

# The Vine: March 2014

## ON THE VINE :

Did you know that the first digital camera was developed in 1975 by Steve Sasson a Kodak engineer? Do you what the management at Kodak said when he shared this new invention with them? **“That is cute but do not tell anyone about it.”** Sasson explained that he surmised that the world was not ready for the digital age of paperless pictures. Do you know what happened to Kodak? In 2012 this American icon filed for bankruptcy. Kodak had dominated the photographic landscape for over 100 years and for much of the time had 89% of the market share of photographic film sales. However, in 1975 this missed opportunity sent the once proud company into decades of decline and without the ability to understand and respond to the future this once proud company closed its doors.

When I read stories like this all kinds of thoughts run through my mind. I often think about missed opportunities in my life to share the Gospel or even just encourage someone who needs it. I think about the church in the United States and how many have closed their doors because they were unwilling to make necessary changes to remain relevant to a future generation. That does not mean compromising the Message it simply means looking for new ways to do what we did in the past.

Just like Kodak had a creative engineer who could see the future, we have been given the Holy Spirit who is much more creative and knows the future completely. It is our duty to listen and respond to Spirit when He speaks to us. Let's try not to be like the management at Kodak and dismissed the future but lets comply with this leading. If we are truthful with ourselves our time on earth is definitely limited compared to eternity. The Bible says this, “Make the most of every opportunity for the days are evil” (Colossians 3:4).

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## **America For Christ Offering**

This month you will have the opportunity to give to this important offering. The funds collected go to support the needs of American Baptist Missions located here in the United States and Puerto Rico. The US is the third largest unchurched country in the world. There is great need for mission work in our own backyard. Last year the FBC of Chrisman generously contributed **\$2290** to this offering!

**MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

- 1: Rita Rogers  
 5: Cody Owen  
 6: Lucille Allison  
 9: Tiffany Tarter  
 13: Jarrod Hale  
 14: Luke Kincaid &  
 Jerry Hodge  
 15: Dalton Lewis  
 22: Maureen Marvin  
 23: Breanna Hale  
 24: Keith Lawlyes  
 28: Cam Jenness  
 30: Kim Beals  
 31: John Frazee

**Worship Attendance**

Feb. 2	67
Feb. 9	61
Feb. 16	61
Feb. 23	63

**Don't Forget To  
 Set Your Clocks  
 Forward One  
 Hour Before You  
 Go To Bed On  
 Saturday Night  
 March 8th!**

**6 Things Christians Should Start Doing!**

by Jarrid Wilson

- 1. Love without limits:  
Mark 12:31**
- 2. Realize the church is bigger than a building:  
2 Corinthians 12:27**
- 3. Be the first to extend a hand of grace and forgiveness:  
Matthew 6:15**
- 4. Seek to be known for what they are for, rather than what  
they are against: 1 Peter 2:21**
- 5. Reach outside of their comfort zones:  
Ephesians 3:12**
- 6. Join forces with other churches rather than compete with  
them: John 17:20-23**

**Sunday Morning Messages**

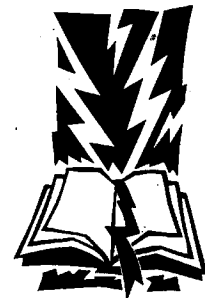
March 2: Love Keeps Going

March 9: Guest Speaker

March 16: Becoming A Generous Giver

March 23: The Goodness Of The Sabbath

March 30: Planting Seeds

**Get Involved!**

There are many ministry areas where you can be involved. Sunday School Class, Usher/Greeter, Praise Team Singer, Mission Trips, VBS, Youth Group, Nursery Volunteer, Children's Church, and Choir.

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# March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Mtgs.			7:00pm Choir	12:15pm FCA @ CHS	Kevin leaves for Pastors/Leaders Conference in AZ	8 Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9am Sunday School 10am Worship			Kevin returns from Pastors/Leaders Conference in AZ 7:00pm Choir	12:15pm FCA @ CHS		15
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9am Sunday School 10am Worship 4pm Youth	7:00pm Philathea Class Meeting @ Donna Taylor's		7:00pm Choir	Spring Begins 12:15pm FCA @ CHS		22
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9am Sunday School 10am Worship 4pm Youth		Pre-School Screening @ FBC	7:00pm Choir	12:15pm FCA @ CHS		29
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31					