

The Encourager

Service Times

Sunday Service

Free Breakfast.....8:00AM
Sunday School.....9:00AM
Morning Worship.....10:25AM

Discipleship Training.....5:00PM
Preschool & Children 's
Classes.....5:00PM
Youth Connect
Groups.....5:00PM

Evening Service.....6:00PM

Wednesday Service

Wednesday Night
Supper.....5:00PM
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



"Resolving to Grow in Godliness"

"For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with... godliness." (2Peter 1: 5-8)

January, millions of Americans, brimming with optimism and a little extra belly from the holidays, commemorate the New Year by making an unfamiliar urban trek. They go to the gym. One in eight new members join their fitness club in January, and many gyms see a traffic surge of 30 to 50 percent in the first few weeks of the year. But next thing you know, it will be April, our gym cards will be mocking us from our wallets...

Gyms make most of their money from two sorts of people: 1) absentee members and 2) super-users who pay not only the monthly fee but also for the add-ons, like trainers and classes, all the way down to the whey smoothies. Unfortunately, most of us fall into the absentee member category. In

January, our cup of willpower overfloweth. But by June, the odds that you've kept your New Year's resolutions fall to under 40 percent (from the article: "This Is Why You Don't Go to the Gym," The Atlantic ; January 2014).

There's nothing wrong with making resolutions or doubling our efforts to get in better shape, or to eat more healthily. The Apostle Paul said in 1 Timothy 4:8, "Physical training is good..." It can result in a happier, healthier life. But he goes on in that same verse to say, "... but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

As you begin a new year, why not give prayerful consideration to a fresh start in training for godliness? A new year is a great time for every member, Sunday School class, committee, and ministry in our church to prayerfully seek to answer the question: "Where does God want me (us) to be by the end of year 2020," and then to set a few goals that will help us

focus on growing in faithfulness and Christlikeness over the next year.

Let us approach our "training in godliness" in the same way as the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3: 12-14, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

I pray God will be able to use us in the coming year to be faithful and effective followers of Jesus, ever growing in our love for Him, our love for each other, and our love for others as we "press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us..."

God Bless,
Bro. Neil



December 2019

WOW!! Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from all in the Children's Department!

By the time you read this our Children's Christmas Pageant has happened and almost all our Christmas festivities at the church have taken place. Now is a time of reflection and renewal. I pray in this new year you and your family will find yourself in the center of God's will. Find a place in His church body to serve others and in doing so you find peace and satisfaction in Him. Remember that "It's About the Cross". This is a song from the Christmas Pageant that really affected me and Ron greatly. Go to the link below to see the video and hear a great reminder for us all.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYSJj-EHAAk&list=RDTYSJj-EHAAk&start_radio=1

Watch for upcoming activities and events in the Children's Department to be posted soon.

Thank you for all you do for our children's ministry.

In Him,

Nancy Huey



Regular Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:00am
Nursery.....9:00am
Worship.....10:15am

Nursery.....5:00pm
Mission Friends.....5:00pm
GA's & RA's.....5:00pm
Worship.....6:00pm

Wednesdays

Nursery.....6:00pm
Kids Worship.....6:00pm

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Dear Church Family,

December is coming to a close and we had a great month. We baptized two more students and continued to see our students grow in their relationship with Christ. The Night of Worship went good. Students came and were involved with the worship and had one student that helped serve on the worship team. The pajama Christmas party for the youth was good as well. Thank you to all the adults that helped make the Christmas party a success.

In Christ,

A.J. Toms

Weekly Schedule

**Monday Night
Basketball—6:30—
9:00pm**

**Wednesday Worship—
6:00—7:15pm**

**Sunday School—
9:00—10:15am**

**Sunday AM Worship
Service— 10:25am**

Devotional Apps

**Daily Devo
Shane and Shane**



**Solid Joys
John Piper**



**First 5
Proverbs 31**



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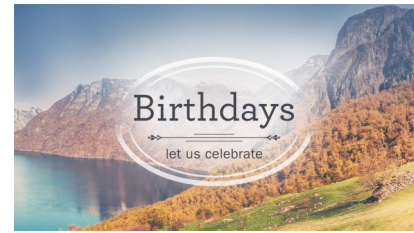
EVENT DATES

Mark your calendar for these important
dates.

Upcoming event in January:

11—one night CrossCamp

31-February 2—DNOW (Live Different)



Our world mission offering is designed to make donating to Georgia Barnette, Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, and David Terry easier.

When you donate money to the World Mission Offering a percentage will go to each of the above listed missions on a monthly basis. See the breakdown of percentages listed below.

Lottie Moon.....50%

Annie Armstrong.....30%

Georgia Barnette.....15%

David Terry.....5%

**Below are the World Mission amounts for the dates of:
3/1/18–2/28/19**

Lottie Moon.....\$5,894.00

Annie Armstrong.....\$3,536.40

Georgia Barnette.....\$1,768.20

David Terry.....\$589.40

Total for World Mission.....\$11,788.00

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WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

January

1	Chris Blakeney	15	Alex Culpepper
	Paula Frost		Christopher Laborde
	Nell Hatten		Carla Walters
	Ashley Johnson	16	Joshua McCarty
2	Kyle Blakeney	17	Amanda Avery
	Kristen Branch		Dale Martin
	Randy Meyer		Zoey Smith
	Colleen Dement		Fisher Young
	Bettie Lanier	18	Hannah Bryan
	Lisa Smith		Fay Smith
5	Molly Butler		Will Wade
	Mason Goodwin	19	Kristine Bricker
	Wade Seay		Ronnie Fretwell
6	JoAnn Bresett		Hunter Lewis
	Wayne Geuin		Peggy McMullen
	Sherry Holton	20	Fred Barnette
	Toby Price		Karson Tripp
7	Charlotte Bingham		Susan Watson
	Mark Joiner	21	Peyton Brownlee
	Terry Neal		Sherlyn Hogan
8	Brooklyn Amason		Maddie Lucas
	Frances Burton		Kristie Milstead
	Barbara Williams		Tyler Ragan
	Krystal Woods		Steve Smith
9	Mary Hendrix		Mike Vines
	Dianne Kent	22	Blake Hogan
	Ken Phillips	23	Deborah Marsh
	Kita Walding		Luke Sims
	Ethan Walding		Mozzie Toms
10	Jacey Bratton	24	Jenny Snell
11	Connie Shivers	25	Gavin Beard
12	Kerington Bass		Michael Moore
	Ann Hogan		Phillip Terrell
	Enrique Magana	26	Jolene Goforth
	Shannon Weaver	27	Ray Chapman
13	Dwayne Clem		Marshal Eubanks
	Bill Goodfellow		Kaegan Snowberger
13	Daniel Herrington		Cage Spillers
	Mildred Jordan	28	Jessica Canales
14	Nathan Eppinette		Loudell Rieger
	Corbin Frost	29	Dustin Crain
			Mandy Sproles
			Christy Underwood