

**Bolder
Than the State
of Texas**

Stories & Conversations
on Living Faith



What is this?

Community Autobiography

- Stories of our past
- Stories of our present
- Hopes for our future

**Where are they
coming from?**

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coming from?**

From all of us!

What will it look like?

Three Components

- Text
- Audio
- Video

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Text:

- eBook
- Print on Demand

(This means FUMC gets 60-70% of the proceeds.)

Three Components

Audio:

- StoryCorps archives
- FUMC website
- CD

See the information sheet and our web page for links

Three Components

Video:

- FUMC's YouTube channel
- DVD

**What do we need
from you?**

Your stories!

**“Do I even *have* a
story?” you ask . . .**

“Do I even *have* a
story?” you ask . . .

Of course you do.

We all do, and we want yours.

So, what do I do now?

- Think about your stories—remember, our subtitle is “Stories and Conversations about Living Faith.”
- Review the prompts we’ve created (see the handouts as well as our page on the FUMC website).
- Jot down notes and ideas during the worship services (insert provided in the bulletin!).

So, what do I do now?

- Brainstorm
- Talk with others about your ideas—you can write in pairs or groups as well as on your own.
- Consider how you want to share your story—verbally, in writing, or both.

So, what do I do now?

- Download the StoryCorps App to your device
- Outline some points to structure your conversation
- Start writing!

Recording Session

- September 9
- Church office area

(Details are subject to change—watch the newsletter for specifics, and additional dates.)

Written Stories

- Email them to us:

bolderthantexas@gmail.com

- Submit through the website:

<https://fumcaustin.org/writing-workshop/>

Also . . .

- *Bolder Than Texas* is, in the immortal words of Planet Fitness, a “Judgement Free Zone.” Don’t hold out on us because you’re worried about the writing or telling.
- Amy and Caroline are awesome editors. We will work with you as much (or little) as you need, at every stage of the process.