

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

- 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

"Religious Freedom?"

"Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error." (Romans 1: 26-27)

It's been interesting to see the extent of the outrage directed at the Indiana legislature for passing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) a few days ago, and at Governor Mike Pence for signing it into law! The law was passed to protect individuals and business owner's from being forced to violate their religious convictions or lose their job, business, or savings to as a result of government prosecution.

There have already been a number of real life cases where a Christian owner of a bakery, florist, photography studio, etc... declined a request to provide their services for a gay wedding because they felt participating in it would violate Biblical teachings, and as a result have lost their business and were assessed heavy fines.

Washington: Florist Barronell Stutzman fined by the state for not providing flowers for a "gay" wedding. Now her home and personal savings are at risk.



New Mexico: Photographer Elaine Huguenin was ordered by the state to give a lesbian \$7,000 for declining to take pictures of a lesbian wedding. Oregon: Aaron and Melissa Klein were fined \$150,000 by the state for refusal to bake a cake for a lesbian wedding based on religious objections. Kentucky: Blaine Adamson was ordered by the city of Lexington to undergo 'sensitivity training' for refusing to print T-shirts for a gay pride festival.

The Indiana law seeks to protect these Christian business owners from these suits. The law doesn't mean for instance that a baker can bar homosexuals from the bakery, or that they can refuse to wait on them or sell bakery products to them. It just means the baker doesn't have to participate in a same-sex wedding by providing a wedding cake. A photographer cannot refuse to take pictures of any homosexuals. But he / she can refuse to photograph a gay wedding if it violates his religious convictions.

Homosexual activists groups are outraged over Indiana's law. Some businesses are threatening to pull out of, or boycott the state of Indiana over the law. "Angie's List" has vowed to cancel a planned expansion in Indiana as a result of the law. The outrage is ironic since 19 states, including Louisiana, already have laws similar to the one Indiana just passed.

The Indiana law is a good law and a needed law. As for marriage, I'll side with Jesus' definition of marriage in *Matthew 19:4-5*, "Haven't you read," Jesus replied, "that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female," and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?'"

God Bless,
Bro. Neil



FIRST CAL

STUDENT MINISTRY



Hey there!

5 Things with Kathy Nelson starts April 1 and goes every Wednesday through the month of April! What Every Guy Should Do and What Every Girl Should Know; dating, marriage, and relationships. Come Check it out and invite your friends!

Cross Camp Is coming soon! Camp dates are June 29-July 4. Cost is \$255 and that covers everything. **Deposit of 1 \$27.50 is due Sunday April 12th/Wednesday April 15th.** After the 15th the cost goes from \$255 to \$270. Speaker is Eddie Briery and Worship is Michael Young and the Good Times Band. Gonna be a great time, we only have 50 spots... so sign up soon!

Student and Adult Leadership. We are looking for people who are interested in taking a more active role in their Student Ministry; People who want to be a part of an Adult or Student Leadership Team, People who have or want to have a vision for what God is up to @ FBC Cal. We will be going to **"Still Conference" April 10-11** (which is Friday and Saturday of your spring break). This will be @ Southwestern Seminary in Dallas. Cost will be \$55. Please see Bro. Joey if interested.

D-Life - This is a time when we will begin to let

students invest in the lives of other students. It's an accountability time, a time a little like connect groups, and a time for students to encourage one another. They will be meeting Wednesdays from 5:15-5:55pm!

Upcoming Events to begin planning for!

Still Conference- Apr 10-11/ Cost: \$55

Cross Camp- June 29-July 4/ Cost: \$255

Mission Arlington- June 1-6/ Cost: \$125

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.

Wednesday - D-Life

Groups from 5:15-5:55pm
Sunday School from 9:00 - 10:15am

Sunday morning worship service @ 10:25am.

Monday Night Basketball - 6:30-9:00pm

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

Things 2 Check Out

Music:

"Church Songs" Vertical Church

Books:

"5 Things" Kathy Nelson
For sale in the Youth Room

Book of the Bible

New Testament: James
Old Testament: 1 Samuel

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EASTER

SERVICE TIMES

Sonrise Service @ Roselawn 7:00am
Breakfast @ First Cal 8:00am
Sunday School 9:00am
Easter Sunday Service 10:25am
No Evening Services



FIRST CAL

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Wow! This year has been a whirlwind of activity in the Children's and Preschool department. We are finishing up our Easter activities, and I hope you got a chance to participate in this exciting community outreach event. We are looking forward to a fun filled summer for all ages to participate in, whether you are a child exploring the Journey off the Map in Vacation Bible School or an adult helping a child explore, there promises to be an adventure for everyone.

We have wonderful opportunities to serve in Vacation Bible School for adults of all ages and abilities. We are still searching for a few good teachers. If your forte is food we need preparers and servers, or if you are more the rough tumble type we can use your enthusiasm in recreation for preschool and children's area. Don't worry if you don't see something that sounds like it suits your personality, we can always find a spot for you in Vacation Bible School.

Upcoming Events

April 27

*Vacation Bible School
Clinic at 6:30pm
(Ouachita Baptist
Church)*

May 10

RA/GA Badge Ceremony

June 8-12

VBS

June 22-25

RA Camp

July 19-22

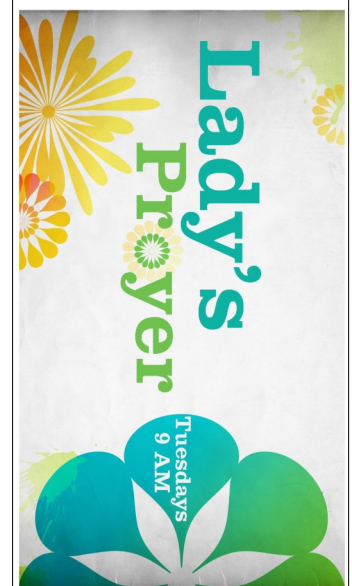
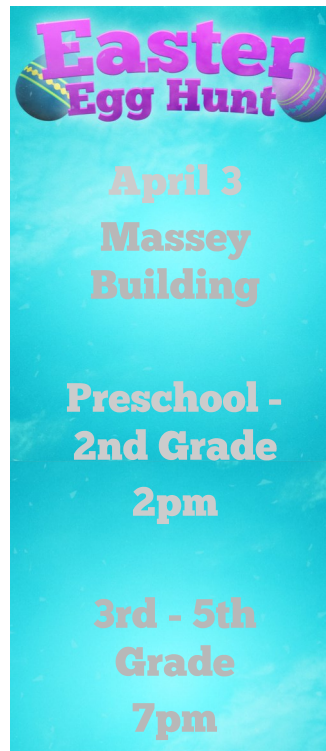
GA Camp

**Every Thursday in July
Super Thursday**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Family Promise Heacock, Dorothy Johnston, Sam	2 Family Promise Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser 11am Borden, Marie Lingenfelder, April Parker, Karen	3 Family Promise Easter Egg Hunt @ Massey BLG Preschool-2nd Grade 2pm 3rd-5th Grade 7pm Cummings, Grace Russell, Mallory	4 Family Promise Russell, Markaye
5 Sonrise Service @ Roselawn 7am Breakfast @ FBC 8am Easter Worship 10:25am No Evening Services	6 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm	7 Mission Calhoun Ladies Prayer 9am FAITH Outreach 6pm Chambless, Carolyn Purdy, Amelia A.	8 Mission Calhoun Young at Heart 10am <i>Guest Group</i> <i>The Gospel</i> <i>Sounds</i> Puckett, Joyce	9 Mission Calhoun	10 Still Conference JP Rieger Band 5pm Minter, Ben Seth	11 Still Conference Desiard Street 3:30pm Brown, Randy Burton, Donnie Walters, Jettie
12 Church Council Meeting 3pm Bryan, Lisa	13 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm Bryan, Ken Coons, Emilea T.	14 Ladies Prayer 9am FAITH Outreach 6pm	15 Jones, Brittney	16 Brown, Faye Neal, Jordyn Pepper, Melanie	17 Huey, Nancy May, Janssen	18 Threads of Love 9am Shrader, Terry Tassin, Joseph
19 Finance Committee Meeting 3pm Brasher, Richard Stancil, Bert Wall, James	20 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm Linder, Connie Phillips, MaKray	21 Ladies Prayer 9am FAITH Outreach 6pm	22 Purdy, Sadie Summerville, Mark	23 Ballard, Marty Berry, Makenna Croom, Josh A. Duchesne, Jessica McMichael, Briana L.	24 JP Rieger Band 5pm Bielkiewicz, Scott	25 Da Nascimento, Redding, Ryan
26 Church Picnic @ Kiroli 3pm Dowdy, Tiffany	27 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm Blakely, John Johnson, Carole Lehr	28 Ladies Prayer 9am FAITH Outreach 6pm Harris, Josh	29 Chamblee, Kalan Graves, Drake	30 Beard, Adrianna Bradshaw, Donald Forrest, Robert Puckett, Richard E.	Birthdays for April 5 Bradshaw, Gayle Holcomb, Shemain Keen, Shawn McMillon, Rachel Watt, Danny	