

# The Vine: August 2014

## On The Vine:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote this from his cell in a German concentration camp during World War II, "**The church is only the church when it exists for others.**" First, I think that it is important that we understand the Biblical definition for the word "Church." When Jesus, Paul, or any other New Testament writer used the word church they were using the Greek word *ekklesia*. This important word referred to those who were "called out" and assembled together. As I have often said, no where in the Bible does the word Church refer to a building. The word speaks of God's people being called out from the world and who assemble for a variety of important purposes and reasons.

Having provided the above definition, I began to think about every thing that has taken place in the past several months in the life of our congregation. A mission trip, weddings, funeral meals, VBS, youth group, ABW banquet and of course Sunday mornings all fulfill the Greek understanding of the word Church. God's people being called out and called together for a variety of purposes. We have participated in building projects and helping others. We have fed people in the name of the Lord. We have gathered to see couples come together as one flesh according to God's Word. We have come together as one Church for a week of ministry for the children of Chrisman. Students have met at Guthrie's house to fellowship and grow.

Have we met the challenge that Bonhoeffer laid out 75 years ago regarding the church? I think that we have done a good job in doing so. My challenge is to not have such a narrow view of the church and the purposes of the church. The understanding is much bigger than you might realize. It is interesting that Jesus only used the word "Church" three times in the Gospels. However, the writers of Acts through Revelation used it countless times. Maybe Jesus knew that the Church was much bigger than what we could understand and in God's sovereignty He allowed the writers to further our understanding. I don't really know but I am grateful for you, God's called out ones who are called to gather and to meet the needs of each other and the needs of our world.

*Kevin*

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### Did You Know?

105 different people have gone on an FBC sponsored mission trip in the past 15 years!

Mike Taylor is the only individual that has participated in all 15 FBC mission trips!

FBC has given over \$105,000 to supplement the cost of these trips!

We have ministered to people in Mexico, Washington DC, West Virginia, Memphis, Siloam Springs, OK and Charleston, MO.

**Sunday Morning Messages**

**July Worship #s**

August 3: Philippians 4:10-23

July 6 64

August 10: God's Dwelling Place

July 13 107

August 17: Lydnsey Kirk

July 20 300+  
Community  
VBS Service

August 25: TBA

August 31: Guthrie Gardner

July 27 60

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

August 1 John Houtl & Ray Robison

August 18 Donna Taylor

August 4 Chris Houtl

August 20 Patty Lunger

August 11 Duane Fidler

August 23 Claire Hale

August 13 Shannon Ellis

August 24 Steve Rogers & Amy Crispin

August 14 Joni Bolen

August 25 Laila Ingram

**Thank You!**

To everyone who helped make the Community VBS week a great success!

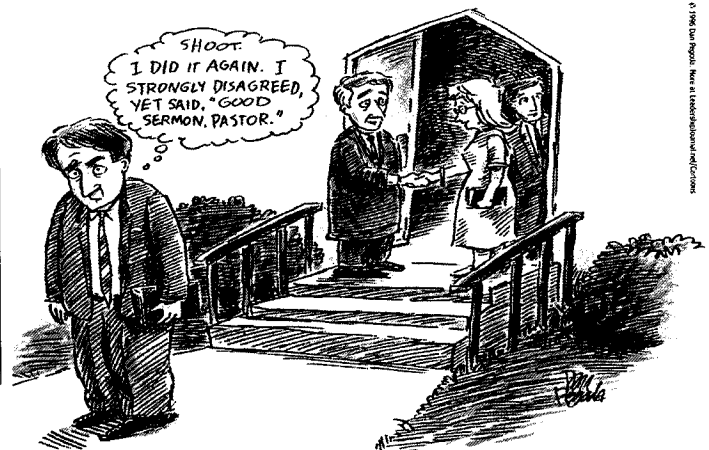
To those who gave to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in June!

To the ABW for all their work on the Women's Banquet!

To the OK Mission Team & Tiffany for her leading this trip again this year!




"I'd like to see you love my neighbor."



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## First Baptist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
3 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Meetings	4	5 6:00pm Church Business Meeting	6	7	8	9 Shining Light Weekend Mission Trip
10 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	11	12	13	14 Back To School Kevin @ Global Leadership Conference in Barrington, IL	15 Kevin @ Global Leadership Conference in Barrington, IL	16
17 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (Lynndsey Kirk speaking)	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (Guthrie speaking)					