

The Vine: September 2014

Have you ever asked yourself how many times you are photographed in a day? When you walk into the bank or return your cart to the corral in the parking lot, somewhere there is a camera marking your every move. A few weeks ago I was in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago attending a leadership conference when I pulled off the I-90 tollway onto the Barrington Road exit. I missed the toll and of course there was the camera taking a picture of my license plate. Lucky for me you can pay the toll on line which is what I did a few days later.

Yet David tells us in Psalm 139 that at every moment of the day, we are under a much higher scrutiny. He reveals that the secret to understanding ourselves is to know the God who knows us. We should not be surprised. David writes these words, **“O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. (verses 1-4).** I would estimate that for many of us that is a fearful thing. God knows everything we do, think, and say. As a matter of fact, He knows what we are going to do before we do it. If that bothers you let me turn this into a positive thing. I think what David is saying is that the Lord desires a relationship with each of us. We don't have to hide or be afraid of him like Adam and Eve did following their disobedience in the Garden. The reality is that God is pursuing us because He loves us. In verse 5 David writes these words, **“You hem me in – behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.”** In other words not only does the Lord want to have a relationship with us but He also goes before us and follows close behind in order to protect us. Many people feel as if God is far away, distant or that He resides in another universe. The fact is that He is with us in a very powerful way. Don't be afraid He is with you.

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Celebrating 184 years
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Did You Know?

**At the community
VBS week there
were an average of
90 kids per night!**

CHOIR

**The Choir will resume
meeting on September 3
at 7pm here at
the church!**

ABW Meeting

**September 8 @
1:30pm at Nancy
Hodges home**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- 1: Terri Beals
- 3: Charlee Wyatt
- 4: Ben Rogers
- 6: Aimee Cottrell
- 8: Marty Tarter
- 9: Autumn Ellis
- 12: John Lawlyes
- 14: Brian Ingram
- 17: Natalie Ellis,
Cole Huber
- 20: Easton McNabb
- 24: Kim Coe McKin-
ley Sheehy
- 28: Ed Coe
Kevin Ingram
- 29: Preston Moran
- 30: Bill Moore
Jason Coe

Worship Attendance

August 3:	96
August 10:	66
August 17:	61
August 24:	47

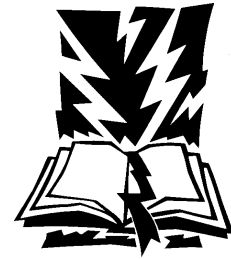
Sunday Morning Messages

September 7: Community Service In The Park

September 14: 1 John 1:1-4

September 21: 1 John 1:5-10

September 28: 1 John 2:1-2



Community Service In the Park

When: Sunday, September 7th at 10:00am

Where: City Park on the square

Join us for this special Sunday morning service when all the churches gather for a combined worship service. If it rains the service will be held at the Methodist Church. Hank Sanford pastor at First Christian Church in Champaign will be our guest speaker.

Youth Ministry News

- **Fellowship Of Christian Athletes starts at Chrisman High School on Friday September 19th at 12:15pm.**
- **See You At The Pole will take place on Wednesday, September 24 at 7am at the CHS flagpole.**

World Mission Offering

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