

The Encourager

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Service Times

Sunday Service

Sunday School.....	9AM
Morning Worship.....	10 :25AM
Discipleship Training.....	5PM
Preschool & Children 's	
Classes.....	5PM
Youth Connect	
Groups.....	5PM
Evening Service.....	6PM

Wednesday Service

Adult Prayer.....	6:15PM
Children & Preschool	
Classes.....	6:00PM
Youth Service.....	6:00PM

Office Hours

Monday.....	8AM-5PM
Tuesday.....	8AM-5PM
Wednesday.....	8AM-5PM
Thursday.....	8AM-5PM

How to Survive the Storms of Life

In Acts 27 Paul is being transported to Rome to stand trial before the Roman Emperor because of his witness for Christ. The ship on which he was traveling encountered a major storm and the ship was wrecked on the sandy shore of an island.

HOW TO SURVIVE THE STORMS OF LIFE

Secure the Foundations

"As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along." (Acts 27: 16-17)

We need to make sure our lives are built on the foundation of a personal relationship with Jesus. Storms come in every life. Jesus said the man who builds his house on sand will lose it when the storms come against it. But the house built on the rock will stand when the storms come.

David said in Psalm 19, "the Lord is my Rock and my Redeemer."

Get Rid of Hindrances

"We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands." (Acts 27:18-19)

Hebrews 12:1 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Strengthen Your Faith

"Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be



afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me." (Acts 27: 23-25)

Strengthen your faith... by recalling past times when God has delivered you; by writing down some of the promises of God's Word and reading them repeatedly; by inserting your own name into the written promises of God's Word; by staying in church (we need the family of God more than ever); by staying in God's Word ("Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" Psalm 119:105.)

Strengthen Your Body

"Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. 'For the last fourteen days,' he said, 'you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven't eaten anything. Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.'" (Acts 27:33-34)

Other than times when we are led to fast from food, etc... we should care for our bodies, the temple of the Holy Spirit. Rest, eat, and exercise. Allowing ourselves to become physically depleted just adds to the other diffi-

culties we're experiencing.

Remember God Will Eventually Calm the Storm

"The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely." (Acts 27:42-44)

In Luke 8, Jesus and His disciples were crossing the sea of Galilee when a storm hit and the boat was suddenly in danger of sinking.

Jesus was asleep, and the disciples began to panic. They cried, "Master, Master we're going to drown!" Jesus rebuked the wind and the storm and all was calm. Jesus said to His disciples, "Where is your faith?"

We don't have to be overcome by the storm because we serve the Commander of the storm! David said in Psalm 56:3, "When I am afraid I will trust in God."

Fellow Servant of the Commander of the Storm,
Bro. Neil



Hey there!

Cross Camp Is coming soon! Camp dates are June 29-July 4. Cost is \$270 and that covers everything. **The Total (or remainder if you paid the deposit) is due Sunday May 24th or Wednesday May 27th.** Speaker is Eddie Briery and Worship is Michael Young and the Good Times Band. Gonna be a great time, we only have 10 spots left... so sign up soon!

I just want to make you aware that there are some changes coming to Wednesday night and I am really excited about that. With that in mind, be willing to jump on board with the changes and grow in your faith!

Mission Arlington dates are June 1-June 5. Cost is \$127.00 and that covers everything. **The is due Sunday May 24th or Wednesday May 27th.**

Upcoming Events to begin planning for!

Cross Camp— June 29-July 4/

Cost: \$255

Mission Arlington— June 1-6/

Cost: \$125

You can pay for any of the **above trips** in advance, or begin paying for them now. Turn your money in to Bro. Joey and we will keep a

record of how much and to what events you are pre-paying for. Also, we will be doing some fundraisers for Cross Camp and for Summer Missions.

Connect groups! Come and grow in your faith and grow in community. We meet in the youth room @ 5pm every Sunday!

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday Worship from 6:00 - 7:15pm.

Wednesday – D-Life Groups from 5:15-5:55pm

Sunday School from 9:00 - 10:15am

Sunday morning worship service @ 10:25am.

Monday Night Basketball – 6:30-9:00pm

Connect Groups – Sundays @ 5pm

All of this is on our facebook page so keep up with us, come hang out with us, and come grow with us! Love you guys and praying for you Love, Peace, and Chicken Grease!

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We have Twitter now

@fbCalStudents so follow us

Friend us personally if you wanna chat with Rach or myself –

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Or on Instagram – **janwar** and **rachelanwar**

Things to check out...

Music

“Sound of the Saints” Audio

Adrenaline

“Worship Initiative”
Shane and Shane

Books

“Purity Principle”

Randy Alcorn

Book of the Bible

New Testament:

1Peter

Old Testament: 2

Samuel



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

With Easter behind us the focus is on Vacation Bible school and summer camps. School is about to come to an end for another year and summer time is almost here. On some of our recent days you can begin to feel it in the warmth of the days.

Some of my recent quiet time readings have been about the plans we make and how these plans play a part in our lives and the lives of others. Here are a couple of the verses Proverbs 19:21 and Proverbs 20:24. Both of these verses tell us that our plans are futile without the direction of the LORD. Only the Lord can direct us on the path set out for us. We can go many directions and do many things but if these things are not of the LORD they will not be profitable for us or those around us. As we make plans for the upcoming summer vacations and mission trips we plan to go on my prayer is that we will all keep God first in all of our plans.

Here are some dates to remember for the month of May:

May 10- **Mother's Day**, hug your mom today and prepare her favorite lunch.

May 24 – **GARA badge ceremony** during the A.M. service. All G.A.s and R.A.s are encouraged to be here for this service.

May 17 – **Power Sunday**. The Mega Force team will be in our morning and evening services.

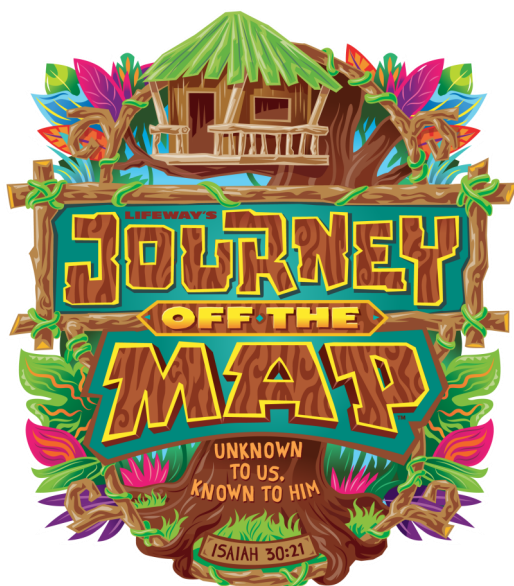
May 17 - **National Day of prayer** for Vacation Bible School

May 23 – **Jessica McMillian graduates from LaTech**. We are proud of you and love you Miss Jessica.

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VBS

June 8-12

Register Online Today

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

5/6/2015

Baked Potato
Salad Bar
Bread
Banana Pudding

5/13/2015

Chicken Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Baby Lima Beans
Salad
Roll
Lemon Ice Box Pie

5/20/2015

Chicken/Broccoli Rice
Casserole
Peas
Salad
Rolls
Dessert

5/27/2015

Pancakes
Eggs
Bacon
Fruit



May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	MAY 17 Sunday School Curriculum Preview for Preschool & Children Room C201 5pm				1 Head, Jennie Owens, Corey	2 Gilbert, Michael
3 Senior Banquet After AM Service Deacon Meeting 3pm Herrington, Buddy Johnston, Beth	4 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm Bricker, AJ	5 Lady's Prayer 9:30am FAITH Visitation 6pm Plouet, Wanda	6 Carver, Bradley Rieger, John Paul	7 Bingham, Robert Garner, Bridget Garner, Brooker Sebren, Stacey	8 JP Rieger Band 5pm Fam, Samuel Gilmore, Leah Mullins, Patricia Waldrop, Tristin	9 Desiard Street 3:30pm Jones, Matt
10 Mother's Day Church Council Meeting 3pm Freeman, James Mizell, Lori Russell, Waggoner	11 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm Farrar, Allen Knowles, Courtney Massey, John Price, Keshia	12 Lady's Prayer 9:30am FAITH Visitation 6pm Harris, Kenny Williamson, Leslie	13 Young at Heart 10am Hogan, Bart	14 Coker, Stephanie Cooper, Clint Owens, Jessica Stapleton, Johnathon Trichelle, Jamie	15 Minton, Megan Lillian	16 Threads of Love 9am VBS Teacher & Volunteer Meeting Aswell Hall 10am Bass, Dwala Bratton, Kayla Futrell Craighead, Joseph
17 Power Sunday National Day of Prayer for VBS Finance Committee Meeting 3pm Hodge, Katy Parker, Kade	18 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm	19 Lady's Prayer 9:30am FAITH Visitation 6pm Deal, Garrett Knowles, Benay Tedeton, Jack	20 Sunday School Curriculum Preview Adult Room 203 6pm Tanner, Jason	21 Booth, Trigger May, Jacob Milstead, Brian Mizell, Brooke Taylor, Logan	22 JP Rieger Band 5pm Hogan, Tommy	23 Moore, Michael Tim Streeter, Zack
24 GA & RA Badge Ceremony 10:25am 31 After AM Service 5th Sunday @ ??? Black, Joe	25 Memorial Day Office Closed Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm Arnold, Sheila Harper, Peyton Travis, Tyler	26 Lady's Prayer 9:30am FAITH Visitation 6pm Guirlando, Garrett Stafford, Chase	27 Edwards, Brenda Lowder, Gary McCallister, Matthew Southern, Anita	28 Crosser, Mysia Johnson, Shelley Linzay, Susan	29 Guirlando, Marco	30 Erwin, Saige Greer, Kay Manning, John Morgan Ray, Hannah