

what's happening?

Week of 12.24.17 Merry Christmas!

Thank You! In 2017, through The Venues, you have assisted over 30,000 people in the Springfield area with over 10,000 service hours at more than 250 events. Feeding the hungry. Homeless outreach. Emergency assistance for single parents. Respite care for families of kids with special needs. And so much more! You've made a huge impact on our community. Thanks for your generosity.

Downtown Venue (a.k.a. "Bar Church"): Join us on Thursday nights from 6-7pm at Ernie Biggs Dueling Piano Bar (312 South Avenue). Local artists play some songs, then there's a short message. Invite your friends. We'll provide free snacks and soft drinks, and adult beverages are available for purchase. See you Thursday.

New Year's Eve: Join us next **Sunday, December 31st at 9:30 & 11am** for an All-Family Service. Childcare is available for 0-2 years. 6th-8th graders will meet in the mobile classroom.

"Choose Civility": We're starting a new teaching series on **Sunday, January 7th** called "Choose Civility." Did you know that 71% of people believe incivility is the "new normal?" But we're called to be different. "Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him" (Romans 12:2). Let's "Choose Civility."

Social Response: We have a new Facebook Page! Join us at *The Venues Social Response* and stay updated on The Venues' social response efforts!

Take the Survey! Don't miss your chance to give us your feedback! We're gearing up for 2018. Please take 5 minutes to complete this short survey: thevenues.org/survey.

Moved recently? Let us know your new address by filling out a Welcome Card and dropping it in the offering basket.

End-of-Year Contributions:

- Snail Mail: Post-mark by Sunday, 12/31 (PO Box 14097, Springfield MO 65814)
- Hand Delivery: Deliver to the church office by 3pm Friday, 12/29

this week

Wednesday: 5:30p AA Coed Group (Kids Venue Big Room)

Thursday: 6p Downtown Venue (Ernie Biggs @ 312 South Avenue)
7p AA Men's Group (The Venues Basement)

Friday: 8:15a Breakfast Venue (806 N. Jefferson)