The Vine: February 2014

Ministry, Maturity, Missions, Magnification

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ABW News

The scheduled meeting for February 3 has been cancelled.



2013 Annual Reports

The 2013 Annual Reports will be available for pick up by February 16. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to write and submit their reports.

20/30 Group Super Bowl Party

February 2 @ 5pm Chad & Shannon's home.

On The Vine:

I want to express my gratitude to the people of First Baptist Church. On the third Sunday in February 1998, I gave my first sermon to a church that had asked me to come and serve as an interim pastor. I don't remember what I said or did on that day I just remember that God had called me to come back to Chrisman and help lead my home church. Sixteen years later and I'm still here! I must confess there has been more joy then pain during these years. We have made some very positive changes that has allowed this church to continue to not just exist but to thrive. We have see a good number of people come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. We have sent over 100 people on short term mission projects every summer since the year 2000. We have continued to update our facilities and property as needed. I (we) continue to miss those who have gone to heaven to be with the Lord but at the same time celebrate those who have either come to this church or been born into this community of believers.

I don't know if I will be here another 16 years. If that is what God wants then it will happen. I don't pretend to know the mind of God. However, I do know that His Ways are much higher then our ways. He has our best interest in mind no matter what happens. Let's continue to trust His leading.

I want to say thank you for everything that you have done for me and my family in the past 16 years. Here is my prayer for the future. I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:3-5). Kevin

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

More than 20 years ago, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." In 2013 \$1.4 million was raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. On Super Bowl Sunday (February 2) we will place two pots on the stage that you will be able to place money in as God leads. This year we will send these funds to Shine in the Dark Ministry. This is an inner city ministry led by our friend Jay Beene in Memphis, Tn. We have worked with him this past summer and in 2011. Thank you in advance for your gift!

Baptisms

If you are interested in being baptized in the near future, please contact Kevin!

Happy Birthday

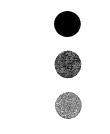
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February 7	Betsy Daily	February 14	Chelsea Garwood
February 8	Wynn Rogers	February 20	Jean Wheatley
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Feb. Business Meeting

The business meeting in February will be held on the first Wednesday of the month (Feb. 5) It will start at 8pm following choir practice.

Sunday Morning Messages	January Worshi	<u>p#s</u>
February 3: Your Whole Life Matters To God	January 5:	no church
February 10: Who Can Stand Before This Holy God	January 12:	73
February 17: Thanksgiving vs Discontentment	January 19:	62
February 23: Guthrie will be speaking	January 26:	64





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