

# 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

## Ministry of Encouragement

1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

The Bible often calls believers to a ministry of encouragement and speaks to its vital importance. Encouragers are recognized and celebrated in the Bible. Perhaps the most famous encourager in the New Testament was Barnabas. His given name was Joseph, but the apostles began to call him Barnabas which means "Son of Encouragement." "He was a good man full of the Holy Spirit and faith" (Acts 11:24). One result of being a good man, and of being full of the Holy Spirit and faith, was that he was an encourager, not a discourager. It makes Biblical sense doesn't it? Since "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control," a person full of the Spirit would by nature be a person who encourages others through their example of love and faithfulness. He or she would be a person who saw the good in others instead of constantly looking for the bad. He would be someone who encouraged those who are sincerely seeking to grow in their love and service to Christ, instead of discouraging them by criticizing their every effort.

We are very much in need of encouragers in our day! There's so much that can discourage us today: the daily dose of terrorism, wars, famine, dishonest governments, economic woes; and violence in the news; the moral decline; the elevation and celebra-

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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tion of sin; etc...

However, as believers we have more cause for joy and optimism than others! God is on His throne! His Kingdom plans are on track. Nothing, and no one can prevent His plans for coming to fruition. He has every believer in the palm of His hand and no one can snatch us out of His hand. He has promised to guide us and provide for us every day and through everything He allows to come into our lives. And when we leave this world and step into eternity, He has a home in Heaven prepared for us that is better than the human mind can comprehend.

The Apostle Paul reminded the believers in Thessalonica about the wonderful things in store for them and all who are in Christ. Then he said, "Therefore encourage one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

An encouraged spirit is one of God's greatest gifts. A discouraged spirit is one of Satan's most effective weapons. Are you an

encourager, or a discourager? One is used by God, the other is used by Satan. One enables believers and churches to continue to move forward in faithfulness and obedience to our God-given mission to make and grow disciples of Jesus. The other hinders, or even prevents believers and churches from growing in Christ and reaching others with the love of Jesus and the good news of Jesus.

Hebrews 10: 24-25, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

God Bless,  
Bro. Neil

**Sign Up Time is here!**

**Sign up dates: 7/10, 7/14 & 7/24**  
in the Welcome Center  
before & after Sunday AM service

heartfelt  
FRIENDS



**ST. Francis Mobile Health Unit**

July 14 | 8-5pm

@FBC Calhoun

CHURCH  
BUSINESS  
**MEETING**  
July 24 | 6pm

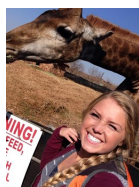


## FIRST CAL STUDENT MINISTRY

Heythere!

**Summer is going strong!**

We'll be having **WAC** every Wednesday through summer with the exception of July 20<sup>th</sup> (Cross Camp). **We have also launched a new hashtag. #FirstCalWorship.** So don't forget to tag your Jesus posts with that hashtag! Come join us this summer and grow with us! **Summer Interns – Our Summer interns are still serving. Come hang out, call, bug, etc. with Casey and Sarah.**



**Cross Camp – While all of our spots are filled Cross Camp still has some available. That means that you can still sign up to go, until cross camp is completely full (which won't be long) So sign up soon and go with us! Cross Camp is July 18-23 and the Cost is \$270**

**Future Events** to begin planning for!

**Cross Camp – July 18-23**  
Cost: \$270

**Impact Live – August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm @ NMBC**

**YEC – Nov. 20-22 \$80**

**Speaker: Ed Newton**

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.

**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.

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!

Bro. Joey  
Student Pastor, First Baptist Calhoun

## **Regular Schedule**

### **Sundays**

Sunday School.....9:00am

Morning Worship.....10:25am

Connect Groups.....5:00pm

Evening Worship.....6:00pm

### **Monday**

Basketball.....6:30pm

### **Wednesday**

Worship.....6:00pm

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## **Things to Check Out**

### **Music:**

As Family We Go" Rend Collective  
"This Glorious Grace" Austin Stone

### **Books:**

"Praying Together" Megan Hill  
"The Hidden life of Prayer" David McIntyre

### **Books of the Bible:**

New Testament: Ephesians  
Old Testament: Nehemiah



# FIRST CAL

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dear Church Family

I hope everyone's summer is going well. VBS was a great hit and we had an average of 147 attendance. The main thing that I am exited about is that we had 5 salvations and over 40 new contacts. The visitation team visited some of these new contacts and had 2 more salvations. This month they are planning to visit more homes. Please pray for these visits and come on visitation on July 5 at 6pm.

There are two main things happening this month. The first is the Vietnamese Group will be here July 8th—15th. Please listen and watch for more details as this group comes. We want to make their team feel welcome and appreciated. This will be their first mission experience and they will be excited and nervous.

The Block party and the FREE Soccer Camp are the two main things planned for the children during the week the Vietnamese are here. Please make plans for your children to attend. Also, invite all their friends to come and join us.

Second is GA/RA Camp at the end of July. Please pray for the campers and counselors as they go to camp. This will be a great time for the students to connect with God and see Him work in their lives.

Also, Children's Choir has been canceled for the summer and will resume on August 21.

Amanda will be teaching a new series on the "Fruit of the Spirit" on Sundays @ 5pm

May God Bless You,  
Amanda Wilson  
Preschool/Children's Minister

### Regular Schedule

#### Sundays

Sunday School.....	9:00am
Nursery.....	9:00am
Worship.....	10:15am
Nursery.....	5:00am
Discipleship Training.....	5:00pm
Worship.....	6:00pm

#### Wednesdays

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

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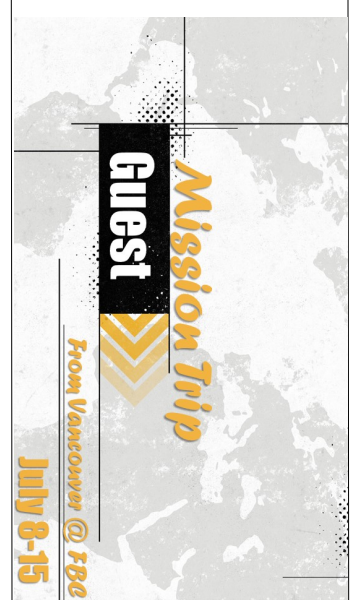
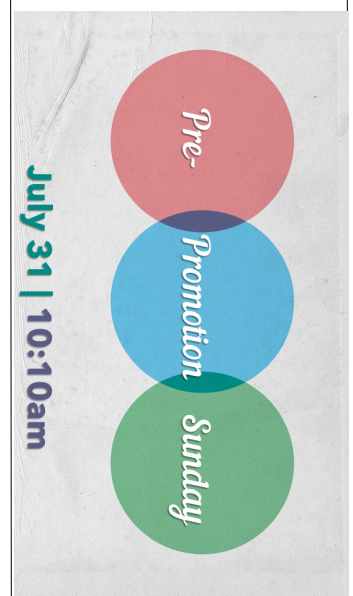
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4th Birthdays</b>  Auttonberry, Matthew Webb, Linda	<b>11th Birthdays</b>  Cooper, Catherine Goforth, Brad Netherland, Nikki Wiley, Kate				1      Gentile, Alora Miller, Ethan	2
3 Deacon Meeting 3pm	4 <b>Independence Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  Basketball 6:30pm  Men's Devotional 6:30pm	5 Ladies Prayer 9:30am  FAITH Visitation 6pm  Branch, Jena	6    Chamblee, Jodanna Griggs, Greg	7    Rutledge, Carley Truett, Deborah Ware, Paul	8 JP Rieger Band 5pm   Bingham, Cecilia McClaskey, Emilee Rieger, Natalie	9 Vancouver Mission Guest    Parker, Von
10 Vancouver Mission Guest  Canada Mission Trip  Church Council Meeting 3pm	11 Vancouver Mission Guest  Canada Mission Trip Basketball 6:30pm  Men's Devotional 6:30pm	12 Vancouver Mission Guest  Canada Mission Trip Ladies Prayer 9:30am  Deal, Rae Lynn Rutledge, Caleb	13 Vancouver Mission Guest Canada Mission Trip Young at Heart 10am Goodfellow, Margaret Smith, Joe Ann Smith, Karen	14 Vancouver Mission Guest  Canada Mission Trip  Bradshaw, Cameron Milstead, Allen Zigler, Bradie	15 Vancouver Mission Guest  Canada Mission Trip	16 Canada Mission Trip   Eppler, Richard
17 Canada Mission Trip  Finance Committee Meeting 3pm  Aulds, Gay Martha	18 Cross Camp Basketball 6:30pm  Men's Devotional 6:30pm	19 Cross Camp  Ladies Prayer 9:30am  Halley, Wyatt	20 Cross Camp   Bielkiewicz, Jayden Fretwell, Bobbie L. Skains, Trey	21 Cross Camp   Smith, Brenda	22 Cross Camp  JP Rieger Band 5pm  Sullivan, Victoria	23 Cross Camp   Coker, Chris Kennedy, Maddie Smith, Dustin
24 GA Camp Personnel Committee Meeting 4pm Auttonberry, Taylor Lingenfelder, Madison  <b>31</b> Men & Boys Breakfast 7:30am	25 GA Camp  Basketball 6:30pm  Men's Devotional 6:30pm  Black, Charlene	26 GA Camp  Ladies Prayer 9:30am  Calhoun, Carla Holladay, Diane	27 GA Camp  RA Camp	28 RA Camp   Coker, Ricky Neal, Pat	29 RA Camp   Dea, Rose Kirkland, Austin	30 RA Camp   Calhoun, Kevin Johnston, Roger