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On The Vine

This is a true story from our friend Bill Allison that I wanted to share with you.

I was at our ridiculously small—okay, I'll just say it—podunk—post office. (Which I love!) I was dropping off our latest missionary prayer letter. A few days earlier, a small team of our friends and family generously helped us apply labels and stamps to envelopes and now, here I was with an overflowing bin of prayer letters ready to be mailed to our friends around the country. Once I got through the door, I found myself waiting in line behind a little old lady. I'm not kidding. She was little, old, and a lady. For quite a while, it was just the little old lady and me standing there facing the same direction. No postal worker in sight. Then I heard a voice from the back room: "I'll be right with you in moment." That's when I decided to put my big box of mail on the floor. The little old lady heard me, turned around, took a look at me, and then looked down at the big pile of mail. I'd guess she was in her 80s or maybe even in her 90s. She said, "You've got a lot to mail today." I smiled and agreed. Then she politely nodded and turned around. The two of us continued to wait together. Quietly. Patiently. Still no sign of the postal worker. Finally, the little old lady turned around again and earnestly said, "Did you know if you repent and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, you can become a Christian?" I got goosebumps. The hair on the back of my neck stood up. I LOVE that this little old lady was trying to share the Gospel of Jesus with me. Think about it. When is that last time someone tried to share Jesus with you? It's so rare. And there's something about her being a little old lady that makes this all the more charming, wonderful, and instructive for me. I stepped in front on my large box of envelopes and said with a smile, "When I was 15-years-old, I heard the story of Jesus. I repented and put my trust in Jesus." Her eyes lit up and great big smile came over her face. I continued, "This big box of letters I'm mailing today are our prayer letters. I'm a missionary." She looked me right in the eyes and said so matter-of-factly that it shook me, "Aren't we all?"

I think this story is a great reminder that we are missionary's no matter where we live! Kevin

Operation Christmas Child

Since 1993 135 million shoe box gifts were collected in the U.S. and ten other sending nations by Samaritans Purse. These boxes were loaded on ships and planes and sent to over 150 countries. Every box represents a precious girl or boy in need of a Savior. Last year FBC collected approximately 30 boxes. If you would like to help with this project, please pick up a brochure and shoe box at the back of the church. On Sunday, November 13 we will be dedicating these gifts and taking them to Lake Ridge Christian Church in Paris the following week.

**THE VINE:
October 2016**

NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Sunday Morning Messages



October 2: Life In The Spirit—Peace

October 9: Life In The Spirit—Patience

October 16: Life In The Spirit—Kindness & Goodness

October 23: Life In The Spirit—Faithfulness

October 30: Guthrie is speaking

Other Information

*Chrisman Community Churches Movie Night October 2 at 6:00pm at the Nazarene Church. We will be showing God's Not Dead #2

*ABW Meeting on Monday, October 5 at 1:30pm. Frances Brubaker is the host.

*We want to thank everyone for their gifts to last month's World Mission Offering. These gifts go to support countless American Baptist Missionaries around the world.



Operation Sleighbell

In addition to collecting boxes for Operation Christmas Child, we also need to collect 25 pairs of underwear and socks for Operation Sleighbell. This ministry is located in Champaign and these items go to needy families throughout our area. A box will be set up by the west doors and we will collect these items in the month of October.

Worship Attendance in September

September 4	40
September 11	Community Service
September 18	69
September 25	35

Happy Birthday!

3: Sean Marvin	19: Thad Crispin
6: Pam Ellis	20: Mark Hoult
7: George Rogers	24: Kelly Gardner/Taylor Hoult
11: Levi Lewis	25: Savannah Kincaid
12: Carol Rogers	29: Kay Fidler
13: Mary Marvin & Alexis Moran	31: Kelly Fender

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

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F I R S T B A P T I S T C H U R C H

S U N M O N T U E W E D T H U F R I S A T

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Meetings	1:30pm ABW Meeting at FBC (Frances Brubaker Hosting)		12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir			8
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth	Columbus Day		12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir 8:00pm Business Mtg.			15
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth			12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir			22
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 4:00pm Philathea Class 6:00pm Youth			12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir			29
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth						Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9