



**The Vine:
Newsletter Of The First Baptist Church
December 2015**

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On The Vine:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem the Jewish people had been waiting for the long anticipated Savior that the prophets of old had predicted. However, in the stillness of a cold winters night, very few people knew that the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger was the Messiah they had been waiting on for centuries. How could He be both God and man, both King and child, both Creator and created? How could this baby be 100% divine and human? It did not make sense and for many today they feel the same way.

He just wasn't what they expected. He wasn't the leader they envisioned. He wasn't a man of wealth and status. He wasn't of noble birth. Instead, he came from a tiny, overlooked town that people despised. He was born in a stable with little celebration.

That very night, that stable became a throne. That baby became royalty. And the story of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus became the narrative that started it all—that picture of unexpected, meager beginnings fills our hearts for all eternity.

This Christmas season don't let the lights, gifts, food, parties or anything else keep you from being amazed by the unorthodox manner in which God sent his son into the world to save us.

I just want to thank each person in this church for your love and support after all these years. I could not think of a better church to serve in then the First Baptist Church of Chrisman!

Merry Christmas! *Kevin*

Christmas Cantata

Our choir will again be joining the First Assembly of God Church as they present the Christmas cantata, "Breath of Heaven." This special concert will take place at the First Baptist Church on Sunday evening, **December 20** at 6:00pm. There will be a time of fellowship and food following this presentation. Invite your friends and join us on this important evening.

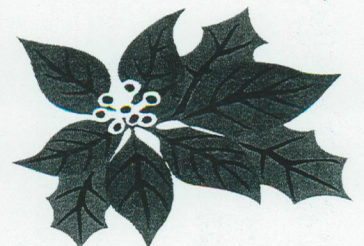
Kevin Coe—Pastor
Guthrie Gardner—Youth
Debbie Sims—Choir
Shannon Ellis—Office

All Church Business Meeting

This important year end meeting will take place on Wednesday, **December 16 at 8:00pm** here at the church. We will be voting on the 2016 church budget and the proposed officers and boards. Your attendance at this meeting is appreciated!

Christmas Eve Service

This special service will take place on Thursday, December 24 starting at **8pm**. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!



**ABW Meeting
December 7
1:30pm
@ First Baptist Church**



**Retired Ministers
& Missionary Offering**

The American Baptist Churches use the month of December to honor those who have faithfully served as **ministers and missionaries** in the ABC by taking up a love offering in each church. This offering is used to meet the needs of these retired saints. By giving to this offering, you are honoring the service of these former ministers and missionaries including those who have served this church.

Salvation Army Bell

Please make sure that you remember to ring the bell at Casey's General Store on **Saturday, December 19**. The funds collected during the month of December remain in our community to meet various needs. We appreciate everyone's participation in this important community project.

Thank You!

- To everyone who put together a box(s) for Operation Christmas Child. A total of **28 boxes** were given to this project.
- To the Deaconesses who put together this years all church Thanksgiving Dinner.
- To everyone who helped with the ABW White Cross Items.

Worship Attendance

November 1	68
November 8	69
November 15	95
November 22	64

Sunday Moring Messages In December

Dec. 6	A Disgraceful Christmas (The story of Joseph)
Dec. 13	Oh Christmas Three
Dec. 20	God With Skin (John 1)
Dec. 27	TBA

Happy Birthday!

December 1 Ryan Avenatti & Trevor Riggen	December 15 Katelyn Tarter
December 3 Debbie Sims	December 16 Mike Marvin
December 4 Jerry Hoult	December 19 Laura Fidler
December 7 Devin Taylor & Larry Daily	December 20 Lorie Gardner & Amy Ingram
December 9 Brooke Bolen	December 21 David Willming & Michael Hoult
December 10 George Furnish	December 23 Tony Avenatti
December 12 Mike Wyatt & Becky Rodriquez	December 29 Kara Ingram
December 13 Ann Ferrante & David de la Torre	

"Merry Christmas...Jesus is the Reason for the Season!"

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		6:00pm Nominating Committee Meeting		5:45pm Choir @ Paris Assembly of God		
9:00am Sunday Sch. 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Meetings 6:00pm Youth	1:30pm ABW Meeting @ FBC			5:45pm Choir @ Paris Assembly of God		
9:00am Sunday Sch. 10:00am Worship			7:00pm Choir @ FBC 8:00pm Church Business Meeting			Salvation Army Bell @ Casey's General Store 8am to 4pm
9:00am Sunday Sch. 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Christmas Cantata @ FBC	5:00pm Philathea Class Christmas Party @ FBC Winter Begins		No Choir	8pm Christmas Eve Service @ FBC	Merry Christmas!	
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