

The Vine: September 2016

On an overcast day in Florida in the late winter of 2013, a man whose family had lived in the same home for generations suddenly lost his life when a sinkhole opened without warning beneath the home's foundation, causing the floor to collapse and simply swallowing up the house. Geologists tell us that in some parts of Florida, the limestone beneath the earth's surface is slowly being dissolved by acidic rain. When an enough rock is eaten away, the void simply collapses under the weight of what an inadequate foundation can longer support.

Christian author Gordon McDonald wrote about what he called the "sinkhole syndrome" happening in human life. It may be triggered by a failure at work, a severed relationship or for no apparent reason at all. But it feels like the earth has given way. In his book "Ordering Your Private World" he tells us that everyone has two worlds to manage. The first is outer world of career and possessions and social networks. The other is our inner world that it more spiritual in nature, where values are selected and character is formed - a place where worship, confession, and humility can be practiced.

He goes on to tell us that it is easier to deal with our outer world because it is visible, measurable and expandable. The outer world demands our attention. The problem is that our inner world is often neglected because it does not cry out quite so loudly. It can be effectively ignored for large periods of time before it gives way to a sinkhole - like cave. Oscar Wilde says it best, "I was no longer caption of my own soul."

The sinkhole is the picture of spiritual vulnerability in our day. When the soul is not centered the sink hole begins to take over our lives. In the NT James uses a powerful yet fascinating word to describe this condition. James 1:8 "He is a double minded man..." The word double minded can be translated split or un-centered soul. In the past weeks I have spoke about the most important part of us, our souls. God was the one who breathed life into us and made us living souls. My prayer is that we will continue to look deep into our lives (our souls) so that our foundation is resting on the solid rock which is Jesus in our lives. *Kevin*

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**ABW Meeting at Kay
Fidler's, September
12 at 1:30pm**

CHOIR

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

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

Worship Attendance

August 7: 64
 August 14: 63
 August 21: 66

Philathea Class Mtg.
 September 19 @ 6pm
 Mary Marvin hosting.

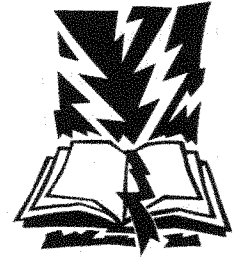
Sunday Morning Messages

September 4: Caring For Our Souls #6

September 11: Community Service in the Park

September 18: Caring For Our Souls #7

September 25: Caring For Our Souls #8

**Community Service In the Park**

When: Sunday, September 13th 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. William Pierce a Christian Illusionist will be bringing the message. Angela Lily Trio will again be leading the worship.

Youth Ministry News

- Fellowship Of Christian Athletes starts at Chrisman High School on Wednesday, September 21st at 12:15pm.
- See You At The Pole will take place on Wednesday, September 28 at 7am at the Jr High flagpole.

World Mission Offering

The World Mission Offering is the single largest source of financial support for the global outreach God accomplishes through ABC International Ministries. 100% of your gifts go to support the work of over 1200 volunteers and short term missionaries, 109 long term missionaries and over 200 partner mission workers. Please prayerfully consider giving to this important offering in the month of September.

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"What matters is not the accomplishments you achieve; what matters is the person you become."
Dallas Willard

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth	Labor Day	6:00pm Advisory Council Meeting 7:00pm Choir	7:00pm Choir	12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir	Chrisman Days Chrisman Days	Chrisman Days Chrisman Days
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

11:30pm ABW Meeting At Kay Fidler's

10:00am Community Service in the park (No Sunday School or Worship at FBC)

12:15pm FCA @ CHS
7:00pm Choir

7:00am See You At The Pole
12:15pm FCA @ CHS
7:00pm Choir

"The stats tell us that ten smaller churches of 100 people will accomplish much more than one church of 1000." Ed Stetzer