

The Encourager

Service Times

Sunday Service

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

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



"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, 2nd 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 persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools."
(Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration of Independence)

"[The 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, 1st 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 statutes of the new nation on the principles and teachings of scripture.

The 1st 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 1st 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.

In Christ,
Bro. Neil



Dear Church Family

VBS was a huge success!!!! Thank you to all the volunteers who made VBS a great event. We had an average of 75 kids here and 3 salvations! God is great all the time!

Please be praying for Children's Camp at Clara Springs from July 16-20th. We have 8 kids who will be participating in camp this year! Pray for safety, salvations and deeper understanding of who God is and who they are in God. We are still in need of a male chaperone to attend camp with us. If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, please let me know.

Serving In Him,
Amanda Wilson
Preschool/Children Director

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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In the half way point of your summer. How's it going? You enjoying it? I sure hope so! Make sure to be intentional with your relationship with God, your time, and with people. It's easy to be lazy so don't let that creep in. On the flip side of that make sure to take some time to rest as well. Recharge your batteries so that you can spend yourself well for the Kingdom. That is the cycle; use your life for God, spend your energy and time, minister to your friends, preach the gospel, study the word, pray to the Lord, pour yourself out for the Lord, and then rest and refresh and recharge to repeat that process. Be diligent with your life and how you use it. Make Christ your priority.

WAC: Wednesday After Church! Only a few more left in the summer!

Cross Camp:

July 16-21 Cost is \$270 or the remainder of what you owe. All monies and forms are due Asap if you haven't turned them in.

Bahamas Mission:

Was absolutely great and we are so appreciative of your prayers and support! Thanks you for allowing and helping us minister to the Bahamian people.

You can pay for any of the above trips in advance. Turn your money into Bro. Joey and we will keep a record of your payments.

Love, Peace and Chicken Grease!

BRO. JOEY

Student Pastor, First Cal

Things To Check Out

Music:

"Good News" Rend Collective

"Prayers of the Saints" Sovereign Grace Music

Books:

"The Cost of Discipleship" Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Book of the Bible:

New Testament– 1 Corinthians

Old Testament– Lamentations

Weekly Schedule

Monday Night Basketball–6:30–9:00pm

Wednesday Worship–6:00–7:15pm

Sunday School– 9:00–10:15pm

Sunday AM Worship Service @.10:25pm

Connect Groups–Sundays @ 5:00pm

Devotional Apps

Daily Devo
Shane and Shane



Solid Joys
John Piper



First 5
Proverbs 31



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Don't Waste Your Summer

We've Vacationed, Slept, Worked, Cleaned, Swam, and many other things surely...

But how have you honored God with your Summer?

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" Ephesians 5:15-16

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WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

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.....\$1,230.50

Annie Armstrong.....\$738.30

Georgia Barnette.....\$369.15

David Terry.....\$123.05

Total for World Mission.....\$2,461.00

July Birthdays

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| 1st | Alora Gentile |
| | Ethan Miller |
| 4th | Matthew Auttonberry |
| | Linda Webb |
| 5th | Jena Branch |
| | Carolyn Davis |
| 6th | Greg Griggs |
| | Jodanna Chamblee |
| 7th | Carley Anne Rutledge |
| | Deborah Truett |
| | Paul Ware |
| 8th | Jennifer Purdy |
| | Natalie Rieger |
| | Cecilia Bingham |
| | Emilee Clair McClaskey |
| 9th | Von Parker |
| 11th | Catherine Cooper |
| | Brad Goforth |
| | Nikki Netherland |
| | Katie Wiley |
| 12th | Rae Lynn Deal |
| | Caleb Rutledge |
| 13th | Linda Chapman |
| | Margaret Goodfellow |
| | Michelle Smith |
| | Joe Ann Smith |
| 14th | Allen Milstead |
| | Cameron Bradshaw |
| 16th | Richard Eppler |
| 17th | Gay Aulds |
| 19th | Wyatt Halley |
| 20th | Trey Skains |
| | Jayden Bielkiewicz |
| | Bobbie Fretwell |
| 21st | Brenda Smith |
| | Taylor May |
| 22nd | Victoria Smith |
| 23rd | Dustin Smith |
| | Maddie Kennedy |
| | Chris Coker |
| 24th | Taylor Auttonberry |
| | Madison Lingenfelder |
| 25th | Charlene Black |
| 26th | Carla Calhoun |
| | Diane Holladay |
| 28th | Ricky Coker |
| | Mia Meyer |
| 29th | Austin Kirkland |
| 30th | Kevin Calhoun |
| | Roger Johnston |