



The Vine: March 2016

ON THE VINE :

On Sunday, February 21, I celebrated the fact that I had just completed 18 years of service at the First Baptist Church of Chrisman. The reality is that most pastors stay at a church on average for about 3.5 years. That statistic has remained constant for many decades. Why have I been here for all those years? Let me say first that it is a "God-thing." He has wanted me to stay and I have not been led to another ministry. The second fact has to do with the body of Christ here at FBC. You are an amazing group of people who through the years have been willing to make changes that have allowed this church to remain vibrant and relevant. How things look today are much different than in 1998. The changes have been slow but beneficial. I am also grateful for those who continually serve, give and want what is best for the church. I believe that you want God's agenda in this place and not your own. I thank the Lord that He who began a good work in you can be trusted to complete it! **KEVIN**

Easter Cantata

When: Sunday, March 20 at 6pm

Where: Paris Assembly of God Church

The combined choirs of FBC and the Paris Assembly of God will bring us the cantata, *Champion of Love*. Following the cantata there will be a time of food and fellowship.

Easter Sunday

7:00am Sunrise Service

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am Worship

There will be an Easter Egg for all our children following the breakfast.

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Guthrie Gardner—Youth
Debbie Sims—Choir
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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 **\$2870** to this offering!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 12:15pm FCA @ CHS	2 5:45pm Choir at Paris Assembly of God	3	4	5
6 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Meetings 6pm Youth	7	8	9 12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir	10	11	12 Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour!	
13 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6pm Youth	14	15	16 12:15pm FCA @ CHS	17 5:45pm Choir at Paris Assembly of God	18	19	
Palm Sunday 20 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6pm Easter Cantata @ Paris	21 6pm Philathea Class Meeting @ Donna Taylor's	22	23 No FCA or Choir	24	Good Friday 25 7pm Community Good Friday Service @ Friends Chapel	26	
Easter 27 7am Sunrise Service 8am Breakfast 9am Worship	28	29	30 12:15pm FCA @ CHS No Choir	31			