

# 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

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### **“Good News of Great Joy!”**

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.’” (Luke 2: 10-11)

Christmas is a special time of the year for many reasons... the decorations, the tree, the gifts, the family gatherings, the baking, the special meals, the carols – I love it all. Even the cold weather; fireplaces and winter clothes.

As Christians we celebrate Christmas as the birth of Jesus the promised Messiah. Jesus came to bring hope, forgiveness and change the hearts of people.

Christmas is about the miracle of transformation made possible through the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus our Savior!

In Luke 2 the angel announced to the shepherds, “I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord!”

He didn’t come to be

the Savior of the world in an abstract sort of way...He can to be the personal Savior of all who will repent of their sin and put their faith and trust in Him.

The Apostle Paul said, “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst.” (1 Timothy 1:15)

God sent that “good news of great joy” to you!

Merry Christmas!  
Bro. Neil



**Mark your calendar!**

December 14<sup>th</sup>, rehearsal for Children's Christmas Pageant 1:00 PM in the main sanctuary

December 15<sup>th</sup>, Children's Christmas Pageant at 5 PM in the main sanctuary

Just a reminder that there are no evening classes or services the month of December other than our Christmas programs.

May you and your family have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and New Year!!!

Serving Him,

Nancy Huey  
Children's 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

### Contact Information

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Dear Church Family,

The month of November is over and God moved in the lives of our students. We began our 'New Believers' class and it has been encouraging to see the students grow in their relationship with Christ. We have seen God move on Wednesday nights during our Fear and Anxiety series. I again ask for prayer for each of these students as they deal with fear and anxiety in their lives every day. In November, we took 35 students to Alexandria to YEC. We heard Ed Newton preach the word and Central Worship led us in song. Thanks again for the prayers for our students and to all the adults that work along side of them.

In Christ,

A.J. Toms

## EVENT DATES

Mark your calendar for these important dates.

Upcoming events in December:

7-Night of Worship

18-Youth Christmas Party

## 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**



## Student Ministry Con- tact

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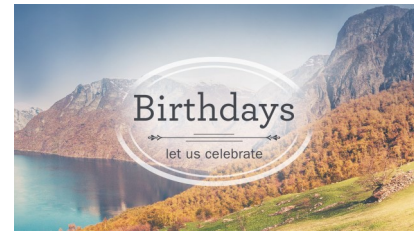
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**Our world mission offering is designed to make donating to Georgia Barnette, Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, and David Terry easier.**

**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**

### *December*

|    |                     |    |                   |
|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Blake Linzay        | 16 | Marley Watson     |
| 2  | Tylar Nichols       | 17 | Billy Medlin      |
|    | Renee Redding       | 18 | Taylor Beaver     |
|    | Quentin Whitaker    |    | Jannah Black      |
| 3  | Brandon Reeder      | 19 | Tyler Hamby       |
| 4  | Pam Tanner          |    | Jessica Johnson   |
|    | Jannell Williams    |    | Kristin Wilson    |
| 6  | David Cummings      |    | Amanda Woods      |
|    | Melissa Foster      | 20 | Carlee Hamby      |
|    | Kaitlyn Jones       |    | Jean Roberts      |
|    | Amanda McFarland    |    | Priscilla Purdy   |
|    | Mary Kate McFarland | 21 | Ayden Blakely     |
|    | Denton Poole        |    | Kathy Milstead    |
|    | Tonya Lynn Stamey   |    | Jesse Parks       |
| 7  | Zack Alley          |    | Jason Turner      |
|    | Tonya Ballard       | 22 | Michael Demoss    |
|    | Carrie Miller       |    | Kiley Pardue      |
|    | Jeannie Oetgen      |    | Peyton Smith      |
|    | Lauren Toney        |    | Drew Thomas       |
|    | Ray Watson          | 23 | Lori Head         |
|    | Tommy Williams      | 24 | Judy Bass         |
| 8  | Jessica McKee       |    | Bryan Smith       |
|    | Baylor Trichelle    | 25 | Latasha Givens    |
| 9  | Eugene Bass         | 26 | Carolyn Fuller    |
| 10 | Zachary Eckert      |    | Kameron Harper    |
|    | Kalyn Hodge         |    | Sue Parker        |
|    | Helene Pilgrene     | 28 | Michelle Goodwin  |
|    | Kacey Porter        |    | Donna Siddon      |
|    | Ethan Weeks         |    | Derek Trichelle   |
| 11 | Wyatt Johnston      |    | Garret Whorton    |
| 12 | John Garrett Smith  | 29 | Matthew McElroy   |
| 13 | G.E. Underwood      |    | Beverly McManus   |
| 15 | Wesley Canady       |    | Billy Nance       |
| 15 | Kayla Duchesne      | 30 | Brandon Faircloth |
|    | Kayla Frazier       |    | Stacey Watson     |
|    | Phoebe Stamey       | 31 | Bobbie Gaar       |
|    |                     |    | Ella Sue Petch    |
|    |                     |    | Alli Smith        |