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# The Encourager

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#### **Service Times**

#### **Sunday Service**

Sunday School	9AM
Morning Worship	
Discipleship Training	5PM
Preschool & Children 's	
Classes	5PM
Youth Connect	
Groups	5PM
Evening Service	

#### **Wednesday Service**

Adult Prayer	6:15PM
Children & Preschool	
Classes	6:00PM
Youth Service	6:00PM

#### **Office Hours**

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

## "Stay Plugged In!"

A young married couple was just moving into their first home. They knew they would have to find ways to economize if they were going to be able to keep up with all the expenses associated with owning a home. They decided to add a box freezer to the list of necessary appliances. They reasoned that with a freezer they could save money by buying some items in bulk and freezing portions for future use.

They browsed through three different appliance stores before they found the right freezer at the right price. After the salesman told them about all the great features inherent in that particular model the young husband asked, "What is the most important thing we need to remember in operating our new freezer?" Without hesitation the salesman replied, "Keep it plugged in!"

We can all imagine how devastating it would be for a freezer full of food to go more than a few days without power. Left unplugged for just a few days all the food will ruin. The most important thing is to keep it plugged in!

It's much the same in our spiritual life. Jesus said in <u>John</u>



15: 5-8, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers: such branches are picked up. thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples."

How can we remain attached / plugged in to Jesus? First, we need to make sure we have truly repented of our sin and surrendered our lives to Him – been born again. Then, as we stay plugged in with Jesus (walking in fellowship with Him and obedience to the Holy Spirit), plugged into His Word (through study-

ing, meditating, and applying scripture daily), and plugged in with the world around us (in this case – the people we encounter, sharing with them Christ's love and the good news of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life), we will "... remain in Him, and He in us..." (John 15:5).

Also, don't forget to stay plugged in to the Body of Christ (church). We need Christ, and we need the family of God! "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

God Bless! Bro. Neil



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 Moon50%
<b>Annie Armstrong.30%</b>
<b>Georgia Barnette.15%</b>
David Terry5%

### Report April 2016

Lottie Moon.....

\$232.50
Annie Armstrong......
\$139.50
Georgia Barnette......
\$69.75
David Terry.....

Total ......\$465.00

\$23.25



Heythere!

Heres whats Happening! Currently we are going through the book of Ephesians on Wednesday nights and we'd love to have you there. Also, the first Impact Live is May 6th @ 6:30pm at Cedar Crest Baptist Church. We'd love for you to come and be a part of this worship experience..

Discipleship – If you are still interested in being discipled and you aren't then get with Bro. Joey and he will get you plugged into our "1 on 1" discipleship program! 1on1 is to aid in student discipleship so that we can grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

Summer Events – Cross Camp is July 18-23 and the Cost is \$270. If you've paid the deposit then you remainder is due May 29th. All Forms and money are due May 29th.

Mission Arlington is June 5-9 and the Cost is \$125. We will be headed to Arlington Texas to work doing Back Yard Bible Clubs and service projects! All forms and money are due June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Future Events to begin planning for!
Impact Live – May 6<sup>th</sup>
@6:30 Cedar Crest

Mission Arlington – June 5-9 Cost:\$125 Cross Camp – July 18-23 Cost:\$270

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 into Bro. Joey and we will keep a record of how much and to what events you are pre-paying for. Also, we will be doing some fundraisers for Cross Camp and for Summer Missions.

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 - Sun-

**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:

"Children of God" Phil Wickham

"We Are Messengers" We Are Messengers Books:

"A Peculiar God"
John Piper
"The Reason For God"

Timothy Keller
Books of the Bible:

New Testament: Ephesians Old Testament:

2 Chronicles



Well, it's the end of the school year. Boy, where did the time go!? We have a lot going on in the coming months during summer. It is bound to be a fun and exciting summer with all your help! Below is a calendar of events for the next couple of months. If you would like to help in any of the activities feel free to get in touch with me anytime. Your help is always needed and not just with the special events upcoming. Come on down anytime you would like and see where we could use you to spiritually touch the lives of the children through Christ.

VBS June 6-10 from 9 am to 12 pm

GA Camp July 24-27

RA Camp July 27-30

Callie Blakely Interim 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Deacon Meeting 3pm	2 Men's Devotional 6:30pm Basketball 6:30pm	3 Ladies Prayer 9:30am FAITH Visitation 6pm	4  WNS Menu Bacon Eggs French Toast Fruit	5 Heartfelt Banquet 6pm	6	7
Head, Jennie Owens, Corey	Gilbert, Michael	Herrington, Buddy Johnston, Beth	Juice Bricker, AJ	Plouet, Wanda	Carver, Bradley Rieger, John Paul	Bingham, Robert Garner, Bridget Garner, Brooker Sebren, Stacey
Mother's Day	Men's Devotional 6:30pm	Ladies Prayer 9:30am	Young at Heart 10am	12	JP Rieger Band 5pm	14
No Evening Services / Meetings	Basketball 6:30pm	9.50am	WNS Menu BBQ Beef Baked Beans Coleslaw		эрт	Coker, Stephanie Cooper, Clint
Fam, Samuel Gilmore, Leah		Freeman, James	Chips Ice Cream Sand-			Owens, Jessica
Mullins, Patricia Waldrop, Tristin	Jones, Matt	Mizell, Lori Russell, Waggoner	wiches	Williamson, Leslie	Hogan, Bart	Stapleton, Johnathon Trichelle, Jamie
15 Finance Committee Meeting 3pm	16 Men's Devotional 6:30pm Basketball	17 Ladies Prayer 9:30am	18  WNS Menu Gumbo or Jambalaya Salad	19	20	21 Threads of Love 9am
Hand-bell Concert 6pm	6:30pm		French Bread Dessert			Booth, Trigger May, Jacob
	Bass, Dwala Bratton, Kayla Futrell	Hodge, Katy		Deal, Garrett Knowles, Benay	Stephenson, Alan	Milstead, Brian
Minton, Megan Lillian	Craighead, Joseph	Parker, Kade	Tumer, Jacie Tumer, Jordon	Tedeton, Jack (Leslie)	Tanner, Jason	Mizell, Brooke Taylor, Logan
22 Personnel Commit- tee Meeting 4pm	23 Men's Devotional 6:30pm Basketball 6:30pm	24 Ladies Prayer 9:30am	25 WNS Menu Pork Chops Sweet Potato Casserole Peas Cornbread	26	27 JP Rieger Band 5pm	28
Hogan, Tommy	Moore Sr, Michael Tim (Tim) Streeter, Zack		Salad Dessert	Guirlando, Garrett Stafford, Chase	Edwards, Brenda Lowder, Gary McCallister, Matthew Southern, Anita	Crosser, Mysia Johnson, Shelley Linzay, Susan
29 Men & Boys	30 Memorial Day	31 Ladies Prayer	11	30		
Breakfast 7:30am	Church Office Closed	9:30am	Farrar, Allen Knowles, Courtney Massey, John Price, Kesha	Erwin, Saige Greer, Kay Manning, John Morgan Ray, Hannah		
5th Sunday Service @ FBC Calhoun 6pm	Men's Devotional 6:30pm		25			
Guirlando, Marco	Basketball 6:30pm	Hacker, Austen	Arnold, Sheila Harper, Peyton Travis, Tyler			