

New year, new day, and it is a new day at Noonday! Looking back, disasters, sickness, death and many more struggles of 2017 pale in comparison to the Great things God is doing at Noonday! His Church, His Children can know rest in the truth of Psalm 121:1-2... *"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."* And the Psalm ends with *"...He will keep us forevermore!"* The perspective allows us to rejoice in our salvation, and rest in our sanctifying Sustainer! He is so good to us! Thankfully He is there with us with every change that comes our way. This year there have been many.

Noonday has had three people retire in 2017—Karen Stevens, David Suddath, and Sue Atwell. We have been blessed with Tish Young as she started as the Director of Storehouse Ministries right before the hectic holiday schedules. She has done an incredible job making sure the 24 church distribution ministries had what they needed. There was a close call with the walk-in freezer's compressor that almost cost us ALL the holiday turkeys. The volunteers, neighbors, friends, and Karen Steven's mentoring have helped Tish start on a great footing for an incredible future. The December and January retirements of David and Sue have ushered in a time for recalibrating and change. God has provided several people to help during this time of transition. I am thankful for Kim Harris, Howard Koepka, and Danny Crocker for helping in this season of opportunity and challenge. In the last few weeks we have worked to make sure our services will not be interrupted, unavailable or delayed. This trio has made the transition so far, so smooth! Lots of change will be coming.

We are working to be sure our services are evaluated and improved. This interim team of hardworking leaders are ready to serve you. Bring on your printing, design needs, and D-Now promotional needs; let us engage some student graphic artist to make your Valentine's Day banquets sizzle. Let us help you evaluate, strategize, turn around, revitalize, and evangelize. We are ready! My hope is Noonday is your first best choice for helping you fulfill the vision God has given you.

Pray for our personnel team and other teams. We will begin looking at things and making plans based on your feedback. Expect to see some surveys hitting your inbox and listening sessions to get your input as we reorganize and rev up to support, equip, and accelerate church leaders fulfilling the Great Commission. As this new year rings in, remember the words of Ben Franklin, "Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man." In this day of high speed everything, time flies. The good news is you're the pilot, to some degree. God is the author and finisher of our faith! He loves you and has given us a message to proclaim!

Yours in a Common Cause,
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