

The Vine: February 2015

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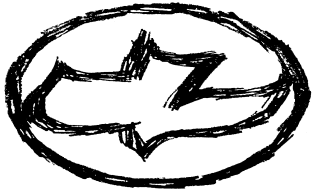
-Established in 1830-

ABW Meeting

February 2

1:30PM

FBC



2014 Annual Reports

The 2014 Annual Reports will be available for pick up by **February 15**. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to write and submit their reports.

Ministry
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On The Vine:

This past Sunday morning I spoke on a phrase that comes from the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 5:9-10. "**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**" I am certain that many of us have said that prayer countless times but have not really thought about the implications of what we are saying. As I was studying these words last week, I was hit by how powerful they really are.

I like the way pastor John Ortberg puts it: "**May up there come down here.**" In other words, we pray, "May your sphere of authority, O God, be extended to this earth. Please arrange things down here just as you do up there. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May up there come down here." If we truly embrace that understanding we realize that heaven is a place of peace, joy, love, and righteousness just to name a few characteristics. Do we not want that here on earth? In heaven people do not lie, they are not selfish, there is no deceit or hidden agendas. I definitely long for a place like the kingdom of heaven.

How does that happen here on earth? I believe that we pray those words of Jesus in all situations of our life. In the life of our family, our church, our community, our work place, our country, and our world. We simple can pray Father let your kingdom come to earth. That is something that I am going to try to do in this new year. Would you join with me in praying this way?

Dear Lord, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May up there come down here—speedily! And in the meantime, help us partner with you as we wait for the blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 2014 over \$1 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 1) 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 in 2011 & 2013. Thank you in advance for your gift!



Baptisms

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

Happy Birthday

February 4	Jason Hoult	February 12	Kevin Coe
February 7	Betsy Daily & Loretta Hale	February 14	Chelsea Garwood
February 8	Wynn Rogers	February 16	Kris Muehlher
February 10	Diane Williams	February 20	Jean Wheatley
February 11	Casen Rogers	February 22	Tara Burns
		February 28	Matt McNabb & Shelby Hoult

Feb. Business Meeting

The business meeting in February will be held on the first Wednesday of the month (**Feb. 4**) It will start at 8pm following choir practice.

Sunday Morning Messages

February 1: Finding God In A Cold Dark Season #1
 February 8: Finding God In A Cold Dark Season #2
 February 15: Finding God In A Cold Dark Season #3
 February 22: Finding God In A Cold Dark Season #4

January Worship #s

January 4: 81
 January 11: 60
 January 18: 71
 January 25: 68

