The Danger of Minimal Success,

“So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. “

Rev. 3:16

The cover letter to the declaration of independence, written by John Hancock declared:

Impressed with this sentiment, and at the same time fully convinced that our affairs will take a more favorable turn, The Congress have judged it necessary to dissolve all connection between Great Britain and the American Colonies, and to declare them free and independent States as you will perceive by the enclosed Declaration, which I am directed to transmit to you.

The debate of whether to declare freedom from England or find middle ground was on the agenda of the First Continental Congress. Joseph Galloway of Pennsylvania thought he had found the compromise. He was convinced the colonies could flourish better under British rule and the Empires would afford the colonists greater liberties than any nation on earth. It was tempting. In fact his motion almost passed as it was defeated by only one vote.

We know the rest of the story. Independence was declared and the greatest freedom and liberty ever experienced by a nation far exceeded the promised returns of Joseph Galloway. Yes, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, and all the other founders could have settled for minimal success. But, they wanted more and now we are the beneficiaries of their success that exceeds the patriots’ dreams.

The toxicity of minimal success threatens enduring and complete success. It waters down breakthroughs and can abort the birth of movements. Experiencing just enough movement to make a happy beginning but not enough momentum to climb the hill will leave you stuck on the wrong side. Celebrating successful indicators of what is to come and being satisfied with happy markers of a good start will convince us we have done enough.

I think this is what Jesus describes as the luke warm church. They made a fervent start, experienced flashes of success, and became content with a good beginning and thus abandoned a strong finish. We in our walks with God and our communal efforts can become comfortable with minimal success. The driving question is not have we started—but are we there yet?

So let’s press on. Celebrate the good happenings among us but understand it’s simply a taste and not the feast!

Have a Blessed July,
Matt Hudson

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**FBC Mission**

FBC of Taylor is a community of Christ followers empowered by the Holy Spirit to glorify God and to impact our world.

**FBC Vision**

We will become a diverse body who takes ownership in engaging its membership in vital ministries.

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**VBS is July 25-29**

Information for participants and volunteers
Check out page 3

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**Family Ministry ROADTRIPS**

**August 11**

Tubing in New Braunfels
Caravan Leaving
FBC Parking Lot at 9 am
More info to come as it gets closer!!!

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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:30 am  Worship
9:45 am  Bible Study (all ages)
10:00 am Nursing Home Ministry
11:00 am Worship
News & Reminders:

- 2016/17 Fall Registration is online
- New online billing & payment system ready to start our Fall sessions
- Extending our hours for Fall school year to accommodate more families and continue to use our building 5 days/week

Our first summer session was amazing!
We had a ton of fun learning, painting, splashing, going on various field trips.
Every week is based off of a favorite children’s book.
Then we pull enriching activities and story extenders out of each book bringing the stories to life!

What about Summer?

WE HAVE ONE MORE SESSION LEFT!
Session 2: June 28th–July 14th

Reg Fees: $40.00
Session fee under 5yrs: $235.00
Session fee for 6 and up: $175.00
{fees are per child per session}

Contact Jennifer Nunamaker to see about enrollment.

Encountering Children & Families, Connecting through quality care and Impacting future generations through the love of Jesus.
Vacation Bible School
July 25-29, 2016
(for those that have completed K-5th)

FREE registration online for kids and workers:
www.fbctaylor.org/children

MANDATORY worker’s meeting:
SAVE THE DATE!
Monday, July 18th
7:30pm

If your ministry has need for childcare workers, please request by the 10th of the previous month.
HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY

Mallard Property Prayer Walk
The signs are still up and the walk is again mowed for you to enjoy personal prayer walks around the Mallard property!

Powerhouse Schedule

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MoPS of Taylor

Our next scheduled monthly meeting will be in September.

We will be posting play dates & family friendly community activities, so be sure to follow us on Facebook & Instagram to stay connected.

facebook.com/mops.taylor
Instagram @mopsoftaylor
mopsoftaylor@gmail.com
Summer Hangouts
Tuesdays – Thursdays
12 PM – 3 PM
Location: FBC Taylor – 701 Davis Street

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Find Pictures From M3 Camp & the Miami Mission Trip at fbctaylor.org/youth
When you think of relationships, what comes to mind? Friendship, fun, love... Yes, they are all those things, but real relationships take work. They are not always pretty in pink. We hurt each other whether we mean to or not. So when we hit a bump, what do we do with it? What’s the condition of our heart? Do we think the best in that person and freely forgive? Or do we hone in on how we were hurt and hold hard feelings?

We know that everyone reading this has been in this situation. So ask yourself. What did it take to move forward and mend that relationship? That’s where Forgiveness comes in. If we are unable to forgive, the relationship is wounded and either ends, or always has a tender spot where that hurt lies.

So what holds us back from forgiveness? Pride! I know, harsh right? But it’s true. Jesus told us to freely forgive. After all, he forgives all of us. every. day. And multiple times a day. He died on the cross to free us all from our sins. So who are we to withhold forgiveness, when we ourselves are sinners and in need of forgiveness?

It’s hard. We are hurt. And they (friend, husband, sibling) hurt us and we don’t want to talk, see, or let alone forgive them. It’s just easier to ignore it or them all together. But you see there is freedom in forgiveness. We are made in God’s image. There is a healing that happens in us when we forgive. Once we freely forgive someone...truly forgive them, we are given a peace from God. Jesus exemplified this for us while he lay on the cross.

When we follow God’s guidelines for relationships, which includes forgiveness we grow closer to Him. We can feel His love and support and comfort. Why would we hold back from such a rich blessing like that.

July
Marriage Tidbits

“Forgive”
Ephesians 4:32 Instead, be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Luke 23:34
"Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing".

Johnnie and Julie,

Men's Ministry

No July
Men's Breakfast
SAVE THE DATES
8/6-Men’s Shoot Out Breakfast
8/19-20 Men’s Retreat

Relocation Steering Team (RST) Update
No new updates at this time.

Watch for updates in next months newsletter.

Continue to pray for the RST on a daily basis!

Dave Bogan, Randy Burnum, Kathy Dabbs, Keith Hagler (Team Lead), Jack Jordan, Mark Laurence, Jennifer Nunamaker, Mike Townsend, Anita Volek

Do you have any overdue books that need to come home to the FBC Library? Return them and check out another adventure for the summer.
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I just want to thank all of my wonderful friends at First Baptist for your cards and phone calls and visits as I celebrated my 96th birthday. Each one of you is so precious to me, and I look at each card and pray for your families and think back with fond memories of our times together in Taylor. I enjoy hearing from each one of you, and know that one day we will be together for eternity. I love each one of you — Mary Baldwin

Prayer Group Opportunities

Wednesday Mornings 9:15 AM
(Church Library)
Wednesday Evenings 6:00 PM
(2808 Tyler Lane)
Alvie/Eileen Goodnough Bronson’s

Deadline for the August Newsletter is:
July 25, 2016
Please Submit to:
newsletter@fbctaylor.org

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