

MUSIC NOTES

Happy May everyone! What an amazing time of year. You all know how excited I am about the end of school. Woo Hoo!!!!

If you've been interested at all in joining our choir, now is a GREAT time! Join us on Wednesday nights right after Bible Study. Can't wait to see you. *In His Name, Nancy*

WMU

WMU will meet on Thursday, May 2 in the sanctuary classroom. During the month of May we will be collecting canned goods for the Baptist Community Center in Austin. Please place your donations in the box labeled "**Baptist Community Center**" located in the church foyer.

YOUTH RE+MIND

Upcoming Events:

- **May 19—Senior Recognition Day @ FBC Buda**
- **May 23—Last Day of School**
- **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, Spicewood, TX**

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!*

MAY EVENTS

May 1	Building a Legacy Prayer Team, 11:00 AM Mid-week activities: 6:00-7:30 PM Prayer Mtg., Youth, AWANA (store), Adult Bible Study, Choir Practice
May 2	National Day of Prayer Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM WMU, 10:00 AM
May 4	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 AM OCC garage sale set up, 7:00 AM OCC garage sale, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
May 5	Ice Cream Social/Bake Sale/Hot Dog Lunch Immediately following worship service Youth Vocal Ensemble, 4:00-5:00 PM
May 7	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM
May 8	Mid-week activities: 6:00-7:30 PM Prayer Mtg., Youth, AWANA (year end review), Adult Bible Study, Choir Practice
May 9	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
May 12	Happy Mother's Day!
May 14	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM Budget & Finance Committee, 4:00 PM Deacons Meeting, 6:00 PM
May 15	Building a Legacy Prayer Team, 11:00 AM AWANA Award Ceremony, 6:00 PM Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
May 16	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
May 19	National Day of Prayer for VBS Senior Recognition Day, morning service
May 21	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM
May 22	Mid-week activities: 6:00-7:30 PM Prayer Mtg., Youth, Kids Summer Program, Adult Bible Study, Choir Practice
May 23	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
May 27	Memorial Day
May 28	Precepts Bible Study, 1:00 PM
May 29	Building a Legacy Prayer Team, 11:00 AM
May 30-June 1	Decorate for VBS
May 31	Mid-week activities: 6:00-7:30 PM Prayer Mtg., Youth, Kids Summer Program, Adult Bible Study, Choir Practice

NOTE: PRECEPTS BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS @ 1:00 PM WILL MEET @ THE HOME OF CAROLE HITE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THE GROUP, CALL CAROLE @ 830-279-4036.*

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MISSION STATEMENT:
WE DESIRE TO HONOR GOD BY
LEADING PEOPLE TO
BECOMING FULLY DEVOTED
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

This may sound silly to you, and not at all how this should be done, but I was born in 1961 so I have always thought of Psalm 61 as my Psalm. It is not only a beautiful Psalm, but it is one that on many occasion has been very personal for me, a great comfort, even very healing and heart settling for me... just what I needed. I have to tell you that I find this Psalm my heart cry even today, in these times.

“¹Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer. ²From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. ³For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy. ⁴I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah ⁵For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name. ⁶You will prolong the king's life, His years as many generations. ⁷He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him! ⁸So I will sing praise to Your name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.”

I cannot tell you how often this has been my prayer, my song, the utterance of the deepest recess of my soul, and has kept me steadfast and fastened to God's call on my life and what I am going through. It is true today! I have a “rock” that is higher than me. I have a strong tower to run too. I have a place to abide that won't be taken from me no matter what. I have wings to hide under and be sheltered by. I'm not just uttering these words as some kind of wishful thinking, hoping that if I say it, it might be true. It is true! I've seen it! I've lived it! I've not just felt it, I've experienced it just as this Psalm, my Psalm says it. I'm not saying I've always done it well... I haven't! Many times I've wanted to run the other way, wanted to quit, give up, walk away, lick my wounds, been frustrated beyond relief, discouraged beyond help, cried, ached, and wanted to do the wrong thing... probably have many times. But if I can just find my way back to 61 something happens. I can breathe. I can rest. I can hope in that rock, in that strong tower, under that wing. Oh, folks please hear me at this point... God is so good and so faithful! He really is!

There are things in this life we get tethered to, sometimes early on... many things we ought not to be tethered to, habits and behaviors, personality traits that control

us, our own insecurities and fears, our past, past failures and disappointments, our pride, toxic relationships, our poor discernment and listening to the wrong people and voices in our life, anger, bitterness, resentment, and more. Oh, the things we get tethered to. When things happen, and life gets challenging, hard times come, pressures mount, our dreams and plans get crushed, our heart gets broken, people disappoint us... when things happen, often we feel the tug of those things our life is tethered to reminding us we are tied, and can't break loose, and we sink into old ways and the despair of what has tethered us. I know this is true! I've been there! I know! I think this must have been on the Apostle Paul's heart when he wrote these word in Colossians 3:2-9, “²Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. ⁵Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. ⁸But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.” Tether your life to the things of God, not on the things and ways of this world!

Oh, if we ever would tether our life to something like Psalm 61 and the promises therein contained, tether our life to God and His promises, who He is, to what He can do, to resting in Him, waiting on Him, letting Him take care of it... to the rock, the strong tower, the sheltering wings of care and protection... get tethered to that. I was born in 1961 and Psalm 61 is where I will tether my life. I will run to the God of Psalm 61! **Blessings, Bro. Buddy**

The annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser for TruChoice Pregnancy Center will be from Mother's Day, May 12, through Father's Day, June 16. Baby bottles will be available on Mother's Day for you to take & fill, then return by Father's Day. Thank you for your support!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

With summer just around the corner our thoughts are on one of our biggest ministry outreach programs...VBS. Our theme this year is “Breaker Rock Beach”, God's rock-solid truth in a world of shifting sands (Romans 12:2). VBS will be June 3rd – June 6th from 8:30 a.m. until noon daily. T-shirts are available to purchase @ a cost of \$10. All VBS workers are asked to wear their shirt on Sunday, May 19th for the National Day of Prayer for VBS. For more information contact Ralph or Marcia McClendon @ 512-757-6778. Remember, Safe Church Certification is a **MUST** to work in any program involving our children.

On Wednesday, May 15th our AWANA Program wraps up its 2023/2024 session. Please join us for our Awards and Closing ceremony @ 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the program.

Our Children's Summer Program will begin on Wednesday, May 22nd in the Kay Building. Our lovely Caitlin Quigley will once again be heading up this program. For more information please contact Caitlin @ 409-771-2039. **In His Service: The Children's Ministry Team.**

