



# The Vine: April 2015

## ON THE VINE :

Most of the daily devotionals that I read on a regular basis come from the Bible app YouVersion that is on my iPad. In keeping with Easter, I chose a seven day devotion entitled "Seven Mile Miracle Easter." Basically it examines different aspects of Jesus as He hung on the cross. The first devotion I read the other day dealt with the fact that when Jesus was on the cross He chose His words carefully. I had really never thought of that point of view but when I looked at Jesus words in light of this understanding I was amazed. He didn't waste His final breaths but spoke words that echo throughout eternity. For example, Luke records these words. **"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34).**

Less than a week before His crucifixion on what we call Palm Sunday, large crowds in Jerusalem met Jesus as He descended the Mt. Olives. As a matter of fact they welcomed Him by putting down palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest." And yet five days later He endured another crowd that shouted, "Crucify Him!" Jesus responded by asking the Father to forgive them right on the spot. Those are words that transform people.

My prayer is that this Easter season, we will be able to receive Jesus forgiveness and allow Him to heal our deepest hurts, our biggest regrets and our biggest failures. "Jesus forgiveness extends beyond our greatest sins." Amen!

*Kevin*

### **EASTER 2015 SCHEDULE**

**7:00am Sunrise Service**

**7:45am Breakfast**

**8:15am Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids**

**9:00am Worship**

**First Baptist Church**  
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**Kevin Coe — Pastor**

**Guthrie Gardner—Youth**

**Debbie Sims—Choir**

**Shannon Ellis—Office**

### **Easter Cantata**

Thank you choir and Debbie for the Cantata "Jesus Saves." Thank you for your hard work and for blessing us with your ministry in song.

### **ABW Meeting**

When: April 6 @ 1:30pm

Where: Kay Fidler's

### **Thank You**

Thank you to those who gave to the America for Christ offering in the month of March!

**APRIL BIRTHDAY'S**

- 1: Elias Rogers
- 2: April Hale
- 9: Jerry Lunger
- 10: Jonathon Burns
- 11: Colton Wyatt
- 14: Jared Fender & LaDonna Ingram
- 15: Brent Ingram
- 16: Lisa Avenatti
- 19: Lane Hale
- 22: Mattox McNabb & Aubrey Crispin
- 24: Caleb Farnsworth
- 25: Matt Dixon & Mikas Wyatt Dailide
- 26: Roger Beals
- 28: Betty Deplanty
- 29: John Rogers

**Worship Attendance**

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| March 1  | 35 |
| March 8  | 54 |
| March 15 | 70 |
| March 22 | 65 |

**Summer 2015 Mission Trip & VBS**

It's not too early to start thinking about our summer ministry here at FBC. Our annual summer mission trip will take us back to Memphis, Tennessee (July 5-11). The following week, we will work with the other churches in putting on the Community VBS here at the Christian Church (July 13-17). Consider becoming involved in one of these areas of ministry.

**Did You Know**

The Chrisman Theater will present *Seussical* under the direction of Cole Huber on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 at 7pm each night at Roger Beals Court.

**Important Meetings in April**

**April 6 ABW Meeting @ Kay Fidler's 1:30pm**

**April 8 Church Business Meeting 7:00pm**

**April 12 Deacon & Trustee Meetings 11:15am**

**April 20 Philathea Class Meeting @ Mary Marvin's 7:00pm**

**Sunday Morning Messages**

**April 5: The Death of Death**

**April 12: Core Christian Beliefs - Faith Alone**

**April 19: Guthrie will be speaking**

**April 26: Core Christian Beliefs - Grace Alone**

**Community Good Friday Service**

The Methodist Church will host this years Good Friday Service on April 3 at 7:00pm. Please join us as all the churches in our community gather for a time of worship, God's Word, and giving as we remember what Christ did on the cross!

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| Sun  | Mon  | Tue                                   | Wed                                 | Thu | Fri  | Sat                                  |
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|  |  |                                       | No Choir                            |     | <b>Good Friday</b> 3<br>7:00pm Community<br>Good Friday<br>Service @ the<br>Methodist Church | 4                                    |
| <b>Easter</b><br>5<br>7:00am Sunrise Service<br>7:45am Breakfast<br>8:15 Easter Egg Hunt<br>9:00am Worship | 6<br>1:30pm ABW Meeting<br>@ Kay Fidler's          | 7<br><b>Election Day</b>              | No Choir<br>7:00pm Business<br>Mtg. | 8   | 9<br>10<br>12:15pm FCA @<br>CHS  | 11                                   |
| 12<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15am Deacon &<br>Trustee Mtgs.<br>6:00pm Youth         | 13<br>Kevin leaves for<br>vacation.                | 14<br>Kevin leaves for<br>vacation.   | 15<br>7:00pm Choir                  | 16  | 17<br>12:15pm FCA @<br>CHS<br>CHS Play<br>"Seussical"<br>7pm                                 | 18<br>CHS Play<br>"Seussical"<br>7pm |
| 19<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship<br>6:00pm Youth  | 20<br>6:00pm Philathea<br>Class @ Mary<br>Marvin's | 21<br>Kevin returns from<br>vacation. | 22<br>7:00pm Choir                  | 23  | 24<br>12:15pm FCA @<br>CHS   | 25                                   |
| 26<br>9:00am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship<br>6:00pm Youth  | 27   | 28                                    | 29<br>7:00pm Choir                  | 30  |  |                                      |