

First Baptist Church  
308 E. Madison Ave  
Chrisman, IL.



NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

THE VINE:

November 2014

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## On The Vine

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This past summer I had to go through a sleep study to determine if I had sleep apnea which is a condition where you stop breathing while you are sleeping. I was given the diagnosis that I had this problem which really isn't uncommon considering 25% of the population has this issue. I was given a machine with a mask that I have to sleep with every night. The machine forces air into the mask on my face to keep my air passage open in my throat in order to keep me breathing. It took time getting used to the mask and hearing myself breathe. However, I came across an article that talked about breathing and being thankful. Here is what I read. **"You take approximately 23,000 breaths every day, but when was the last time you thanked God for one of them? The process of inhaling oxygen and exhaling carbon dioxide is a complicated respiratory task that requires physiological precision. We tend to thank God for the things that take our breath away. And that's fine. But maybe we should thank him for every other breath too!"**

I thought to myself, "when was the last time I thanked God for giving me the breath of life." I just think that I take too many things for granted in particular the small things in life. As we approach Thanksgiving this year, maybe we should focus on thanking Him each day of the month for something that might seem insignificant to us but something that is very important like breathing. All the small things are really acts of God's grace in our life. My challenge to you is to find things like breathing and thank God for them as we approach Thanksgiving. **"Let us come before Him with thanksgiving."** Psalm 95:2

*Kevin*

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### All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a special meal on **Sunday, November 9th following our 10:00am service.** Turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, noodles, rolls, drinks and table service will be provided. The deaconesses ask that those planning on attending bring a dessert, salad, or vegetable dish to this meal. Make sure to mark your calendars and invite a friend on this important day!

## Entitlement vs Gratitude

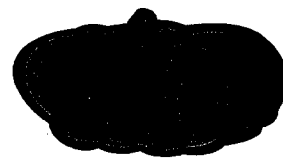
The bigger our sense of entitlement, the smaller our sense of gratitude .... [Our entitlement mindset] has led to a proliferation of lawsuits: when we don't get something we really want, we sue somebody. For example, the San Francisco Giants were once sued for passing out Father's Day gifts to men only. A psychology professor sued for sexual harassment because of the presence of mistletoe at a Christmas party. A psychic was awarded \$986,000 when a doctor's CAT scan impaired her psychic abilities. You have to wonder about this third one: If she really was a psychic, shouldn't she have known not to go to that doctor in the first place?

## Finance & Nominating

The Finance and Nominating Committees will be meeting in the month of November. If you have a budget request for the Finance Committee please talk with Kara before this meeting which will take place near the end of November. Please be in prayer for our Nominating Committee as they will be asking people to serve on various boards and com-

## Thank You

To everyone who gave to the World Mission Offering  
 To everyone who gives their dimes to Rancho San Juan Bosco Orphanage  
 To everyone who is working on the Operation Christmas Child project  
 To everyone who gave to Operation Sleighbell  
 To everyone who gave to the ABW Peoria Friendship House project



## Think Globally—Act Locally    Worship Attendance in October

Paris Thanksgiving Fellowship Weekend	October 5	49
November 27 to December 1. Consider hosting and international student for Thanksgiving weekend. Contact Lisa Taylor	October 12	51
	October 19	61

## Happy Birthday


2nd -Maddie Bradford	16th -Paulette Nance
7th -Christina Moran	25th -Guthrie Gardner
9th -Chad Ellis	26th -Judy Hoult & Bradley Ingram
12th -Susie DeBaun	28th -Seth Ellis
13th -David Lawlyes	29th -Dave Rigger

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



# NOVEMBER 2014

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Set Your Clocks Back One Hour!
2 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Mtg.		3 Election Day	4 7:00pm Choir	5	6 12:15pm FCA @ CHS	7 12:15pm FCA @ CHS
9 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:30am All Church Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00pm Youth		10 Veteran's Day	11 7:00pm Choir	12	13 12:15pm FCA @ CHS	14 12:15pm FCA @ CHS
16 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth <i>Last Day For Opera- tion Christmas Child</i>	17 7:00pm Philathea Class Meeting at Mary Marvin's	18	19 7:00pm Choir	20	21 12:15pm FCA @ CHS	22
23 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service Nazarene Church	24	25	26 No Choir	27 Thanksgiving Day! 	28 No FCA	29
30 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth						Give thanks with a grateful heart!