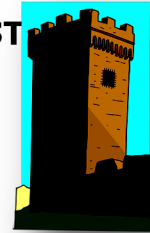


# FORT DES MOINES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Love God      Love People      Serve Everyone

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Office:  
515-285-1254

## Fort Connections

Service Times:  
Sunday School- 9 AM  
Worship- 10 AM

**Mike Demastus**

**January 2018**

The church is God's idea. The church is God's creation. The church is God's possession. It started with God, was made by God and belongs to God. And that means we better be the church God wants.

Otherwise, we're no better than a frat house at the local university where we get inebriated in our own little huddles and perform stupid feats that really don't mean anything at all but it keeps us amused. Is that all we are?

The Church of Jesus Christ is so much more than that. She has a mission. And that mission is much larger than ourselves. But it is so tempting to just stay the same and not take inventory on who we are or why we do what we do.

If you are not growing, you are dying, or you are very, very sick! And I do not want to be either one. 2018 will be the year we break the 200 barrier. We will no longer be satisfied with being the same. We need to grow beyond who we are...it is our only option.

This new year join me in inviting your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers and family to The Fort. Make it simple. Ask them to just, "Come and see" what it is all about. Once they are here, we will make it our highest priority to ensure that they are fed a meal that will awaken in them a desire for more meals.

Love God, love people, serve everyone! That's the process. It begins with people coming through the doors to our worship services. That's where people learn to love God. After they have experienced that, then we will work to get them transitioned into a small group. That's where they learn to love people. And finally, we will help them see where they can serve everyone.

You bring them, we'll serve them. If we aren't doing this, then what the heck are we doing? Our goal isn't to just have service on Sunday! We want to help people know that God has sent His Son to this world to do something for us that we could not do for ourselves...he came to save us from our sins!

We can't stay the same! 2018 has got to be different than 2017! It's time to become uncomfortable. My prayer is for a holy discontent to arise within us. If not, then people will go to hell that we could have helped. I can't won't let that happen!



To remove your name from our mailing list, please notify us by e-mail [secretary@godsfort.org](mailto:secretary@godsfort.org) or call 515-285-1254.

We will be having Carl Borne from Borne Again Ministries visit us during the Sunday School hour on the 28th. To prepare for his visit, we would like to start collecting personal products like combs, toothpaste, toothbrush, and other items of this nature so he can take these items down to Mexico when he goes. Please come and see Carl Borne to get an update on what is going on in his walk with the Lord.

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P E R S  N H O O D  
F o r t D e s M o i n e s

**On Sunday, January 14th, The Fort will host a unique experience that will provide you with an opportunity to live out your Pro-Life views. This special and very unique worship experience is one that you WILL NOT want to miss.**

PFD will meet on Monday, January 8th at 6:30 to finalize the details of the special service. Make plans NOW to attend!

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**Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 21st at 9:00AM. The children will have Sunday School during this time. Please make plans to attend if you are a member of the church. We NEED, by law, to have at least 37 people present.

**Meeting**

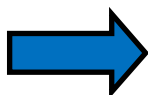


**Worship Team Meeting**

There will be a Worship Team meeting for everyone involved in worship, or those who want to be, on Sunday, January 28th right after the service. Please make plans NOW to attend and please plan on an hour long meeting.

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During the month of January, we will be collecting gently used and new blankets, scarves, hats and gloves for the homeless in our community. Please put your donations in the office!



Tina Sieburns has issued a **challenge** to anyone who knits to make as many scarves as you can make!!

## Fort Facts

Total Income for November: \$14,007.99

Total Expenses for November: \$11,215.98

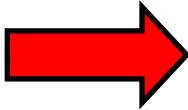


### 2018 Bible Reading Plan

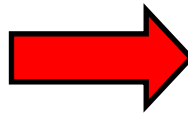
There is a Bible reading plan on the information table and you are encouraged to take one and use it this new year! There is NOTHING better for you to resolve to do than to grow in the Lord and a daily Bible reading plan is what you need!

If you have YouVersion on your smart phone, check out the "Bible In One Year, Bible Reading Plan."

## SECURITY



Ken Dales from Altoona PD will be at The Fort on Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 AM. He will be walking through our building checking out our security and making suggestions. Mike Kenworthy would like for all of the Team to be there as he would also like to make some suggestions! Make plans NOW to attend!



PLEASE make your way to your class, the Sanctuary or the Fellowship Hall, upon entering the building on Sunday mornings! It is a security hazard to congregate in the foyer or the bottom of the stairs.



### Spirit-Filled Sisters

The women of The Fort have 2 AWESOME opportunities to join a Bible study JUST FOR THEM!

- **Saturday Sisters**, hosted by Mary Lynn, will start a new Bible Study on January 20th, entitled "Prayer; The Great Adventure." In this series, the ladies will be studying through The Lord's Prayer. There will be a small fee to cover the cost of books. If you want more information check out their Facebook page (Saturday Sisters).
- **Sunday Sisters**, hosted by Shannon, will start a 3 week series on January 21st, entitled "True Beauty". Our studies will start at 6:00 and end at 7:30.

All of The Sisters will have a meal together in February!  
Sign-up on Sunday!!



Sunday School will resume on January 7th! There are classes for everyone ages 2 years-adult!



Wednesday evening Bible Study will resume on January 10th at 6:00!

Why not make it your New Years Resolution to attend Bible Study and grow in the Lord in 2018!?!?

**Birthdays**

Rosie Hulet 1-4  
 Doren Hulet 1-6  
 Dorothy Dahlberg 1-11  
 Shanna Kenworthy 1-11

Kevin Rowedder 1-13  
 Leah Morris 1-14  
 Teressa Hollister 1-20

Aston Ohnemus 1-24  
 Shannon Demastus 1-27  
 Julie Bantz 1-28  
 Betty Wells 1-28

**Anniversaries:**

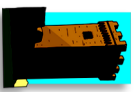
Orville and Sharon Terry 1-3  
 Floyd and Delores Fluharty 1-12  
 Ivan and Deloris Eggers 1-20

**Dates to Remember**

1/8 PFD @6:30  
 1/10 Bible Study Resumes @6  
 1/13 Security Meeting @10  
 1/14 LIFE SUNDAY!  
 1/15 Elders/Deacons Meeting @6  
 1/20 Security Meeting @10  
 Saturday Sisters!  
 1/21 Annual Meeting @9  
 Sunday Sisters@6  
 1/27 Saturday Sisters!  
 1/28 Carl Bourne @9  
 Worship Team Meeting @11  
 Sunday Sisters @6

**Server Schedule**

	01/07/18	01/14/18	01/21/18	01/29/18
<b>Greeters</b>	Doug/Sue	Nate/Deanna	Roy/Celeste	Kirk/Ashley
<b>Scripture</b>	Roy	Natalie	Charity	Celeste
<b>Praise Team</b>	Mary/1	Mary Lynn/2	Mary/1	Jacob/2
<b>Communion Meditation</b>	Lonnie	Nate 2	Jim	Doren
<b>Server</b>	Miles	PFD	Mike	Matt
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Kirk	Jim	Matt	Forrest
<b>Stewardship</b>	Richard/Austin	Lonnie/Shawn	Jim/Jacob	Dale/Nate 1
<b>Nursery</b>	LeAnn/Miranda	Forrest/Emily	Ben/Makya	Melissa/Tammy
<b>Junior Church</b>	Shay 1:33	No Jr. Church	Lindsay 1:34	No Jr. Church
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Paula	Paula	Paula	Paula
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>	Kirk	Jacob	Miles	Kevin
<b>Security</b>	Richard/Caleb/Justin	Mike/Austin/Lonnie	Kirk/Doug/Kevin	Bruce/Nathan/Jim
<b>Offering Security</b>	Miles	Shawn	Caleb	Shay
<b>Van Ministry</b>	Nate 2	Kevin	Richard	Nate 2
<b>Welcome Wagon</b>	Bill/LeAnn	Bill/LeAnn	Bill/LeAnn	Bill/LeAnn



# January 2018



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
			No Bible Study			
7	8 PFD @ 6:30	9	10 Bible Study @6	11	12	13 Security Meeting @10
14 LIFE SUNDAY!	15 Elders/Deacons Meeting @6	16	17 Bible Study @6	18	19	20 Saturday Sisters!
21 Annual Meeting @9 Sunday Sisters!	22	23	24 Bible Study @6	25	26	27 Saturday Sisters!
28 Carl Bourne Worship Team Meeting @11	29	30	31 Bible study @6			