

# More than Words: the Art of Communication\*

## Announcement for a Speech Communication Class, Easley Location Fall 2013

Registration is now open for “More than Words: the Art of Communication”— a class that focuses on the principles of effective communication through both public speaking and performing arts.

### Vital Information...

**Day:** Wednesday, weekly for Fall semester

**Time:** 9:00am – 10:30am Fall semester; 21 hours of instruction, 14 classes

**Date:** Begins August 21, 2013 and ends November 20, 2013

**Place:** Trinity Point Church in Easley (1938 Brushy Creek Rd., Easley, SC 29642)

**Cost:** \$215 per student, plus a \$35 facility fee.†

**Text:** Effective Speech for the Christian‡, by Lonnie Polson; one 3 ring binder with 3 dividers

**Class:** For ages 14 and up (unless with older sibling or advanced 8th grader). The class size will be limited to 18 students.

### About the Teacher...

It all started when Stephanielynn Būda decided to get rid of her fear of speaking in front of people and enrolled in her first speech class her senior year in high school ... ☺ By the time her senior year was over, she had 2 performance classes and a year of competitive debate under her belt. She began college majoring in English, but by her sophomore year, she changed her major to Communication with a specialization in Performance Studies. She graduated with her degree in 2005 from Bob Jones University and decided to continue her education with a Master's degree in Performance Studies. As she earned her degree, she worked as a teaching assistant (instructing Fundamentals of Speech) and traveled as an assistant debate coach with BJU's Intercollegiate debate team. She graduated with her post-grad degree in 2007 and stayed at Bob Jones University as full-time faculty for 3 years, during which she added Performance Studies classes to her teaching portfolio and served as the faculty advisor for the BJU Debate Association. Fall 2013 begins her 8<sup>th</sup> year teaching; currently, Stephanie teaches at Greenville Technical College in addition to instructing high school courses in speech and debate (both value and policy) with a homeschool group in her community. In addition, she has the privilege of being the coach of the Upstate Area Debate Club in both the speech and debate capacities. Stephanie loves being married to her best friend, Brian, and being a momma to her baby girl, Ellise Caroline. In her “free time,” Stephanie enjoys tutoring, writing, reading random books in random genres, and doing artsy-type things. ☺

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\* A Charis Communications course. For more information on other class offerings, visit [www.chariscommunications.wordpress.com](http://www.chariscommunications.wordpress.com).

† The facility fee is based on (and divided by) the enrollment of total students/participants that typically register in the classes/clubs for the semester.

‡ Printed by Bob Jones University Press. Can be ordered online at [www.bjucampusstore.com](http://www.bjucampusstore.com).

## About the Course...

More than Words: The Art of Communication course is designed to teach your student the principles of eloquent speaking and provide a good foundation for effective communication in both public speaking and performing arts.

We will be discussing communication in three different parts throughout the semester:

- Communication itself: what it is, what types there are, how we communicate both verbally and non-verbally, and the importance of communicating our beliefs clearly
- Public speaking: how to choose a topic, think about our audience, organize our thoughts, choose our words wisely, know our message well, and deliver it with confidence and humility
- Performing arts: how to pick a story to tell, know the author's intent of the piece, and how to analyze characters and portray them well in performance.

The class itself will be taught according to the rules of The National Christian Forensics and Communications Association ([www.ncfca.org](http://www.ncfca.org)), which "believes that formal speech and debate can provide a means for homeschooled students to learn and exercise analytical and oratorical skills, addressing life issues from a Biblical worldview in a manner that glorifies God."

More than Words: The Art of Communication can be counted as ½ high school credit, if you choose to do so. Also, once a student completes this communication course, he/she becomes eligible to participate in the speech division of the Upstate Area Debate Club for additional credit. (The speech club meets at a separate time than debate and does not conflict or overlap with debate club times.) The Upstate Area Debate Club, through its participation in the NCFCA in both speech and debate categories, is geared for experience in performance in both activities and preparation (in club) and competition (through tournaments).

## About Registration...

Complete the registration form (page 3) mail now with the \$35 facility fee to secure a spot for your child in the class. The balance of \$215 will be due by June 20. All fees are nonrefundable.

Send a check made payable and mail to:

Stephanie Buda  
104 Baldwin Circle,  
Mauldin, SC, 29662

For any questions about registration or the class, please contact me at [communicatecharis@gmail.com](mailto:communicatecharis@gmail.com).

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## Registration Form, Easley Location

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**Please fill out a separate form for each student you are registering. Mail form and check to the address below.**

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Student's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall 2013 \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' email address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Students and parents are asked to read all emails (and respond, if prompted) concerning the class throughout the semester.

Signed,

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

"We, the parents of \_\_\_\_\_, assume full responsibility for any accident/medical insurance needed to cover our child in the case of accidental injury, or the like, while our child is attending More than Words speech class. We will not hold the class or the facility (where the class is held) responsible in any manner for injury. Furthermore, I or my spouse agree to read all emails concerning the More than Words: The Art of Communication class and to reply promptly when asked."

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail the completed form with along with the facility fee of \$35. The balance of \$215 will be due by **June 20**. Refunds will not be issued at any time should your child decide to drop out of the class. Make check payable to Stephanie Buda and mail to:

Stephanie Buda, 104 Baldwin Circle, Mauldin, SC 29662