

MUSIC NOTES

Happy February!! I love this time of year - cool weather, chocolate hearts, etc. The choir is working hard on our Easter musical. Remember it's in March this year! If you'd like to join us in the choir, we'd love to have you. I love all of you who are already in choir. What a wonderful time we have together. *In His Name, Nancy*

WMU

WMU met on January 4, 2024 and established the church goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering which is **\$3,500**. We will collect donations beginning March 3rd and will accept donations throughout the month of March. Thank you church family for your continued support of our mission efforts.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

At FBC Buda, we have a wonderful Sunday School program for children ages 4 years old through 5th grade. The children learn about Jesus every week, through Bible stories, games, learning verses, and sharing ideas with each other.

The younger classes hear Bible stories and learn about Jesus through crafts and activities. The older classes use games, crafts, and the Bible to find out more about Jesus, his disciples, and how to share their faith with friends at home and at school.

Parents, we so appreciate your willingness to bring your children early to Sunday School, so they can continue growing in their understanding of how much Jesus loves them. May God open the children's hearts to learn how much Jesus loves them! See you in Sunday School!

We need someone to sub in our 3 & 4 year old class from January through March. Please contact Joyce Roach @ 512-431-2773 if you can help!!!

**Save the Date!** Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for June 3-6 from 8:30 a.m. until 12N daily.

Thank you for your continued prayers & support!  
*The Children's Ministry Team*

February Events

February 1	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
February 3	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 AM
February 4	Youth Vocal Ensemble, 4:00-5:00 PM
February 6	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM
February 7	Building Program Prayer Team, 11:00 AM Mid-week activities: 6:00-7:30 PM, Prayer Meeting, Youth, AWANA (Hugs & Kisses Night), Adult Bible Study Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
February 8	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
February 11	Building & Grounds Committee, 12N Youth Vocal Ensemble, 4:00-5:00 PM
February 12	Budget & Finance Committee, 4:00 PM Deacons Meeting, 6:00 PM
February 13	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM
February 14	<b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b> "WE LOVE YOU(th) DINNER" hosted by the Youth @ FBC Buda to say Thank You" for the church's continued support, 6:00-7:30 PM Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
February 15	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
February 18	Youth Vocal Ensemble, 4:00-5:00 PM
February 20	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM
February 21	Building Program Prayer Team, 11:00 AM Mid-week activities: 6:00-7:30 PM, Prayer Meeting, Youth, AWANA (Dig for Dollars Night), Adult Bible Study Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
February 22	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
February 25	VBS Meeting, 3:30 PM Youth Vocal Ensemble, 4:00-5:00 PM
February 27	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM
February 28	Mid-week activities: 6:00-7:30 PM, Prayer Meeting, Youth, AWANA (AWANA Store) Adult Bible Study Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
February 29	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM

**Matthew 22:37-39** - Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

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**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
*WE DESIRE TO HONOR GOD BY  
LEADING PEOPLE TO  
BECOMING FULLY DEVOTED  
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.*



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

“I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God. I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleanse by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.” We sing it every Sunday at the close of our services as a reminder and declaration of the joy and privilege that is ours to get to worship together, fellowship together, encourage one another, and just share Jesus in common as the body of Christ. I think the song, “The Family of God” written by Bill and Gloria Gaither, is a beautiful picture of what we have and share at FBC Buda, and I’m so happy in Jesus about it all the time. I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God and that we affirm so each Sunday. We are blessed!

But have you ever read or heard the other verses to the song... the verses that don’t usually get sung? They are power expressions of the church, the family of God, and a further reminder of why I am so thankful for... you, my church family at FBC Buda. Here is the second verse; “You will notice we say ‘brother and sister’ ‘round here. It’s because we’re a family and these folks are so near; when one has a heartache we all share the tears, and rejoice in each victory in this family so dear.” So true isn’t it? There is a closeness, a warmth of caring and compassion, a concern, lots of sweet embracing. Wow, if you are uncomfortable getting hugged, better look out at one of our family gatherings, cause’ someone will surely grab you and hug you, and maybe even kiss you on the cheek. It just happens around here! I’m just saying! And shouldn’t it be so? I have said it before, but I just think that when people walk into a Christ centered church, they ought to be “bowled over” by the love of Jesus flowing from believers in that Church. They ought not to hear critical nagging, complaints, grumbling, and people not getting along, pushing of personal agendas, or a bullying of others. They ought not see grimaces, and scowls, and snarky expressions. They ought to see the joy, and love of the Lord flowing from our lives. They ought to see us loving each other, and feel the welcoming arms of Jesus extended through us. I pray it is so!

Here is the third verse of this great song... this is my favorite, “From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King... no longer an outcast, a new song I sing; from

rags unto riches, from the weak to the strong, I’m not worthy to be here, but, praise God, I belong! Now, that’s my song! That is exactly how I feel about it! This third verse is my testimony, and really it is the testimony of every believer... every Christian! And if it is so, then the church will really be that family of God that we ought to be and ought to reflect, that we ought to be emulating... one that will literally “bowl” them over with the love and grace of Jesus we have experienced and therefore flows from our life. I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God! Aren’t you? I love my church family. I love First Baptist Buda. It is one of my greatest joys to get to be your pastor, and get to serve in a place that has such a legacy of faith in my own life. I feel connected to this place and to you. And I feel God is not through with FBC Buda. He is still at work building His work here and using this church to touch the lives of others through every Sunday School class, every children’s and youth program, through our worship and fellowship together, through the singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs in worship, through prayer times together, through Bible studies together, through outreach programs... OCC, missions emphasis offerings, mission trips and projects, and more. I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God and I’m so glad I get to be a part of the family at FBC Buda.

*I love you, Bro. Buddy*



## YOUTH RE+MIND

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Youth Super Bowl Party** – Sunday, February 11th, 2024 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- **WE LOVE YOUTH DINNER** – Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- **World Changers Lake Charles** – June 10th-15th
- **Highland Lakes Journey Camp** – July 16th-20th

