

## Happy New Year!

Like most people, I like marking the milestone of another new year. When I turn the page of the calendar, it's fresh and clean and full of possibilities. I look forward to filling that calendar with good days, great achievements, bright moments and happy gatherings.

Of course, before January is even over, that calendar has gotten erased and smudged and filled too full with things that must be done. But it doesn't matter. With God and good family, friends and church fellowship, I know nothing's going to happen in 2017 that we can't handle.

I hope your 2017 is filled with good days, great achievements, bright moments and happy gatherings.



There is power in giving. It cuts through the oceans that divide us and brightens all it touches.

# Oops! Here's Proof that I'm only Human

If you have purchased or received a copy of my novel *Come to Lovely County*, you may have discovered that a printing error put two Chapter 18s in the book and no Chapter 19. I am so sorry that this mistake slipped through and I approved the first printing without catching this error.

Please let me know if you have one of the "mistake" books and I will gladly exchange it for a correct one. Or if you prefer, I can mail or email you Chapter 19 so you will have the complete story.

## What Resolutions?

Most of us make New Year's resolutions . . . and most of us don't keep them. At least it seems that way to me. Here are three tips to have more success with making and keeping those resolutions.

**Be realistic.** Don't set goals you know are impossible to live up to. You'll be setting yourself up for failure

**Be specific.** Vague generalities are unreachable. Set a specific goal and then divide it into several manageable steps.

**Be positive.** Don't choose something you "ought" to do. Choose what you "want" to do and infuse that goal with thoughts of happy success.

## My Calendar

### **Books Sandwiched In**

Checotah Public Library, Checotah, OK Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

I'll review my latest book, *The Jefferson Highway in Oklahoma*.

#### **Edmond Authors Book Fair**

Edmond Historical Society Museum, Edmond, OK

Saturday, January 21, 2017, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Authors from all over Oklahoma will set up in this beautiful museum to sell and autograph their books.

#### **Muskogee Library Writers' Conference**

Muskogee Public Library, Muskogee, OK Saturday, March 11, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Authors will share their knowledge, experience and recommendations to aspiring writers at all levels and in all genres. If you are a writer or have always wanted to write, this will be a great experience. I'll also have books to sell.