

First Baptist Church
308 E. Madison Ave
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NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

THE VINE:

November 2015

On The Vine

I came across this story again and wanted to share it with you. I am not sure where it comes from but I think it rings true.

There was a farmer who grew excellent quality corn. Every year he won the award for the best grown corn. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" The report asked.

The farmer responded, "The wind picks up the pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbor grows inferior corn, cross pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

So it is with our lives...Those who want to live meaningfully and well must help enrich the lives of others, for the value of life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all...

The Bible tells us to "serve one another," "encourage one another", "love one another," "pray for one another," "honor one another," "live in harmony with one another," "accept one another," "instruct one another," "agree with one another," "cloth yourself with humility toward one another." I believe that each of us have the ability to enrich and refresh each other if we take serious the "one another's."

Kevin

All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a special meal on **Sunday, November 15th following our 10:00am service.** Turkey, ham loaf, dressing, mashed potatoes, noodles, rolls, drinks and table service will be provided. The deaconesses ask that those planning on attending bring a dessert, salad, or vegetable dish to this meal. Make sure to mark your calendars and invite a friend on this important day!

Entitlement vs Gratitude

The bigger our sense of entitlement, the smaller our sense of gratitude [Our entitlement mindset] has led to a proliferation of lawsuits: when we don't get something we really want, we sue somebody. For example, the San Francisco Giants were once sued for passing out Father's Day gifts to men only. A psychology professor sued for sexual harassment because of the presence of mistletoe at a Christmas party. A psychic was awarded \$986,000 when a doctor's CAT scan impaired her psychic abilities. You have to wonder about this third one: If she really was a psychic, shouldn't she have known not to go to that doctor in the first place?

Finance & Nominating

The Finance and Nominating Committees will be meeting in the month of November. If you have a budget request for the Finance Committee please talk with Kara before this meeting which will take place near the end of November. Please be in prayer for our Nominating Committee as they will be asking people to serve on various boards and committees in 2016.

Thank You

- To everyone who gave to the World Mission Offering
- To everyone who gives their dimes to Rancho San Juan Bosco Orphanage
- To everyone who is working on the Operation Christmas Child project
- To everyone who gave to Operation Sleighbell
- To everyone who gave to the ABW Peoria Friendship House project
- To our Deacon's who help lead this church
- To everyone who invites others to this church
- To our musicians, praise team singers, and people at the sound board
- To our Trustees who continue to work on keeping our facilities up to date



Think Globally—Act Locally

Paris Thanksgiving Fellowship Weekend November 25 to 29. Consider hosting an international student for Thanksgiving weekend. Contact Lisa Taylor

Worship Attendance in October

October 4	38
October 11	54
October 18	65
October 25	60

Happy Birthday

2nd -Maddie Bradford	16th -Kaylee & Keegan Sheehy
7th -Christina Moran	25th -Guthrie Gardner
9th -Chad Ellis	26th -Judy Hoult & Bradley Ingram
12th -Susie DeBaun	28th -Seth Ellis
13th -David Lawlyes	29th -Dave Rigen

Kevin Coe - Pastor
 Debbie Sims - Choir
 Guthrie Gardner - Youth
 Shannon Ellis - Office



NOVEMBER 2015

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee, Deaconess Meetings 6:00pm Youth	2	3	4 7:00pm Choir	5	6	7
8 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 2:00pm ABW Wedding Shower for Jessica R. 6:00pm Youth	9	10 Veteran's Day 7:00pm Choir	11	12	13	14
15 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth <i>Last Day For Operation Christmas Child</i>	16 6:00pm Philathea Class Meeting—Frances Brubaker hosting	17	18 7:00pm Choir	19	20	21
22 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service First Baptist Church	23	24	25 No Choir	26 Thanksgiving Day! 	27	28
29 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 5:00pm Decorate Church for Christmas	30					Give thanks with a grateful heart!