amy



Please accept my appreciation and thanks for the thoughtful Christmas Gift I received on Sunday from the Church. I continue to be glad and grateful for being a small part of the efforts Dawson brings to this community....Sue"



The SCNA Meeting will be Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The speaker is Kendra Klaus from Anderson Elementary. She will be sharing demographics, goals, and possible ways as neighbors we can get involved or help in some way.



**Community Rewards**

Be sure to update your Dillon's Community Rewards program designation so that Dawson gets the rewards. This really helps our budget and it is free to do. Ask Shirley Dieker for more details.

## MITTEN TREE

Mittens, scarves, stocking hats, gloves ... things to keep little hands and heads warm this winter. Lets fill our tree in Findley Hall and we will get them to those who can use them in our neighborhood for this winter.

January Change for Change is going to the Kansas Food Bank "Food for Kids" program.



**Make note of special  
January dates for  
Crosswalk**

## CROSSWALK

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for CrossWalk.

**In January we will meet on the 15th and 22nd**

Youth will have a meal together, then a time of biblical study followed by closing worship.

The Youth will meet from 12:30-2:00 pm at the church or parsonage.

Please see Pastor Amy for more details.



## Begin Again with Us!

The new year brings about new dreams, new hopes and new needs for our church and community. How can we best use our gifts and resources to serve, love, and worship in 2017? What does God have in store for us? What will the new year and beyond bring for us?

Pastor Amy invites all persons interested to join her in a discussion in the book, "*Autopsy of a Deceased Church*", written by Thom S. Rainer. As morbid and "bone chilling" that the title may sound, this study/discussion will help us as a body see how we can "breathe life" to our church, neighborhood, and one another.

Dawson UMC has a long rich, wonderful history and we have many ministry opportunities right in front of us...come begin again with us as we move forward together.

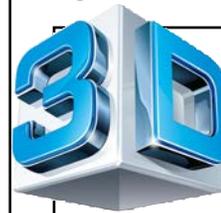
Dates and times for the study groups will be **Tuesday, January 17 6:30pm, Saturday, January 28 10:00am, and Sunday, February 5 at 8:30am.** Though participants will be encouraged to attend all sessions, that is not mandatory for participation. Copies of the book are available from Pastor Amy for \$5.00 each and reading should be complete prior to the first session.

**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Saturday**  
**January 21st**



### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

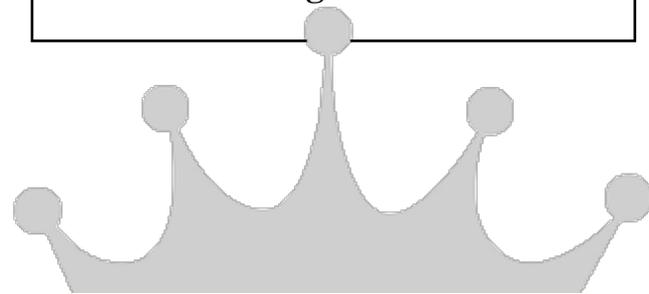
**This group meets every Tuesday at 10 A.M. We are studying of the book of Mark. Everyone is welcome to join us Tuesday mornings. Come grow with us!**



### 3D is in full swing!

**3D on Wednesdays.**

**Join us for DINNERS, DISCIPLESHIP, at DAWSON!!  
Dinner will be served at 5:30,  
Intergenerational worship at 6:00,  
then small group studies for  
Children and Adults from  
6:15-7:00pm. Come and see how  
fun and meaningful church can be!**



You *crown* the year  
with Your goodness,  
*drip* and Your paths  
with abundance.

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US

IN THE MORNING  
WITH YOUR STEADFAST LOVE,  
THAT WE MAY  
REJOICE & BE GLAD ALL OUR  
DAYS. - Psalm 90:4 (ESV)