



# The Vine: April 2016

## ON THE VINE :

When I lived in Royal Palm Beach, Florida a suburb of West Palm Beach, I lived directly on the landing or take off pattern (depending on the wind direction) for Palm Beach International Airport which was about 10 miles from my townhome. Even though these planes took off and landed at all hours of the day and night, it did not bother me.

Airports regularly receive complaints about the noise of air traffic in neighboring communities all the time. I read an article that said in 2015, Washington's Reagan National Airport received a whopping 8,670 complaints. The impressive part, however, is that 6,500 of them came from one person. Yes, that's right, one person complained to the airport an average of 18 times a day for the entire year. Regardless of the absurdity, however, airport authorities have responded, saying that they are now working with residents to "address the noise." I guess you could say that this guy persistence paid off. I bet the airport was annoyed, but they eventually relented.

There are two ways we can look at this story. First, we could talk about what a complainer this guy had become and how complaining is not a trait that we want in our lives. However, when I read the story I thought to myself that sounds like a parable that Jesus told. It sounds like the parable about the persistent widow in Luke 18? The widow had been wronged so every day she took her complaint to the judge who finally gave her justice. Jesus said that if an unjust judge can give an answer what do you think God will do for his chosen ones. "I tell you," Jesus said, "he (God) will see that they get justice, and quickly." I believe that often times we stop praying too quickly when God doesn't answer. We need to be persistent in our prayers and at the right time God will answer. Don't give up...keep asking God.

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## **2016 Graduates**

We are putting together a list of all our spring graduates. We don't want to forget anyone so please let Kevin know if you are graduating from college, high

## Thank You

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

Thank you Debbie & the choir for the Easter Cantata.

Thank you Seekers Class for the Easter Breakfast.

**APRIL BIRTHDAY'S**

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

**Worship Attendance**

March 6	77
March 13	66
March 20	76
March 27	125

**Summer 2016 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 to West Memphis, Arkansas this summer (July 3-9). Following a week in West Memphis, we will work with the other churches in putting on the Community VBS week at the Methodist Church (July 11-15). Consider becoming involved in one of these areas of ministry.

**CHS Baccalaureate**

**When: Sunday, May 15 @ 2pm**

**Where: First Baptist Church**

**Speaker: TBA**

**Important Meetings in April**

**April 4 ABW Meeting @ Diane Williams 1:30pm**

**April 5 Community VBS Meeting at the Methodist Church 6:00pm**

**April 6 Church Business Meeting 8:00pm**

**April 18 Philathea Class Meeting at Mary Marvin's 6:00pm**

**Sunday Morning Messages**

**April 3: A Generational Church**

**April 10: A Generation With Purpose #1**

**April 17: A Generation With Purpose #2**

**April 24: A Generation With Purpose #3**



**Get Involved!**

There are many ministry areas where you can be involved.

**Sunday School Class, Usher/Greeter, Praise Team Singer, Mission Trips, VBS, and Choir.**