

The Vine: January 2014

Ministry, Maturity, Missions, Magnification

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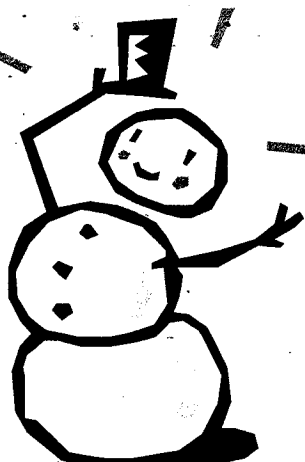
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2013 Annual Reports

It is that time of year again! We will be working to compile all the information received in order to put these reports together in the month of January. If you could send your information via email or give a hard copy to Shannon or Kevin by January 30 it would be appreciated. Thanks!



Psalm 51:7

On The Vine

In the month of December, I spoke about the Advent Conspiracy movement that started seven years ago. Five pastors and their churches decided that they wanted to take back Christmas. They wanted to make a statement against everything that Christmas should not be. So they came up with four simple ways/statements to do this very thing. Here are those four things. **Worship Fully Spend less Give More Love All...** This year 2000 churches took part in this movement. One of the ministries that these churches have supported is called Living Water International. The purpose of this ministry is to provide clean water and sanitation to those communities around the world that do not have the resources to provide this basic necessity.

In all honesty, I keep thinking about these four simply ways to live differently at Christmas. However, I keep thinking this is how we should live each and every day of our lives. What would our lives look like if we worshipped fully, spent less, gave more and loved everyone in 2014? It seems like a daunting task but Jesus said with God all things are possible. Plus, when we realize that God's Spirit lives and works in our lives we should be encouraged to make these simple changes. It may not look big at first but the accumulation of doing this every day in 2014 would definitely impact the world.

I want to thank each of you for another great year here at FBC. As always it is a joy to serve and partner with you in God's work here at the church. Blessings! *Kevin*

The Trustees Need Your Input

As a church we have an opportunity to invest in our future. An adjacent property is available for sale. 222 N. Ohio St is on a lot that is approximately 75' x 150'. The property would be purchased to become a future parking lot for the church. This would allow us to free up some of the current parking lot for future expansion.

The Trustees would be interested in hearing feedback from our congregation before we make a decision. Feel free to let us know your thoughts.

Sunday Morning Messages

January 5: The Great Adventure
 January 12: Becoming A Generous Giver
 January 19: Standing Before a Holy God
 January 26: TBA

December Numbers

December 1: 82
 December 8: 66
 December 15: 64
 December 15: 85 (Cantata)
 December 22: 75
 December 24: 95

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 1 Nathan Hale/Reed Morris
 January 4 Greg Lientz
 January 5 Vicki Rigger
 January 7 Betsy (Nance) Rodems
 January 8 Brittany (Hoult) Peel

January 12 Mike Powell
 January 14 Shirley Glick
 January 15 Betty Lewis
 January 21 Taylor Ross/Micah Jansen
 January 28 Roger Ellis/Nancy Hodge
 Sue Lawlyes/Marshall Daily

Thank You!

The month of December is always a busy month around here! That is why we want to thank everyone for their continued service. Thank you to those who rang the **Salvation Army Bell** at Casey's, thank you to those who generously gave to the **RMMO**, thank you to the choir and Debbie for the **Christmas cantata**, thank you to those who helped deliver **Christmas baskets**, thank you to our musicians and praise team, thank you to those who gave their dimes to **Rancho San Juan Bosco Orphanage**, thank you to those who helped decorate for Christmas, thank you to those who gave to **Operation Sleighbell**. Thank you to anyone who did something that no one noticed.

God knows your effort!

Thank You!

Dear FBC,

We are grateful for our church family here at FBC. You have blessed us more than you know in the past 16 years! There are no words that can accurately convey our gratefulness. Thank you for all the cards and the Christmas gift.

Kevin, Kim, Lauren, & Caleb

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Ministry: We are committed to active corporate and individual involvement in serving others and demonstrating God's love.

Maturity: We are committed to spiritual growth and making disciples, through teaching, preaching, and personal daily devotions.

Missions: We are committed to evangelism, communication God's love to others, locally and globally through personal investment of time and the giving of our resources.

Magnification: We are committed to the practice of worshipping God by celebrating His presence regularly in our church and in our home.

