

The Vine: May 2016

On The Vine:

Did you ever ask yourself this simple question? "Why do I go to church?" Recently I read a great blog by Karl Vaters that dealt with that topic. The title of the blog was "The Church Does Not Exist To Entertain Us Or Bore Us."

Here at FBC, I don't think it is our goal to entertain people and yet I hope we are not boring people so that they don't want to be here. He listed seven reasons why we go to church and I wanted to pass them on to you. I added the eighth one.

- I go to worship.
- I go to read and hear from God's Word.
- I go to be taught.
- I go to be challenged.
- I go to be disciplined.
- I go to fellowship with other believers.
- I go to be inspired into action.
- I go to give of my resources.

As you review the list, think about what you see, hear, and feel on Sunday mornings. Our hope is that you are able to experience most of these things on any given Sunday morning. I realize that some Sunday's are better than others just like some of my messages are better than others. Vaters also made the important observation that size has nothing to do with the things listed above and I completely agree. We are a small church but these items are attainable on Sunday mornings.

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- *Ministry*
- *Maturity*
- *Magnification*
- *Missions*

Mothers Day!

Don't forget that Mother's Day is on the 8th of May! We will celebrate this important date by honoring all the women in our church. Hope to see you on this important Sunday.



Sunday Morning Messages**April Worship #s**

May 1: From Generation To Generation #1	April 3	61
May 8: From Generation To Generation #2	April 10	66
May 15: From Generation To Generation #3	April 17	68
May 22: Sozo—What Is It?	April 24	68
May 29: Adrian Lamkin Area III Minister		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1	Lauren Farnsworth	May 17	Levi Rogers & Christina Huber
May 2	Lannie Robison	May 18	Hilary Coe & Kathy Lientz
May 12	Jim Hoult	May 19	Lisa Taylor
May 14	Mike Taylor & Amie Furnish	May 24	Shane Moran
		May 28	Laura Rogers

Summer 2016 Ministry Opportunities!

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve the Lord this summer, consider the following opportunities. This summer our mission team will be traveling to East Memphis, Arkansas to serve. The dates for this trip are **July 3-9**. You will also have the opportunity to serve at our Community VBS week that will take place at the Methodist Church on **July 11-15**.

Memphis Mission Team Meeting

May 1 @ Marty and Tiffany's house 5:00pm.

If you are not able to make the meeting please contact Tiffany at 217.597.1593

ABW Women's Banquet

Monday, June 13 at FBC—Continue to watch for more information on this event.

Congratulations to our 2016 Graduates

Caleb Farnsworth Parkland Community College
David Willming Parkland Community College

Sunday Morning Speakers May to July 2016

May 1	Pastor Kevin	
May 8	Pastor Kevin	(Mother's Day)
May 15	Pastor Kevin	
May 22	Pastor Kevin	
May 29	Adrian Lamkin - Great Rivers Region Area III Minister	
June 5	Guthrie Gardner	
June 12	Guthrie Gardner	
June 19	Katie Krabel	(Father's Day)
June 26	Lyndsey Kirk	
July 3	TBA	(Memphis Mission team departs on this day)
July 10	Memphis Mission Team	
July 17	Community VBS Service @ Methodist Church (no services at FBC)	
July 24	Guthrie Gardner	
July 31	Pastor Kevin	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Meetings 5:00pm Memphis Mtg.		2	3 12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir	4 National Day of Prayer 4:00pm Prayer Meeting at Pleasant Meadows	5	6
Mother's Day 8 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 4:00pm Youth		9	10 7:00pm Choir	11 7:00pm Choir	12	13 10:00am—12:00pm Clothing Distribution at the Christian Church
15 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 2:00pm CHS Baccalaureate @ FBC		16 Philathea Class Meeting	17 7:00pm Choir	18 7:00pm Choir	19	20 7:00pm CHS Graduation
22 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 4:00pm Youth		23	24 Kevin's sabbatical begins	25 7:00pm Choir	26	27
29 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 4:00pm Youth		30 Memorial Day	31			Praise the LORD! Praise Him for His mighty works; praise His unequalled greatness! Psalm 150:1-2