

CHILDREN'S CORNER

VBS: What a great summer!!! *Sparks Studio* is in the books!!! What a great week!!! We enrolled 77 children in VBS. We averaged 67 children and 56 leaders each day. Our average for the week was 122 people on campus for 4 days!!! What a blessing!!!! Thank you church for your love and your leadership. We also had 8 salvation decisions and 2 rededications. Our mission offering went to the Austin Baptist Community Center in Austin. The kids collected \$451.26. With the offering taken at Parent's night, we will be sending \$1000.00 to the Austin Baptist Community Center. Thank you for your generosity!!!!

KID'S CLUB: Caitlin has been leading our Wednesday night *Summer Kid's Club*. The kids get to play, share Bible time, do crafts and have snacks. Thank you Caitlin for all of your planning!!!!!!!!!!!!

AWANA TIME: Our *AWANA* program will start up again on Wednesday, September 7 @ 6 p.m. in the Kay Building. You can register your children on-line at www.firstbaptistbuda.com. Our ages are 3 years old – 5th grade. Your child must be 3 yrs. old before September 1, 2022. We look forward to a wonderful year!

Please keep our leaders and children in your prayers!!!!
Children's Ministry Team

Happy Independence Day!



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4	Happy Independence Day!
July 5	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
July 6	Mid-Week Services: Prayer Meeting, Youth, Kids Summer Club, 6:00 PM
	Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM
	Choir Practice, 7:30 AM
July 7	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
	WMU, 10:00 AM
July 9	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 AM
July 10	Building & Grounds Committee, immediately following morning service, sanctuary classroom
	Budget & Finance Committee, 5:00 PM
July 11	Deacon's Meeting, 6:00 PM
July 12	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
July 13	Mid-Week Services: Prayer Meeting, Youth, Kids Summer Club, 6:00 PM
	Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM
	Choir Practice, 7:30 AM
July 14	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
July 19	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
July 20	Mid-Week Services: Prayer Meeting, Youth, Kids Summer Club, 6:00 PM
	Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM
	Choir Practice, 7:30 AM
July 21	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
July 26	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
July 27	Mid-Week Services: Prayer Meeting, Youth, Kids Summer Club, 6:00 PM
	Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM
	Choir Practice, 7:30 AM
July 28	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM



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**MISSION STATEMENT: WE
DESIRE TO HONOR GOD BY
LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOMING
FULLY DEVOTED**



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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

There is a song from country artist, Brad Paisley, that I like. It's called "American Flag on the Moon." I think the message of this song is a good one... one we need to hear and be reminded of in our day filled with such division and discord in our nation. We can't seem to agree on anything anymore, and our disagreeing is with more vitriol and hate-filled speech than most of us have ever heard. Americans threatening the lives of other Americans over semantics, and a difference of policies, and ideologies often peppered by lies and inaccuracies fed to the populous to gin up support for a particular side. It seems that the divide in our country has never been greater. With riots in the streets, threats to our democracy everywhere, many trying to take down our governing institutions, undermining our elections, we can't get along. The very ones we use to fight along side of for the freedoms and liberties we celebrate in this country, we now fight with and often violently. So Brad Paisley's song says, *"How do we honor those who have fallen, and died for this dream? I'm sure of one thing, it's not with gridlock or bickering! We're the children of explorers. We came here from every corner. The adventurers that settled this land, lead the world, fought tyranny, touched the stars, brought liberty. Let's do that again! Tonight I dare you to dream! Go on believe impossible things! Whenever anybody says, there's anything we can't do, I mean after all there's an American flag on the moon."* With God's help we can do anything!

I'm not at all sure we will ever stop the tide of bickering and gridlock in this county. I suspect that will go on and perhaps even intensify past the unprecedented levels we see today. I do believe, however, that believers, Christians, the true church of Jesus Christ on this earth could go a long way toward helping to heal the rift if we ourselves would take seriously the clear teaching and calling of scripture upon our own lives. I do know that the Bible says in Galatians 5:13-15, *"¹³ You, my brothers and sisters (Christians, believers), were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."* Isn't God reminding us in His very word to us that the "biting" and "devouring" we see going on today is going to destroy us?

It is destroying us! And that, therefore, as believers we need to "love well"... humbly... just as we love ourselves. I think, "What does that look like?" The most loving thing we can do is to share Jesus. He is our only hope!

The most loving thing you can do, Christian, is to be a part of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those who don't know Him, to do the hard work of sharing the gospel to a people who often don't even know they need to hear it, perhaps don't want to hear it, and in our minds refuse to hear it. I think Jesus meant it when He said the fields are *"white unto harvest (John 4:35)"*, meaning it's time to get in the field and reap the harvest. I keep hearing Christians, and those in the church today saying it can't be done, that the world is closed to the gospel, that people don't want to hear, that our world... our country is too far gone, that people are so secular, so evil, so vile that they hate the church and Christians and God and the things of God. That it is impossible! I'm telling you it's not impossible, and that the hope and healing of our nation is Jesus Christ. We must... must get out of our stale, and stagnant and in many cases dying churches and into the harvest fields of our country and start the hard work of picking the harvest by carefully loving and giving the message of Jesus Christ. How did Brad Paisley say it, *"How do we honor those who have fallen, and died for this dream? I'm sure of one thing, it's not with gridlock or bickering! We're the children of explorers. We came here from every corner. The adventurers that settled this land, lead the world, fought tyranny, touched the stars, brought liberty. Let's do that again! Tonight I dare you to dream! Go on believe impossible things! Whenever anybody says, there's anything we can't do, I mean after all there's an American flag on the moon."* We're not too far gone as a nation. I'm hopeful! And even more than that, remember *"With God nothing will be impossible! (Luke 1:37)."*
God bless America and God bless you! Bro Buddy

YOUTH NEWS—REMIND+

As this newsletter is being prepared, our youth group and their leadership are at Highland Lakes Camp and will return home on Friday, July 1. We will have wonderful news and stories to share with our church family upon our return. Thank you all for your wonderful support of our youth and leadership.

MUSIC NOTES

Happy July everyone! We're having a great summer, enjoying wonderful worship services, and entertaining many visitors to our services. It's a great time to join the choir. If you're interested, come join us on Wednesday nights after Bible Study. ***In His Name, Nancy***

WMU

The WMU recently introduced a new ministry, "Tabitha's Sewing". If you like to sew we can use your help sewing dresses and skirts to be donated to the TruChoice Pregnancy Center in San Marcos. If you are interested in helping, please contact Andree Brunk by text at 512-422-0130 or by e-mail at andree@austin.rr.com.

We will be introducing another ministry in the next few weeks. Thank you for always supporting our mission endeavors. WMU meets the first Thursday of each month. We would love to have more ladies come join us!



***God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairie,
to the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.***