

The Encourager

Service Times

Sunday Service

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

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

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 51:10-12

"PERSONAL SPIRITUAL RENEWAL"

So many of you have been working so hard helping us to prepare for our Lay Renewal Weekend coming October 12-14 (Friday evening through Sunday evening)!

There are so many physical preparations to be made...

Lining up homes for the lay leaders to stay in. These are the lay men and women, people with regular jobs who lives have been radically impacted by Christ and who will share their testimonies with us, and lead all the small group sessions.

Lining up homes for the Saturday morning coffees (informal Bible study discussions in the homes of church members).

Purchasing food and getting volunteers to prepare for the meals we will eat together throughout the weekend.

Getting ready the letters and materials to be mailed to all members to assure everyone has the opportunity to participate. Organizing announcements and activities that promote the LRW to every age group (seniors, median adults, youth, and children).

Setting up the church facility to be ready to accommodate

the large group setting and all the small groups.

And there are many spiritual preparations to be made...

Prayer walking the church premises.

Testimonies and special prayer times in the worship services leading up to the weekend.

Times of confessing sin and getting right with God and with each other in Sunday School classes and in our times of corporate worship.

Special Wednesday night prayer emphasis where we pray specifically for personal spiritual renewal.

A 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting emphasis leading up to the Lay Renewal Weekend.

A 24 Hour Prayer Vigil immediately prior to the Friday night session.

Personal spiritual renewal begins when we own up to our sin and rebellion against a holy God.

In Psalm 51 David says, "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge" (verses 3-4). Sin is what separates us from God. Our sin has to be confessed and forgiven if we are to experience fellowship with our Creator.

David confessed his sin to God in brokenness. He prayed, "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart You, God, will not despise" (verse 17).

David knew God will always forgive the truly repentant sinner. His confidence in God's promise to forgive is expressed in verses 7-9, "Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity."

Would you like to be in complete fellowship with God? Would you like for God to create in you a pure heart, and renew in you a steadfast spirit? Are you in need of personal spiritual renewal?

If so, begin now praying for God to reveal to you the sin in your life that is preventing you from experiencing the joy, peace, and blessings of living the abundant life Christ has for you. When the Holy Spirit reveals your sin to you, own it, and repent of it and turn from it. Let God forgive you and set you free from the sin "that so easily entangles us" (Hebrews 12:1).

"Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the LORD, till He comes and rains righteousness on you" (Hosea 10:12, NKJV).

I'm praying we let God work in our lives and in our church through the upcoming Lay Renewal Weekend. And that it's just a beginning (not an end) to a mighty work of God in our lives and in His church at First Baptist Calhoun!

God Bless!
Neil



Church Family

The new school year has begun and with that some changes to the Children's Ministry at FirstCal. One major change is that parents will now be required to check their child in at the Welcome Desk and receive a bracelet to be able to pick their child/children. This will help with security and to make sure the correct person is picking up the child/children. Our main priority in doing this is to partner with you and keep our children safe!

Mark your calendars: Fall Fest will be on Wednesday, October 31st from 6pm-8pm. We will start collecting candy the first part of October. We also need many volunteers to make this event successful for our church and our community. Please see me if you would like to help with the Fall Fest. Be sure to invite family, friends and neighbors to this event. It is a fun event for everyone!

Serving 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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So I have talked to several of you lately and many of our conversations have consisted of your admissions of stress and anxiety and feeling overwhelmed or over scheduled. Here are some pro tips for you.

1. Do less; I know this is counterintuitive to what everyone tells you but you don't need to be an overachiever. Its about Jesus. You don't need to be in every extra curricula that school offers, or every sport that exists, or working too many hours a week. Pick one or two things and do them well, but ultimately give your all to Jesus. Don't overspend your time.
2. Stop thinking you can just try harder to fix your stress, that will only stress you out more.
3. Go to bed. Seriously, you need sleep. Stop late night texting, snapping, and netflixing/youttubing and just go to bed.
4. If you have friends that have a lot of drama, time for new one. Lol. For real though.
5. Memorize some scripture in this area. Scripture that will help you battle stress and anxiety. I have provided you a great set below. It tells us to humble ourselves (admit you need Jesus), know that God cares for you, and trust Him with your anxiety. Why? Because this is one of the ways that satan is trying to devour us. So be watchful and resist, talk to other Christians about it because they are struggling with it too.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen."¹ Peter 5:6-11

Here are some Dates to know about.

Church Lay Renewal

October 12-14... This is for the whole church and includes all of you delightful students so make sure you are geared up to participate in that.

Fall Retreat:

November 9-11 we will be having fall retreat @ Southland Camp with several area churches. Sign up soon! Cost:\$50

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- Galatians

Old Testament- Daniel

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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WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

September Birthdays

1st	Yvonne Richardson Jimmy Bingham Dee Eaton Adam Bricker
2nd	Chad Deal
3rd	Kevin Fuller Connie Sims Jake Dumas
4th	Madison Barber
6th	Jean Vines Brooke Taylor
7th	Jared Kimble
8th	Todd Haire Jonathan Everett
9th	Johnny Wilhite Lana Barnette Mackenzie Puckett Jeremy Booth
10th	Michelle Phillips Amy Cady Jolene Black
11th	Betty Halley Gary Richardson Annette Herrington Julie Stephens
14th	Lytle Jackson Kevin Puckett Sherry Canady Leslie Smith
16th	Deanna Brown Jennifer Taylor
17th	Kristi Lafitte
18th	Sara Ruth Kilpatrick Doyle Smith Patricia Stephens Linda Tedeton AJ Toms Bailey Benson
19th	Loyce Trichell Andy Futrell Douglas Hogan
20th	Joan Walters Connor Cummings
21st	Lynn Pate
22nd	Katie Bingham
23rd	Debra Craighead Cheryl Kuhn Julie Travis
24th	Mary Jane Troutt Joann Johnson Clint Miller Joshua Lowery
25th	Alice Lehr Gerald (Ken) Martin Pam Robinson
27th	Del Vines Butch Smith Mike Arnold Haylea Amason
28th	Donna Temple Christine Cosby Brennan Zigler
29th	Cynthia Foust Valerie Watt Ronnie Bond Joey Lowery Matt Griffin Devin Knowles Will Haire Irina Plunova
30th	Glenda Wilbanks Megan Reeder

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.....\$1,668.00

Annie Armstrong.....\$1,000.80

Georgia Barnette.....\$500.40

David Terry.....\$166.80

Total for World Mission.....\$3,336.00