

# 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

## OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

*"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God."*

(John Adams, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, 2<sup>nd</sup> President of the U.S.)

*"Had the people, during the Revolution, had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle... In this age, there can be no substitute for Christianity... That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants."*

(Statement from the Congressional House Judiciary Committee, 1854)

*"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts."*

(John Jay, President of Congress, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1789 - 1795)

*"The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effective means of limiting Christianity from the world than by per-*



*suading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools."*

(Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration of Independence)

*"[T]he Christian religion - its general principles - must ever be regarded among us as the foundation of civil society."*

(Daniel Webster, U.S. Senator, Secretary of State, lived 1782-1852)

*"Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual. ... Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us."*

(John Hancock, 1<sup>st</sup> Signer of the Declaration of Independence)

*"I have carefully examined the evidences of the Christian religion, and if I was sitting as a juror upon its authenticity I would unhesitatingly give my*

*verdict in its favor. I can prove its truth as clearly as any proposition ever submitted to the mind of man."*

(Alexander Hamilton, Signer of the Declaration of Independence)

*"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."*

(Patrick Henry, Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution)

I thought I'd let the words of our forefathers speak for themselves. The United States was founded and led by men who were for the most part committed followers of Christ. They purposefully based the laws and statues of the new nation on the principles and teachings of scripture.

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# FIRST CAL

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I don't know about your summer but mine has been busy so far. Vacation Bible school was FANTASTIC. These are a few of our statistics: average attendance 176, offering \$525, 19 decisions for Christ. Our leaders and children had fun learning that God is our guide. The take-away for VBS was God will and can guide us through any situation in life as long as we allow Him full reign in our life as Lord and Savior. I want to say once again, "THANK YOU" to everyone that had anything to do with VBS. You are an awesome bunch to work with.

At this time some of boys are at R.A. camp having a great time. Thanks to Janssen May for going as the sponsor to R.A. camp. Our girls will be heading to G.A. camp mid-July. There is still time to register for G.A. camp. Deposits and registration forms are due now and final payment is due July 15<sup>th</sup>. Girls can attend camp without having participated in G.A.s. It is my hope that when the girls return they will want to be a part of our G.A. group and see the importance of learning about and doing missions.

### Here is a look at the July calendar of events:

**July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Super Thursdays 9:30-11:30 meet in the gym

**July 16-25** Portland Mission Trip, be in prayer for our group

**July 19-22** G.A. camp, be in prayer for our girls and sponsors

**July 19** Reception for Miss Jessica, after the evening service

**July 25** Ben Minter and Jessica McMillian wedding

**July 26** Men and Boys prayer Breakfast 7:30  
Thanks for all the support you give the Children's ministry. We deeply appreciate and love our volunteers and prayer warriors.

In His service,  
Nancy

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### REGULAR SCHEDULE

#### Sunday Morning

Sunday School.....9am  
Children's Church.....10:20am  
Preschool Church.....10:20am

#### Sunday Evening

Children's Choir.....5:00pm  
Preschool Music & Bible Study.....5:00pm  
Preschool Activities.....6:00pm

#### Wednesday Evening

Children's GA & RA Programs.....6:00pm  
Preschool Mission Friends.....6:00pm

*During all services we provide a nursery for all preschoolers ages 2 and under. Come check us out.*

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#### The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment:

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."*

The obvious purpose of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment was to protect religious freedom from state tyranny. Congress was forbidden to set up a state church, such as the Church of England, and force everyone to obey it. Nor were they to interfere with individuals living out their religious beliefs in their daily lives.

We've obviously come a long way from the intentions of the Founders. As Christians and citizens we need to seek to elect people who take seriously the Constitution and the other foundational documents on which our society was built. Also as is evidenced by the quotes above, our Founders recognized the necessity of our leaders and citizenry following Christ and the principles of God's Word, if we are to continue to be the land of the free and the home of the brave.

America Bless God,  
Bro. Neil



# July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>20</p> <p>Fretwell, Bobbie L. Skains, Trey Smith, Trey</p> <p>23</p> <p>Coker, Chris Duchesne, Jacob Kennedy, Maddie Richardson, Joana Smith, Dustin</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Chambless, James Lingenfelder, Madison</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Cross Camp</p> <p>Gentile, Alora</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Cross Camp</p> <p>Super Thursday 9:30am</p> <p>Studer, Caleb</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cross Camp</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p> <p>Webb, Linda Auttonberry, Matthew</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Deacon Meeting 3pm</p> <p>Branch, Jena Mcclain, Stephanie Norten, Tyler</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm</p> <p>Chamblee, Jodanna Griggs, Greg</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ladies Prayer 9:30am</p> <p>Machen, Anna Patton, Nicholas Rutledge, Carley Truett, Deborah</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Young at Heart 10am</p> <p>Bingham, Cecilia McClaskey, Emilee Rieger, Natalie</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Super Thursday 9:30am</p> <p>Parker, Von</p>	<p>10</p> <p>JP Rieger Band 5pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Desiard Street 3:30pm</p> <p>Brown, Skye Cooper, Catherine Goforth, Brad Netherland, Nikki Wiley, Kate</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Deal, Rae Lynn</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm</p> <p>Goodfellow, Margaret Smith, Joe Ann Smith, Karen</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ladies Prayer 9:30am</p> <p>Bradshaw, Cameron Martin, Tyler Milstead, Allen Zigler, Bradie</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Looney, Trey M.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Portland Mission Trip</p> <p>Super Thursday 9:30am</p> <p>Jackson, Aimee Wallace, Abbigail</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Portland Mission Trip</p> <p>Aulds, Gay Martha Edgar, Aly Stracener, Kole Woods, Layne</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Portland Mission Trip</p> <p>Threads of Love 9am</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Portland Mission Trip</p> <p>GA Camp</p> <p>Walding, Katelynn</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Portland Mission Trip</p> <p>Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm</p> <p>GA Camp</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Portland Mission Trip</p> <p>Ladies Prayer 9:30am</p> <p>GA Camp</p> <p>Smith, Brenda</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Portland Mission Trip</p> <p>GA Camp</p> <p>Sullivan, Victoria</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Portland Mission Trip</p> <p>Super Thursday 9:30am</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Portland Mission Trip</p> <p>JP Rieger Band 5pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Portland Mission Trip</p> <p>Black, Charlene Henderson, David</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Men &amp; Boys Breakfast 7:30am Teen Challenge 10:25am</p> <p>Personnel Meeting 4pm</p> <p>Becker, Morgan Holladay, Diane</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ladies Prayer 9:30am</p> <p>Coker, Ricky Neal, Pat</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Davis, Linda Greer, Daniel Kirkland, Austin</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Super Thursday 9:30am</p> <p>Johnston, Roger Mcclain, Destiny Pepper, Danielle</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Evans, Stacy</p>	