



There are many who could look at our church and, at first glance, think that we are a small little church. Let me tell you why I think this is untrue. In 2017:

- Noe's Chapel responded to the disciples question to Jesus, "When did we see you hungry?", and gave out \$140 in gift cards to the homeless to get them a meal in a warm place;
- Noe's Chapel responded to the biblical command to look out for orphans and supported, "Our Savior's Home", for orphans in Kiev with donations and prayer; likewise, we supported Holston Home for Children through donations and prayer, as well as, we took 18 youth from Kingswood Home for Children to Resurrection and donated the \$500 left over from raising funds for the trip to them for whatever needs they may have;
- Noe's Chapel held worship for those who are seen as disabled through the "Our Church" services celebrating that the creator, God, fearfully and wonderfully made them as part of His marvelous works in Psalm 139;
- Noe's Chapel held an evening small group with young adults to help them better understand their relationships using the book, "The 5 Love Languages";
- Noe's Chapel held a Bible study on the book of James;
- Noe's Chapel took a young adult group to "Divine Rhythm" retreat to worship with college students around the conference;
- Noe's Chapel walked the neighborhoods and met new children in the neighborhood through Vacation Bible School;
- Noe's Chapel bought clothing for a family of 3 in need for the start of the new school year;
- Noe's Chapel held a back to school picnic and handed out school kits to the neighborhood children. We collected so many supplies that we gave the excess kits to Jubilee Project in Sneedville, TN;
- Noe's Chapel responded to the disciples question to Jesus "When did we see your sick?", by hosting an ongoing Narcotics Anonymous meeting;
- Noe's Chapel collected winter accessories through the mitten Christmas tree and delivered to a thankful elementary school;
- Noe's Chapel donated \$222 to a family faced with the tragedy of their house burning down;
- Noe's Chapel went out into the community in many fellowship outing meeting new neighbors to invite them to worship;

- Noe's Chapel held a Christmas music recital bringing in new faces to the sanctuary, some of who had never been in a church;
- Noe's Chapel held cancer support group gatherings to help members process the struggle of the disease;
- Noe's Chapel sought out a new service and made plans to launch the "Power Up" children's service welcoming children to Christ as scripture commands;
- Noe's Chapel United Methodist Women supported CEASE through donation and prayer;
- Noe's Chapel United Methodist Women supported the fire department through donation and prayer;
- Noe's Chapel United Methodist Women supported missionary Fran Lynch through donation and prayer;
- Noe's Chapel United Methodist Women supported the Holiday Hope fund through donation and prayer;
- Noe's Chapel United Methodist Women supported the Shepherds Missionary through donation and prayer;
- Noe's Chapel members attended revival at an area church in fellowship with members of the Body of Christ;
- Noe's Chapel continued its tradition of making apple butter and peach butter using it to help meet new faces and invite them to worship;
- Noe's Chapel continued offering Sunday School classes to help members grow in faith;
- Noe's Chapel sought God, glorified God, worshipped God;
- And people came to know their Savior on a deeper level.

Doesn't sound like a small church to me and this is just the list that I could recall; and it is because we are a part of a Big God's plan for our community. May we give 2018 to God. To that, may our David-size, mustard seed size, any adjective but "little" church say a big AMEN!