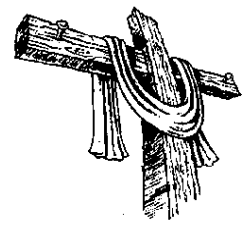


The Vine: March 2017



ON THE VINE :

In recent years contemporary Christian music groups like the Newsboys and Hillsong Worship have brought about a renewed interest in an important early church document called the Apostle's Creed. The Newsboys use the words from this creed in a song entitled "We Believe." Hillsong Worship does the same thing but the title of their song is "This I Believe." A couple decades earlier the late Rich Mullins wrote a similar song and entitled it "Creed."

You might be asking why is this important and what does this have to do with me. Here is why I think it is important. Before the 27 books of the New Testament were accepted and put together like we have them today, the early church fathers in the third and fourth centuries put together a profession of what the church believed. The first was the Apostle's Creed. This creed was circulated throughout the churches that existed during that time in order to make sure everyone was on the same page. In my opinion, the Apostle's Creed still holds relevance for us today because we see that the early church was serious about some very important doctrinal understandings that we believe. These beliefs continue to be the cornerstone of our Christian faith. If you have never read the Apostle's Creed, here are the words of that important document.

"I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick (living) and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen."

The Apostle's Creed is still an important document that is a benchmark for what Christians believe today. It should encourage us because we continue to believe and practice what the early church did as well. Even though centuries has passed, the church continues to embrace the same beliefs.

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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 **\$2890** to this offering!

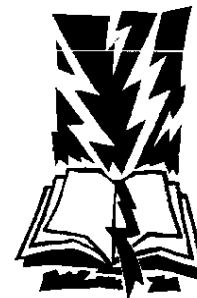
MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

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

6 Things Christians Should Start Doing!

by Jarrod 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 5: The Seven Deadly Sins – Greed & Envy****March 12: The Seven Deadly Sins - Laziness****March 19: The Seven Deadly Sins - Lust****March 26: The Seven Deadly Sins - Gluttony****Worship Attendance**

Feb. 5 60
 Feb. 12 59
 Feb. 19 65
 Feb. 26 57

**Don't forget to set
 your clocks ahead
 one hour on Friday
 night March 11!**

**(Day Light Savings
 Time Begins)**

A Few More Things:

If you have missed a Sunday and would like to listen to the Sunday morning message, please visit our webpage fbcchrisman.org.

Chrisman High School Theatre under the director of Cole Huber will be presenting the musical *The Drowsy Chaperone* on March 24, 25, 26th. The 26th will be an afternoon dinner presentation. Please see Cole for more information.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir		3	4
5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Deacon & Trustee Meetings 6pm Youth	6 1:30pm ABW Meeting at FBC	7	8 12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir		10	11 Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour!
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6pm Youth	13	14	15 12:15pm FCA @ CHS 7:00pm Choir		17	18
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6pm Youth	20 6pm Philathea Class Meeting at Donna Taylor's	21	22 12:15pm FCA @ CHS 6:00pm Choir @ Paris Assembly of God		24 CHS Theatre Presents The Drowsy Chaperon	25 CHS Theatre Presents The Drowsy Chaperon
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