

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

Potluck Fellowship.....	5PM
Children & Preschool	
Classes.....	6:15PM
Adult Prayer Meeting.....	6:15PM
Youth Service.....	6:15PM

Office Hours

Monday.....	8AM-5PM
Tuesday.....	8AM-5PM
Wednesday.....	8AM-5PM
Thursday.....	8AM-5PM

What's So Great About Church?

"...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Matthew 16:18

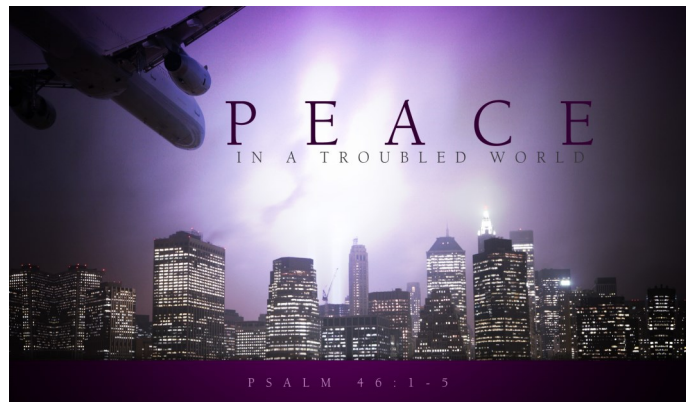
While checking out a few internet "blogs" where people were giving opinions about church, I ran across one entitled "What's So Great About Church?" The blog was written by a young man who said he was just thinking about how he liked church. He said, "I mean I love church!" And he said he just started asking himself, "Why do I love church? What's so great about church?" He came up with the following reasons as to why he loved church:

1) I love church because God established it.

Think about this, we were made for relationships. It's what we crave, it's what we long for, to connect intimately with others. We were created to have a relationship with a loving, caring, just, righteous God. We long for Him, we crave Him. Look at what He did. He established a means for us to connect with others and with Him! Unbelievable!

2) I love church because it carries the Truth!

People are looking for the truth! They are looking for something that will deeply impact their lives. They are looking for something that will help, will change, will complete them. The church carries the



Truth! It carries the only message that can change the human heart! It raises this banner every Sunday as a beacon of hope for those who are lost. The Truth has power, the Truth impacts lives!

3) I love the church because it has history.

The church has been through the ringer. It has been persecuted, killed, tortured, and maimed in the name of Christ. It isn't a fad, the latest greatest, a flash in the pan. It endures, it protects, it pushes forward, it throws down the very Gates of Hell. The church has celebrated great victories and mourned sad losses, but it has never been defeated, it has never been disbanded, it remains! The church has a rich history.

4) I love the church because it points to something more than ourselves.

The church isn't about the church. It is pointing to some-

thing greater, bigger, more important. It is pointing to God, or more accurately a relationship with God! If the church didn't do this it would be an institution, simply created by man for man. But it is so much more because the church is not focused on the church. The church is focused on God!

The church is the community of believers, a place where we find love and encouragement. The church is a family, with God as our Father, and each member is our brother or sister. Every gathering is a family reunion! It is a place where we can pray together, worship together, serve together, and grow together.

Yes the church is a wonderful gift of God, and First Calhoun is a wonderful place to belong. I love it!

See You Sunday!

Bro. Neil



Jimmy Bingham	1
Adam Bricker	1
Dee Eaton	1
Yvonne Richardson	1
Koltyn Beasley	2
Chad Deal	2
Kevin Fuller	3
Connie Sims	3
Madison Barber	4
Robert Truett	5
Brooke Taylor	6
Jean Vines	6
Georgia Dupree	7
Jared Kimble	7
Jonathan Everett	8
Todd Haire	8
Lana Barnette	9
Jeremy Booth	9
Jolene Black	10
Michelle Phillips	10
Betty Halley	11
Gary Richardson	11
Rebecca Cooper	12
Reid Guirlando	12
Kathy Eubanks	13
Sherry Canady	14
Lytle Jackson	14
Dale Oetgen	14
Colin Sebren	14
McKenzie Simmons	14
Leslie Smith	14
Danny Temples	15
Deanna Brown	16
Jeanette Steakley	16
Jennifer Taylor	16
Haylie Lowe	17
Bailey Benson	18
Sara Ruth Kilpatrick	18
Chance Ostic	18

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Hey All!!!

School is back in session... Couple weeks into a new school year and my prayer for you is that your goal would be to make much of God in your life! Give it all to HIM!

Student Impact – September 22nd – 24th We will be attending Student Impact @ First West. We will depart from the church @ 6pm and be back by 8:30pm. Or you can meet us there.

5th Quarters – Here is the schedule for 5th Quarters after WOHS home football games.
 9/12 – Mt. Vernon
 9/19 – FBC Calhoun
 9/26 – FBC Calhoun
 10/3 – Mt. Vernon
 10/10 – FBC Calhoun
 10/31 – Mt. Vernon
 They will start after the football game, roughly 9-9:30 and end @ 11:00pm

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 - Sunday Nights from 5:00-5:55pm.

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

Things 2 Check Out

Music:

“No Other Name” Hillsong

“The Art of Celebration” Rend

Books:

“Recovering Redemption” – Matt Chandler

Book of the Bible

New Testament: James

Old Testament: Daniel

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



"You have been called by God."
Ephesians 4:1

August was a special month as the children began new journeys at school. Reflecting on the summer, the children were able to go into the schools with positive attitudes. We will continue to pray and encourage our students throughout the rest of the school year.

We have some wonderful volunteer opportunities available in our preschool area. Please contact Nancy Huey at 318-614-0944 if you are interested.

We are very excited about GA's and RA's starting up! Our first meeting will begin on September 10, 2014 at 6pm. Each Wednesday night, the GA's and RA's will meet for a special time to learn about past and present missionaries through interactive stories, crafts, and games. We are

very thankful for Cora Beth Fletcher's leadership in this ministry.

I am retiring October 1, 2014. Please continue to support new leadership in the preschool and children's ministry and to pray during this time of transition. It has been a joy and a privilege to have served as the Children's Minister at First Baptist Church of Calhoun during the last six years.

Children's Ministry Schedule

Sunday Mornings

Sunday School.....9-10am
Kingdom Kids & Preschool Explorers
Snacks.....10-10:15am
Preschool Explorers
Worship.....10:15-11:45am
Pre-K 4-Kindergarten
Kingdom Kids
Worship.....10:15-11:45am
1st-3rd Grade
Extended Session
.....10:15-11:45am
3 Years Old
Child Care.....10:15-11:45am
Infant-2 Years Old

Sunday Nights

Kingdom Kids
Choir.....5-6pm
1st-5th Grade
Preschool
Explorers.....5-6pm
Music.
Preschool Fun.....6-7pm
3Years Old-Kindergarten
Childcare.....5-7pm
Infant-2 Year Old

Wednesday Nights

GA & RA.....6-7pm
1st-5th Grade
Preschool Mission
Friends.....6-7pm
3 Year Old-Kindergarten
Childcare.....6-7pm
Infant-2 Years Old

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September Birthdays

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Doyle Smith	18
Patricia Stephens	18
Linda Tedeton	18
Douglas Hogan	19
Loyce Trichell	19
Connor Cummings	20
Marcy Pepper	20
Joseph Smith	20
Joan Walters	20
Katie Bingham	22
Amy Nichols	22
Debra Craighead	23
Cheryl Kuhn	23
Julie Travis	23
Joann Johnson	24
Clint Miller	24
Daniel Miller	24
Mary Troutt	24
Alice Lehr	25
Gerald Martin	25
Pam Robinson	25
Nell Whitney	26
Haylea Amason	27
Mike Arnold	27
Payton Tarver	27
Del Vines	27
Madison Furr	28
Brad Turner	28
Brennan Zigler	28
Matt Griffin	29
Devin Knowles	29
Joey Lowery	29
Irina Polunova	29
Lance Wall	29
Valerie Watt	29
Andrew Cooper	30
Dakota Meador	30
Megan Reeder	30
Glenda Wilbanks	30

CRYPTOGRAM

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September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Church Office Closed Basketball Outreach 7pm	2	3	4	5	6 Sound System Training 9am
7 Teen Challenge 10:45am Deacon Meeting 3pm Ice Cream Social 7pm	8 Joy Class Sunday School Meeting 6pm Basketball Outreach 7pm	9	10 Young At Heart 10am	11	12 JP Rieger Band 5pm Youth 5th Quarter 7pm	13 Desiard Street Ministry 3:30pm
14 Church Council Meeting 3pm	15 Basketball Outreach 7pm Fall Food Round Up Pick Up	16	17	18	19 Youth 5th Quarter 7pm	20 Threads of Love 9am
21 Finance Committee Meeting 4pm Mission Strategy Cake Auction 6pm	22 Basketball Outreach 7pm	23	24	25	26 JP Rieger Band 5pm Youth 5th Quarter 7pm	27 Retirement Party for Wanda Plouet 2pm
28 Personnel Committee Meeting 4pm	29 Basketball Outreach 7pm	30		Cryptogram Answer But ye shall re- ceived power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,	and in all of Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the utter- most parts of the earth. Acts 1:8	