

CHURCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Winter / 2017

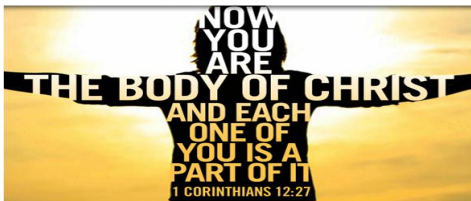
“GOOD STEWARD” DECEMBER REPORT

TITHE – \$21,199.00

MISSIONS – \$837.99

CAMPAIGN – \$2,303.00

At the close of 2016 we are thankful to God for his provision. A year summary of our tithe/offering, missions giving and campaign fund will be available in next month's newsletter. We enter 2017 with no outstanding bills and have made up the 9.8k debt we carried at the start of 2016. Because of your faithfulness and obedience to give, God has showed us that He loves a cheerful giver. I want to encourage you to continue to honor God with your tithe (10%) and watch him throw open the windows of heaven and pour out His blessing so much that you won't have room enough to contain it.



FOLLOW 2017

When Jesus said; “Come, FOLLOW me,” he set in motion a commandment, not a suggestion. To be a follower of Christ in this day in age would seem to go against the culture. FOLLOWING Christ stands in stark contrast to the admonitions, challenges, degree programs and preoccupation that our society has regarding leadership. In order for you to be a leader, you must learn how to FOLLOW.

It states boldly and clearly again and again that true relationship with God and service for God can only be found in being formed in the image of God... and that only occurs by following Jesus. Therefore, FOLLOW is the blueprint for successful Christian living.

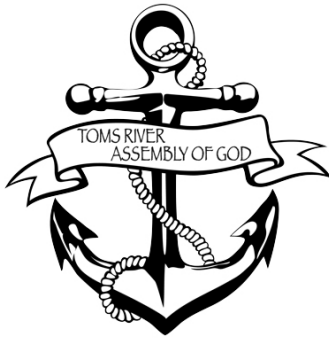
Sadly, over the years there are very few resources to help new believers take their first steps FOLLOWING Christ. In addition, we are living in a time of mass non-discipleship in the church and it is seriously damaging our witness to Jesus and His cause. It is with strategic significance that 2017 will indeed be a year of recovery as it pertains to discipleship in the church.

“One who cannot follow, cannot lead. FOLLOW is the blueprint for successful Christian living.”

In order to help reignite the fire, I have chosen this year's theme to be FOLLOW17. At the outset of the year, Pastor Paul will introduce this body to a church wide discipleship process known as “FOLLOW.” Developed by Bryan Koch and Daniel McNaughton this discipleship process will put a fire in your soul to be true FOLLOWERS of Christ.

Throughout the year, the 7 attributes (be with Jesus, listen, heal, influence, love, pray and manage) will be taught, discussed, explored and applied in our Sunday school classes, small groups, services and more...

If you help one person a year FOLLOW Jesus and if each person you help does the same, and those they help do the same, in 33 years we could reach the entire world with the gospel. So, if you want to be part of a worldwide movement, all it takes is to FOLLOW the “one thing” that matters most...JESUS!!! Ready, Set, FOLLOW.....



New Year, New Logo!! #1stAG

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2017 CHANGES

As we head into the new year, you will have heard about from announcements and seen some changes in and around the church facility. However, if you missed something along the way, allow this to be some additional insight into those changes.

As of January 1st the church bulletin will be discontinued. We realize that this had been an effective way of communicating over the years, but the last year saw bulletins in mass amounts being left unattended in Sunday morning services leading us to make a decision to forego the printing and distributing of bulletins weekly. We will continue to produce and distribute the monthly church calendars to keep church goers abreast with events and services.

Also, keep your eye out for the monthly newsletter which will detail other important information such as finances, fundraisers, community events, etc.

Another effective way to stay up on happenings around church is through emails that are sent. If you have not yet provided your email address please fill out the form in the foyer. Finally, be sure to visit our church website.

2017 January Events/Services/Gatherings

Prayer/Worship – 6pm 1/8

Bible, Bagels, Blessings – 9am 1/3 & 1/17

Mops – 9:30am 1/5 & 1/19

Men's Bible Study – 7pm 1/5 & 1/19

Women's Prayer & Praise – 6:30pm 1/6 & 1/20

Men's Ministry, Go-Karts – 12pm 1/21

Women @ The Well Brunch – 1/28

Leadership Training – Focus Seminar Part 1, 12pm 1/29

Superbowl VI Party – 5pm 2/5

Valentine's Dinner – 6pm 2/11, RSVP at Welcome Center

Frist Steps Class – 9am (Every Sunday)

Shore Hands Food Pantry – 1/20 2pm-5pm, 1/21 11am-2pm

Dressed & Blessed hours of operation – Thursday-Saturday 9am-3pm