

YOUTH RE+MIND

“23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” – Hebrews 10: 23-25 ESV.

The day has come at 30 years 2 months and 7 days I unintentionally get to use the phrase: “back in my day”. Because I remember back in my day when summer was longer than just 6 weeks but the actual 3 months they promised. However, we are here the month of the return to school which means that feelings of dread as your brief break is over, and the excitement at the start of new year begins. We have had a great time together as a youth ministry this summer a lot of fun times and a lot of times where we got to actually do the work God and serve people in His name. It is my prayer this time we’ve spent together this summer would be used to grow you closer to Jesus. I know this time is full of things that will pull you all in different directions with everything you all are involved in. I wish to in these 3 verses in Hebrews 10 give you 3 things to hold onto as you begin this school year.

- “Hold fast to the confession of our hope” – Remember who Jesus is and what He’s done for you and what He can do for the people at your school.
- “Stir up one another to love and good works” – You are not alone but you are a part of the family of God and encourage one another to do what good and right when you are on mission together at school.
- “[Don’t] neglect to meet together” – Our time together as a youth group is to give you a weekly space to take a breath and just gaze at God’s goodness and glory as we learn more about Him. Leaving all the other stuff behind as we fellowship together. Your soul needs time with other believers and ultimately with Him.

I am excited for what this school year may bring, I hope the Lord blesses you all in a thousand different ways this year.
Blessings, Trey Johnson

AUGUST EVENTS

August 1	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
August 2	Mid-week activities, Prayer Meeting, Youth, Kids Summer Program, 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
August 3	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM WMU, 10:00 AM
August 5	Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 AM
August 8	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
August 9	Mid-week activities, Prayer Meeting, Youth, Kids Summer Program, 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
August 10	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
August 11	Tabitha’s Sewing, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM
August 13	Building & Grounds Committee, 12N
August 14	Budget & Finance Committee, 4:00 PM Deacons Meeting, 5:00 PM
August 15	First Day of School Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
August 16	Mid-week activities, Prayer Meeting, Church-wide Back to School Bash, 6:00 PM Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
August 17	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
August 22	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
August 23	Mid-week activities, Prayer Meeting, Youth, Kids Summer Program, 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
August 24	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
August 29	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
August 30	Mid-week activities, Prayer Meeting, Youth, Kids Summer Program, 6:00 PM (last night for Kids Summer Program) Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
August 31	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM Operation Christmas Child work shop, 1:00 PM

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WE DESIRE TO HONOR GOD BY
LEADING PEOPLE TO
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

The old adage “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me” is simply not true. I think the sentiment of the statement may be an idealistic one. Namely that we just ignore unkind and hurtful words and not let them affect us, but the truth is they do hurt, and can hurt on several levels. They hurt not just our own personal feelings and heart, but they can hurt our reputation and sometimes even diminish us in the eyes of others. It can take years to dig out from under those sticks and stones. Words can do a great deal of damage to those who have been slandered. Slander is making a false verbal statement that damages someone’s reputation. Slander differs slightly from libel in that libel is a written defamation of character; slander is only spoken. The Bible says a lot about slander, in both Old Testament and New (Proverbs 10:18; 1 Peter 2:1). Slander is so high on God’s list of wrongs that He included it in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:16). The ninth commandment says, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” Bearing false witness includes slander because of the untruths being spread. Slander is simply lying about someone with the intent of causing others to view that person in a negative light.

Slander is malicious lying, and God hates lying (Proverbs 6:16–19; 12:22). Since God is the author of truth (John 14:6; 1 John 5:6), anything untrue is in opposition to His nature and therefore repulsive to Him. Both slander and gossip are wrong, and Scripture often condemns them together (Leviticus 19:16; Proverbs 16:27; 2 Corinthians 12:20), but slander takes gossip to a whole new level. Gossip collects someone’s secrets and passes them to others; slander makes up its own secrets and broadcasts them wherever they will do the most harm.

The New Testament references slander as part of our old sinful nature. Slander has no place in our lives when we become new creatures in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Colossians 3:7–8 says, “*You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.*” Our words are to be dedicated to the glory of God, just as our bodies are (Romans 12:1–2; Ephesians 4:29). Those who know God have a re-

sponsibility to refrain from slander, “*With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be*” (James 3:9–10). Slander is one practice that must be put to death if we intend to follow Jesus (see Romans 6:11–14).

God’s solution for slander is to love each other (John 13:34). To be forgiving and kind rather than injure others. We don’t slander people whom we love (1 Corinthians 13:4–7). Love wants the best for others, and that means guarding their reputations as we do our own (Matthew 7:12). “*Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law*” (Romans 13:10). When we focus on obeying the Lord by loving as He loves us, slander will not tempt us. I’m thankful to serve in a church that loves deeply and purely, that isn’t in the business of tearing down and slandered others with their words, but rather cares about building one another up in the Lord. Let’s be sure that the only sticks and stones we are interested in picking up are those that would become stepping stones to Jesus and walking sticks to help along the way. Let’s follow Paul’s God inspired words in Ephesians 4:29, “*Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*” ***All my love, Bro. Buddy***



CHILDREN’S CORNER

The Sunday School Team is always eager to welcome new teachers and helpers. Our children will be promoted at the beginning of the school year. If you are able to help in Sunday School, please contact Joyce @ 512-431-2773.

AWANA starts on Wednesday, September 6 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. & will be held in the Kay Building. Registration is available on the church website, www.firstbaptistbuda.com. If anyone is interested in sharing their testimony during large group time, please contact Nicole Wehrman @ 512-9214947. ***Thank you for your continued support, The Children’s Ministry Team***

WMU

The next meeting of the WMU is scheduled for Thursday, August 3 beginning @ 10:00 a.m. & will be held in the sanctuary classroom. We will discuss the upcoming mission offerings for the next few months.

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing and we are collecting items for the shoe boxes. There is a box in the church foyer to drop off your donations. For more information, please contact Diane Hill @ 512-210-4172.

MUSIC NOTES

Yes, it’s Back to School time! Summer break is over but they haven’t told the weather. Speaking of seasons - the choir has begun practicing ***Christmas*** music! You heard me right. Now is the **PERFECT** time to join the choir. We would love to have anyone with a love for the Lord and a love for music to join us on Wednesdays, right after Bible Study. ***In His Name, Nancy***

QUALIFIED NURSERY WORKER NEEDED!

The First Baptist Church of Buda Personnel Committee is looking for a new nursery worker to work on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for a total of 6-1/2 hours each week on a regular basis. If available, this person will also work 35 hours the week of VBS. Salary is based on experience. Please email your resume to: fbcbuda.personnel@gmail.com.