



The year 2012 is upon us. Did ever think what the world would look like 10 years ago? How about 25 years ago? How about 50 years ago? Just think about how much the world has changed from 100 years ago:

Both world wars had not occurred yet.

Arizona just became the 48th state.

The Titanic hit an iceberg.

The Boston Red Sox field Fenway Park was opened.

The world has changed a lot in the last 100 years. Amazingly the Gospel has never changed and will never change. However, the Church struggles to change how we show the Gospel due to our own desires and comforts. What if this New Year we could act as Paul did 2000 years ago. In 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 he said,

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings (NLT).

Maybe we should take a hard look at ourselves as a person, a family and a church and ask ourselves are we doing everything we can to spread the Good News. Jesus goes on to say in Matthew 28:18-20, "Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age,'" (NLT).

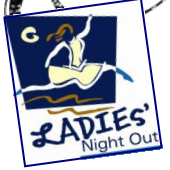
The year 2012 has opportunities for StoneBridge Church to do some amazing things for the Kingdom of God. The question, that only you can ask, are you ready and willing to do WHATEVER it takes to reach people for Christ? The world is in need of a Savior and many times you may be the only representation of Christ that they are seeing. How are you showing who He is today? This life is not a dress rehearsal, this is the real thing. Always remember that the opportunity of a lifetime only exists in the lifetime of that opportunity in giving the Good News. Live as this is your last year on earth!

Live for an Audience of One!
Pastor Nate Hultz



Christian Women Connection will meet at noon on Thurs., Jan. 5, at the church with a carry in lunch.

LADIES NIGHT OUT-Mon., Jan. 16 meet at Cheddars at 6:30pm. Sign up on Women's bulletin board or contact Marcene Wallace at marcy4355@aol.com or 419.422.8269.



At StoneBridge Church, we love God's children and always strive to keep them safe. For this reason, we will be starting a new Kid Check-in system that will let parents and guardians check in their child electronically each Sunday and will allow them to update us on allergies and medical concerns. This program is completely web-based and requires parents, guardians and BridgeKids volunteers to set up a family account online. If you have not already, please go to www.go.kidcheck.com to sign your children up today! There is more information in the front lobby at the new Kid Check Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please see Elizabeth Hultz, Director of Children and Families.

The New Year is upon us! As you make your new year's resolutions, I encourage you to resolve to spend time in God's word with your children every day. Spend time in prayer with your child! They will see Christ working in a real way in their little lives. Here's to a great new year!



We would like to give a special shout out to all of the BridgeKids Volunteers for 2011! You know who you are, and YOU ROCK!!! Thank you for leading the kids in BridgeKids to a ROCK SOLID relationship in Christ!



Actioneers

will meet on Thurs., Jan. 19 at 11am to

"eat out" at Tony's Restaurant on SR 224 W. Contact Marie Jernigan at 419.422.7102 for information. Anyone 50 or older is welcome.

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY If you are a Worshiper and have a talent or desire to serve, please consider joining the Worship Arts Ministry. The Worship Arts ministries encompass vocal arts, instrumental arts, technical arts and drama. Volunteers in these areas lead in the creative and artistic portions of our worship services and provide the technical expertise to facilitate Worship activities. For more information contact mwise@stonebridgechurch.org or call 419.422.6862.



STUDENT MINISTRIES

- ◆ **January 8–Winter Kickoff 6-8pm**
- ◆ **January 15–Regular youth group. Time changes (6 to 8pm) No longer 5:15-7:30pm**
- ◆ **January 16–Lazer X/Ft. Wayne Day**

