



The Vine: September 2015

The Global Leadership Summit took place this past month at Willow Creek Community Church in the Chicago suburb of Barrington. Last year we were able to go to this event due to a gracious person who gave up their tickets so that we could attend. It was a great event and interestingly enough one of last years main speakers was Carly Fiorina who is now running for President of the United States. Since we were not able to attend this year, I was still able to receive daily updates on speakers and some of their quotes. One quote by Craig Groeschel caught my attention. Here is what he said, **“You may be one relationship away from changing the course of your own destiny.”** That is a powerful quote. I think that Groeschel is sharing something that is profound. Let me explain. This past year I have met two people that have really changed the way that I look at the world and in a strange way they are tied together. Courtney at the Raymond Skinner Center in Memphis prayed this prayer for us on the first morning of our visit at this ministry site. **“He (God) woke me up this morning and got me on my way.”** Thanks to Lorie Gardner, I wear a wrist band that reminds of that saying every day. It has really changed my life because I see more fully that it is God and His grace that allows me to have this life. It was furthered by the fact that on that day when Courtney prayed, Chris Birch a friend that I had only know for three months died in an ATV accident. We met him and his new bride, Karen, in Mexico while they were on their honeymoon this past April. We immediately became friends with this young couple and actually shared several meals together. I did not know Chris for a long time but something about him made me want to be a better person. Recently, I found out that the flag of our great country flew above the White House on July 14 in honor of Chris and his service as a police officer. I believe God has so many divine appointments for us through out our lives. Many times its not about us impacting others it is about them impacting us so that we can impact others.

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Celebrating 185 years
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**ABW Meeting
September 14
@ Dona Hoults**

CHOIR

**The Choir will resume
meeting on September 9 at 7pm here at
the church!**

Congratulations Baylor Gardner & Colton Wyatt for being baptized in August.

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 McKin-
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 28: Ed Coe
 Kevin Ingram
 29: Preston Moran
 30: Bill Moore
 Jason Coe

Worship Attendance

August 2: 60
 August 9: 87
 August 16: 52
 August 23: 58

**Philathea Class Mtg.
 September 21 @ 6pm
 Dorothy Rogers hosting**

Sunday Morning Messages

September 6: It Takes A Church - Psalm 78

September 13: Community Service in the Park

September 20: Renew Your Mind - Romans 12:1-8

September 27: Decisions - Romans 12:17-21

**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. Dan Chappell the East Central Illinois FCA director will be our guest speaker.

Youth Ministry News

- **Fellowship Of Christian Athletes starts at Chrisman High School on Wednesday, September 16th at 12:15pm.**
- **See You At The Pole will take place on Wednesday, September 23 at 7am at the CHS flagpole.**

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