

Calendar of Events

- 01/01 New Year's Day
- 01/07 Family Fun Night
- 01/14 Food Network
- 01/21 Bowling Night
- 01/29 Family Dinner

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Bible Study

- 6:00-7:15pm Monday
- 11am-12:15pm Saturday

Men's & Women's

Groups

- 9am Sunday

Worship Service

- 10:45am Sunday

A Word from Pastor

Greetings to all my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Thank you for partnering with us this past year! Words cannot express our deepest compassion and love for you. You have encouraged us through your prayers, finances, materials and volunteerism. This community has truly been loved through the projects you were involved in, the evangelism in the

community, the relationships you have helped us make, and the sacrifice you have made to glorify our God.

We are very optimistic about this up and coming year of ministry at BoH. I have seen this congregation grow in their love, commitment and sacrifice in serving God this past year. They have not shied away from serving even when it was uncomfortable for them to do so. It has been a blessing to see their spiritual development, their love for God and others.

However, we will be challenging ourselves to do as Paul challenged the church at Thessalonica to do, "...you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all *Kansas City*. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more." (1 Thessalonians 4:9b-10) Even though God has used us to expose the darkness of this community and the surrounding churches, we still have not arrived.

I pray that you will continue to partner with us in 2017 as God blesses us to serve this community for His glory. We love you and will continue to pray for you and your family!

All for His Kingdom,

Pastor Luther C. Eatman Jr.



Our Cold Weather Shelter is in full swing! Thank you to the many who have helped the shelter become a reality and are helping to keep it running! Interested in getting involved by volunteering, donating materials or money, and/or through prayer? Simply email staywarmkck@gmail.com to get more information! You can also visit our website to learn more about it: <https://bridgeofhopekc.org/programs/cold-weather-shelter/>



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**COMPASSIONATELY
TRANSFORMING LIVES
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**

Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise:

- 11 Angel Tree families received gifts from an incarcerated parents & heard the Gospel
- 35 Christmas baskets distributed
- Positive Care Portal Interactions
- Cold Weather Shelter open 9 nights, 72 meals served, 1 human trafficking victim rescued

Prayer Requests

- Terry & Bev looking for home in KC
- Raising Support for Terry & Bec
- Cold Weather Shelter—volunteers and materials
- Growth & Development of Our Leaders & Programs
- Raising Support for Church, Pastor & Sarah

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Christmas Party



This December, we partnered with Angel Tree (Prison Fellowship Ministries) for the third year to come alongside families with an incarcerated parent. This year, we decided to throw one big party for both the Angel Tree families and the day camp families. Over 35 kids came, of all ages ranging from babies to high schoolers. We started the evening off with a few games (including a giant twister, picture to the right) and even got some of the adults



to participate! Then, the kids broke off into two groups based on age for a Bible time where they learned about the greatest gift of all, Jesus, and the value they have in God. Then everyone returned to make some ornaments and decorating sugar cookies in honor of Jesus' birthday. Before leaving, day camp families got to pick out a gift under the tree, and Angel Tree families received gifts from the incarcerated parent as well as various resources.



With all the fun, games, and building relationships with the families that came, one of the best parts of the whole party was how so many individuals from Bridge of Hope stepped up to make it happen. People bought gifts on behalf of the incarcerated parent, bought gifts for the day camp kids, prepared and taught the Bible time, prepared and led the games and crafts, brought food, and set aside time during the busy season to pour into these families. It was a wonderful evening of everyone coming together to serve and honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Serving Meals, Ministering to Souls

Twice a year, we serve a meal to the teachers at Grant Elementary to show them our appreciation for their dedication in teaching and loving our youth. This December, we had the pleasure of serving them one last meal before Christmas break as they finished up the paperwork for the semester before heading out. The time is precious as it



gives our members an opportunity to not only serve the faculty a meal, but also fellowship with them and encourage them.



Just two days after serving at Grant, Bridge of Hope had another opportunity to serve a meal in the community. Frank Williams Outreach Center, a resource center that helps individuals experiencing homelessness, ask our congregation if we might serve a Christmas breakfast to the patrons. Several devoted individuals showed up at Bridge of Hope by six-thirty to prepare the breakfast. The breakfast was greatly appreciated and there was an opportunity to sit and visit with the guests at Frank Williams'. Shuckie's Yard Sale, another organization focusing on the homeless population, donated gifts

and necessities, such as socks, for that morning.

As both Grant Elementary and Frank Williams are secular institutions, we are very grateful for both of them inviting us in and providing the opportunity for us to minister to them. We are hopeful for more interactions and ask that you join us in praying for just that.

