

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



“Trusting God in Times of Crises”

(from an article by Mark Adams)

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”
Psalm 46: 1-7

First of all the psalmist reminds us that God is our REFUGE.
Psalm 91:4 where it says,

“God will shield you with His wings.”

Psalm 9:9 promises, “The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.”

The second thing this Psalm says we can know about God is that.... He is our STRENGTH.

Psalm 27:1 says, “The Lord is my light and my salvation Whom shall I Fear? The Lord is the strength of my life...of whom shall I be afraid?”

Philippians 4:13 Paul said, “I can do all things-I can face any crises-through Him Who gives me strength.”

Paul in 2 Corinthians 12: 10-11, “Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties for when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Also we know that even in the midst of crisis, He is WITH US.

In his book, *The God You Are Looking For*, Bill Hybels points out that we are relational beings. God created us to require companionship. God meets our inborn need for constant companionship because He is always with us. In Hebrews 13:5 God promises, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

Remember-as this Psalmist reminds us, no crisis is too big for God. The earth could give way-the mountains could fall into the sea-and even that would not cause us fear-because God is with us. Our omnipotent God is an “ever-present help.”

In his book, *Reaching For The Invisible God*, Philip Yancey points out that when it comes down to it, when crisis comes we have two choices: Believe the crisis is bigger than God or that God is bigger than the crisis.

Trusting God!
Bro. Neil



Church Family

Summer is almost over and school is starting right around the corner. Pre-Promotion is August 11 and Promotion is August 18. This is a time for new classes to start and a time of renewed commitment. Please pray about how you can serve in the Children's ministry department this fall.

Also, this means that we will be starting Mission Friends, RA's and GA's back up again on August 11.

On Saturday August 24th we are having a Back-to-School Bash. We will have a Waterslide, other jumpers and free food for the community. It will be from 10am-Noon. If you would like to help please see me for more details.

Serving Him,

Amanda Wilson

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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Mark Your Calendars!

RA's and GA's Resume.....August 11
Promotion Sunday.....August 18
Back to School Bash (10am-12pm).....August 24





July has come and gone but what a great month it was. We had 43 youth attend CrossCamp with 4 adult chaperones. We want to thank each of the chaperones for all their work that they put in with helping for the week. At camp, we had 4 students give their life to Christ and 1 surrender to the ministry. We can see God working in our students and we ask that you pray for them as they begin to start a new school year. Pray that they shine on their school campuses and that they love as Christ loves.

EVENT DATES

Mark your calendar for these important dates.

Lock in: starting at 6 PM August 16-8 AM August 17

Labor Day pool party: September 2 at 4 PM

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



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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%

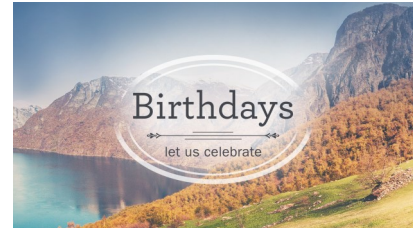
**Below are the World Mission amounts for the dates of:
 3/1/18–2/28/19**

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



August

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|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Beverly Bain |
| | Ashlee Vines |
| 2 | Johnny Trichell |
| 4 | Mark Cosby |
| | Mason Crosser |
| | James Holloway |
| | Ryan Sanford |
| 5 | Red Plouet |
| 6 | Jessie Stephenson |
| 10 | Andrew Chamblee |
| 11 | Joy Terrell |
| 14 | Ernie Bruce |
| | Amy Cummings |
| 15 | Virginia Bennett |
| 17 | Callie Blakely |
| | Joyce Dupree |
| 18 | Taylor Corbin |
| | Stephanie Melder |
| 20 | Devan Ostic |
| 21 | Kathy Rutledge |
| 22 | Taylor Harris |
| | Malcolm Kuhn |
| | Brian Ragan |
| 23 | Shawn Cooper |
| | Holly Jones |
| | Shane Rieger |
| | Jeffery Taylor |
| 24 | Annette Darden |
| 26 | Andrew Auttonberry |
| 27 | Morgan Crosser |
| | Tina Lawson |
| | Codey Purdy |
| 31 | David LeVasseur |