

Our elders declared the theme for 2017 to be “The Power of One”, as a way to help us be more intentional and focused on our unity in Christ. There is not enough space on this page to detail the many ways we loved God, connected people, and unleashed compassion over the past year, but below is a brief overview. As 2017 comes to a close, it doesn’t mean we stop focusing on unity. May the body of believers here at Canyon Church continue to be unified in our love, so that the world may see Jesus through us. (John 17:20-23).

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- We were united in 24-Hours of Prayer - lifting up the prayer requests of others at the start of the new year.
- United in growing our relationships by turning off the TV and going screen-free for a week.
- United in efforts to live intentionally for Christ with our “One Month to Live” daily devotionals and sermon series.
- Witnessed 13 believers confess faith in Jesus and be baptized.
- Witnessed 54 individuals choose to recognize Canyon as their church home.
- Witnessed several powerful testimonies from believers related to forgiveness and healing.
- Raised over \$4,400 to send monetary support to Houston churches and cover transportation for 4 representatives from Canyon to travel to Texas to aid in relief efforts.
- Donated 21 units of blood at the Blood Drive, which will help up to 63 hospital patients.
- Raised over \$11,000 to convert David and Aracely Latina’s van to make it wheelchair accessible.
- Donated household supplies for the New Mexico Christian Children’s Home.
- Offered good answers to the question “Does God Exist?” by hosting guest speaker, John Clayton.
- Led worship once a month at Perryville Women’s Prison and served as mentors with Along Side Ministries.
- Donated 110 backpacks full of school supplies to needy children in the inner city.
- Donated food and volunteered at the Homeless Banquet downtown, serving over 50 guests.
- Supported international mission efforts in Mexico City, Aruba, Dominican Republic, Nigeria, and Pakistan.
- Added the position of Worship & Connections Minister to our ministry staff, filled by Wyane Atkinson.
- Brought on a new Youth & Family Minister, Dalton Johnson.
- Re-booted and strengthened our Celebrate Recovery ministry.
- Strengthened our bodies as well as our minds with Run for God.
- Raised \$4,255 for the Crisis Pregnancy Centers through our Walk and Run teams.
- Donated 125 toys and volunteered at the inner city Christmas Block Party.
- Hosted 20 Adventures in Missions students during their urban mission trip to Phoenix.
- Equipped marriages within our church family with a marriage retreat.
- Furnished an apartment for a woman who had just recently come out of homelessness.
- Strengthened relationships and connections with our Small Groups ministry.
- Celebrated and blessed each other with our musical talents at our Open Mic Night.
- Increased our Education efforts focusing on teaching Biblical principles on forgiveness, Christian living, finances, world religions, and more.
- Our children and adult mentors grew spiritually and relationally through the Leadership Training for Christ event as well as other children’s events.
- Our youth grew closer spiritually and relationally with devotionals, youth rallies, retreats, summer camps, service projects, and other events.
- We grew friendships and connections through potlucks, movie nights, game nights, and outdoor events like football, golf, hiking, picnics, and camping as a church family.

May we give God the glory for all these things!