



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

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On The Vine:

I always struggle with the Holiday Season. It starts with Thanksgiving and ends with New Year's Day. What do I mean? It seems like everyone is so busy and trying to make plans to get together as a family and this feels more difficult than it should be. Maybe you relate with this statement. When I hear the song "It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year," my first thought is that I don't believe it. However, this past week I started reading a new devotion called "Attitude." It was very convicting and it was if God was speaking to my heart. Here is a portion of what was written.

"You're not always in control of what happens to you, but you're always in control of how you respond. Your attitude is the only thing you can control 100% of the time. The Bible uses the word mind to describe your attitude. What you think is in actions and these actions result in habits. Your habits develop character and your character develops your future. It all starts with your attitude and your mind."

As I thought about those words, I realized that I let my attitude dictate how I feel about the Holiday Season. If I change my attitude, then I will most likely enjoy the next several weeks. In Matthew 22:37 Jesus speaks these powerful words. **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."** In other words, love God with your attitude and with your actions.

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 a Christmas cantata. This special concert will take place at the First Assembly of God Church on Sunday evening, **December 14** at 7:00pm. 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

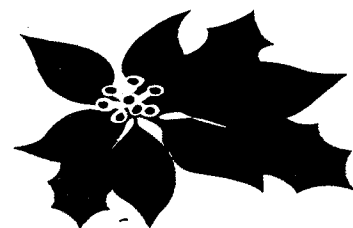
Shannon Ellis—Office

All Church Business Meeting

This important year end meeting will take place on Wednesday, **December 17 at 7:00pm** here at the church. We will be voting on the 2014 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 Wednesday, December 24 starting at **8pm**. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!



**ABW Christmas Luncheon
December 1
At Diane Williams' 12:30pm**



**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 6**. 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 **29 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 2	63
November 9	94
November 16	60
November 23	72

Sunday Moring Messages In December

Dec. 7	Preparing For The Gift
Dec. 14	The Unbelievable True Story Of Christmas
Dec. 21	The Birth Of A Savior Changed Everything
Dec. 28	Guthrie will be speaking

Happy Birthday!

December 1 Ryan Avenatti & Trevor Rikken	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
		1 12:30pm ABW Meeting @ Diane Williams		2 6:00pm Choir @ FBC		4 12:15pm FCA at CHS	6 Salvation Army Bell @ Casey's General Store 8am to 4pm
7 9:00am Sunday Sch. 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Meetings 6:00pm Youth		8	9	10	11 5:45pm Choir @ Paris Assembly of God	12 12:15pm FCA at CHS	13
14 9:00am Sunday Sch. 10:00am Worship 7:00pm Christmas Cantata @ Paris	15 5:00pm Philathea Class Christmas Party @ FBC		16 7:00pm Church Business Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 9:00am Sunday Sch. 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Winter Begins	22		23 8pm Christmas Eve Service @ FBC	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27
28 9:00am Sunday Sch. 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth	29		30 New Year's Eve	31			