

MUSIC NOTES

I can hardly believe it is already April. What an AMAZING Easter we had!! Our Good Friday service was so very special and our services on Easter Sunday were breathtaking. Thank you to everyone who made the weekend so special. Thank you, adult choir, for your ability and availability and commitment to learning and performing the musical. It was so beautiful.

As we look forward to spring, I'm hoping that anyone who has been wanting to join our choir will seriously consider it at this time. It is the PERFECT time to join. **Love to you all, In His Name, Nancy**

WMU

Our church goal for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was **\$3,500**. To date, FBC Buda has raised **\$4,741**. Thank you church family for always supporting our WMU. The next meeting of the WMU will be on Thursday, April 4th @ 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary classroom.

YOUTH RE+MIND

Upcoming Events:

- **April 21—Hot dogs, ice cream social, bake sale, 12:30 PM**

- **June 10-15—World Changers, Lake Charles, LA**

Lake Charles is a construction-based project. These projects specialize in serving a community by meeting a physical need. Groups most often serve by working on someone's home through work like painting, handicap ramps, and more. Students are equipped and encouraged to build relationships with homeowners and community members in hopes of sharing the gospel. All programming like a speaker and worship, in addition to food and lodging, are covered in the registration fee.

- **July 16-20—Highland Lakes Journey Camp**

Journey Camp is an amazing 5 day adventure for students who have completed 7th-12th grade. The week is packed with exciting activities, deep fellowship time, powerful worship, and most importantly God's truth. Students are challenged in their relationships with Christ and with each other as they encounter God's love and the joy of a life devoted to Him.

Youth camp scholarships: If you'd like to help one of our students attend camp this summer, the cost is \$300 per person. Partial scholarships are appreciated as well. Please make checks payable to FBC Buda and designate it as **"Youth Camp"**. Thank you for your continued support!

APRIL EVENTS

April 1	Student Holiday
April 2	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM
April 3	Building a Legacy Prayer Team, 11:00 AM Mid-week Activities: 6:00—7:30 PM Prayer Mtg., Youth, AWANA (Crazy t-shirt), Adult Bible Study Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
April 4	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM WMU, 10:00 AM
April 6	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 AM Safe Church Cert./Re-cert., 9:00 AM
April 7	Special Called Business Meeting, 4:00 PM
April 9	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM
April 10	Mid-week Activities: 6:00—7:30 PM Prayer Mtg., Youth, AWANA (Silly Socks), Adult Bible Study Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
April 11	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
April 14	Youth Vocal Ensemble, 4:00-5:00 PM
April 15	VBS registration available on-line
April 16	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM Budget & Finance Committee Mtg., 4:00 PM Deacons Meeting, 6:00 PM
April 17	Building a Legacy Prayer Team, 11:00 AM Mid-week Activities: 6:00—7:30 PM Prayer Mtg., Youth, AWANA (Pox night), Adult Bible Study Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
April 18	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
April 20	Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Garage Sale, 8:00 AM
April 21	Quarterly Business Meeting, 12N Hot Dogs, ice cream social & bake sale, All proceeds benefit the Youth, 12:30 PM
April 23	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM
April 24	Mid-week Activities: 6:00—7:30 PM Prayer Mtg., Youth, AWANA (Sunglasses), Adult Bible Study Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
April 25	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
April 28	Work on VBS decorations, 3:00-5:00 PM Youth Vocal Ensemble, 4:00-5:00 PM
April 30	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM

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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

Do you ever feel that you just need a little reviving of your spiritual walk with Christ? Maybe things aren't what they use to be in your spiritual life and relationship with Jesus. You're not as close as you were at one time. Your time in God's Word isn't as rich, your prayers not as deep, your faithfulness to His church and His people not as important... so what you need is just a little reviving? Or maybe you have felt like what you need is restoring of your relationship like a worn out piece of furniture needs restoring? Your faith has taken a hit and you are weary, worn out, discouraged, feeling a bit haggard? Maybe you feel like what you need is renewal? "I just need a fresh start, a new beginning... I need renewal!" I've felt and prayed for all of those things. I think this old world leaves us, hurting, yearning, longing, reaching for reviving... restoring... renewal. It really does! And if you're honest you know what I'm talking about and in all likely hood you've earnestly prayed for one or all of those things at one time or another in your life... maybe it's your prayer right now.

Can I tell you something God has been showing and revealing to me in my own life and struggle lately? What is dead and dying... decaying, doesn't need reviving, restoring, nor renewal. No, it's dead and dying, and in all likelihood probably needs to. If you revive, restore, or just renew what is dying... well, what you really get is just a mess. Lazarus didn't need reviving, restoring or renewal. He needed resurrection. What I need in my life is not the reviving I so long for, nor the restoration that I dream of, nor just a time of renewal. I need a total resurrection. I need God to bring resurrection life to me... to resurrect my faith, my love for Him and others, my heart. I need resurrection hope in this uncertain world. I need Him to resurrect, cause to come to life, what is dead and dying in me because of the sinner that I am. I need resurrection. And isn't that what Jesus came to do? He didn't come just to make this dead life better here and now. He came to not just die on a cross. He came to rise from the dead... resurrection life... to conquer death and sin. And He can give new life, meaning, and purpose to us. We've just celebrated His glorious resurrection with our special Easter weekend right at the end of March... what a tremendous time of worship with Good Friday on the Flat, and our Easter SonRise Service early on Resurrection Sunday, then the beautiful gospel message in song presented by our Choir, "The Hope of the Cross." All of that a reminder of what the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, really means. And not only that, all around us creation screams it out as Spring ushers in new life bursting forth reminding us that what we need is not restoring, nor reviving. We need new life resurrection!

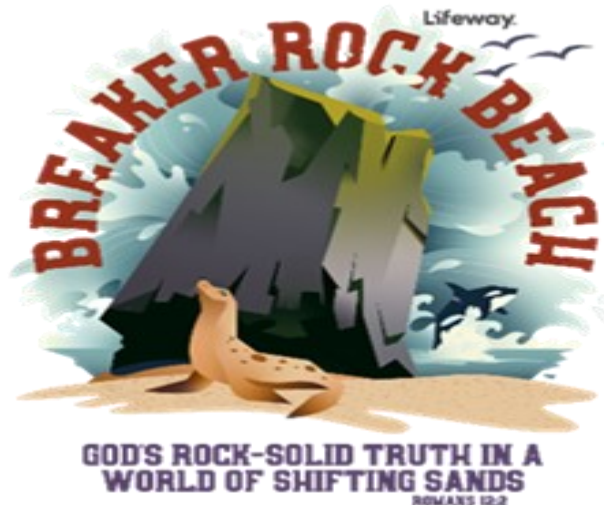
Listen to Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, *"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."* The song "Resurrection" by Christian singer/songwriter Nicol Sponberg, says it pretty well;

I'm at a loss for words, there's nothing to say, I sit in silence wondering what led me to this place
How did my heart become so lifeless and cold, where did the passion go?
When all my efforts seem like chasing wind, I've used up all my strength and there's nothing left to give
I've lost the feeling and I'm numb to the core, I can't fake it anymore.

Here I am at the end I'm in need of resurrection
Only You can take this empty shell and raise it from the dead
What I've lost to the world, what seems far beyond redemption
You can take the pieces in Your hand and make me whole again
You speak and all creation falls to its knees
You raise Your hand and calm the waves of the raging sea
You have a way of turning winter to spring,
You make something beautiful out of all this suffering

What we need is resurrection? Let Him resurrect... cause to come to life, something in you.

Resurrection Blessings To You, Bro. Buddy



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Spring has sprung and we are so thankful for everyone who is volunteering to help with our children. Children's ministry is where we plant all the seeds - and watch them grow. Seeing these kids learn stories of God and grow with their love for him is such a blessing.

We had 45 kids in AWANAs last week - most of these kids and their families do not attend here at FBC Buda but this ministry is how we have gotten some of our families. These children love God - so if you want to be impressed by their knowledge and stand in awe, feel free to volunteer with us. Joyce Roach or Nicole Wehrman can get you signed up.

We are gearing up for Vacation Bible School - this is going to be amazing! Breaker Rock Beach is June 3-6th from 8:30-12:00 N daily. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Marcia McClendon, 512-757-6778 or Ralph McClendon, 512-757-4787. Registration will be on our website beginning April 15th.

Children's Church and Nursery are growing as well - we can always use volunteers in these areas. Hear the favorite Bible stories in a whole new light from a child's eyes. Sign-up sheets are on the wall in the children/nursery hallway, or contact Joyce Roach, 512-431-2773 or April Moses, 5210-317-2423.

April 6th @ 9:00 a.m. is our church wide Safe Church certification/recertification. Please mark your calendars and let's get this done for the next 2 years. If you volunteer with any of our children's or youth programs you are required by our insurance carrier to be safe church certified for the children's/youth's safety and ours. It's easy - no worries. See you there. **Children's Ministry Team**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." ~ John 1:1-5