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## On The Vine

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This past Sunday morning I spoke on the topic of reconciliation as we have been making our way through Romans 12. The very basis of this message came from several verses in this great chapter.

Romans 12:3 **“Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought...”**

Romans 12:14 **“Bless those who persecute you; bless do not curse.”**

Romans 12:16 **“Live in harmony with one another.”**

Romans 12:18-19 **“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge.”**

If you really think about it, at the end of the day you can have all the world offers but if we are not getting it done on the relational side of things our lives will suffer. God calls us to live in community with other people. This includes Christian's and non-Christians alike. When we choose to live with unforgiveness, we will live a life absent of joy and peace. It can drain us both spiritually and emotionally. Did you know that unforgiveness is now classified as a disease in medical books? According to Dr. Steven Standiford, chief of surgery at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, refusing to forgive makes people sick and prevents their recovery.

The challenge for all of us is to live in such a way that we can forgive others. Forgiveness is a deliberate choice not an emotion or a feeling. Part of true forgiveness is releasing the hurt and letting go of the pain. True forgiveness (God forgiveness) defies human logic and cannot be explained in human terms. True forgiveness works!

God calls us to live at peace as far as it depends on us. Is there someone who needs forgiveness in your life this day?

In His Strength... *Kevin*

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## Operation Christmas Child

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Since 1993 114+ 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 15 we will be dedicating these gifts and taking them to Lake Ridge Christian Church in Paris the following week.

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## Sunday Morning Messages



October 4: Pay Your Dues Romans 13:1-7  
 October 11: Immersed In The Life Of God Romans 14:7  
 October 18: The Way of Embrace Romans 15:1-13  
 October 25: TBA

### Other Information

\*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.

\*Youth group meets every Sunday night at 6pm at Guthrie's house.

\*ABW White Cross items are due back by Sunday, October 18



### 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 Campaign 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 6	61
September 13	Community Service
September 20	82
September 27	46

### Happy Birthday!

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| 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               |

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

# October 2015

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	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							1 6:30pm ABW Bridal Shower for Chelsea Garwood	2 6:30pm ABW Bridal Shower for Chelsea Garwood	3
4 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Meetings 6:00pm Youth	5 1:30pm ABW Meeting Frances Brubaker hosting			6 12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir 8:00pm Business Mtg.			7 12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir	8	9	10 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Meetings 6:00pm Youth
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