

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

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

2 Thessalonians 2:16,17

"Taking Care of Business"

We are in the business of sharing Jesus. It's the most important business in all eternity! After a few short years on this earth, each person's "forever" will depend upon whether they have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. If they step into eternity without the latest fashion-wear, no big deal. If they step into eternity without a successful mutual fund or 401k plan, no big deal. If they step into eternity without Jesus, it will be a BIG DEAL! The Bible says Jesus will be their Judge, not their Savior. They will hear the most dreaded words in all existence: Jesus Christ saying, "Depart from Me. I never knew you!" Jesus said the next stop is the place of utter separation and darkness, where there is "weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Since we have experienced salvation through Christ and understand "there is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus," and since God has called us to be Christ's

ambassadors and given us the ministry of reconciliation, we are in the business of sharing Jesus. This is what God has for us. It is for this and living a holy lifestyle that He will hold us accountable. The Great Commission of Acts 1:8 lets us know our business as disciples of Jesus, and as His church, is to share Jesus with the people of Calhoun, the people of Louisiana, the people of the US, and the people of the world. When we finish that, we can rest!

Taking care of business in Calhoun, in Louisiana, in the US, and throughout the world. That's what we do, because we love Jesus, because we have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and because we care about other people who are wondering in darkness heading for destruction.

Remain faithful to the end. When the trumpet sounds, it will all be well worth it. "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our

God, and the authority of His Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over Him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.'"

(Revelation 12:10-11)

In Christ,
Bro. Neil



Dear Church Family,

The Eggstravaganza was a huge success. We had over 150 people here. I want to say THANK YOU to everyone who helped at the Easter Egg Hunt and to everyone who brought candy and eggs and to everyone who stuffed eggs. This event could not have happened without you. I appreciate all of the hard work.

Mother's Day is around the corner and we will be having a Parent/Child Dedication on that day. Please see me if you have a baby who you want to be dedicated. I need to know by May 5th in order to sign up for this special day.

We are getting ready for SUMMER 2019 and it is going to be an exciting summer. First is VBS "Into the Wild", June 10th thru 14th from 9am till Noon. Please invite any child ages 4yrs to 5th grade to attend.

Second is Children's Clara Springs in Pelican, LA Camp on July 22-25th. This is for all Children who have completed 1st grade through 5th Grade. The total cost is \$170.00.

In 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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WHAT IT DOES NOT MEAN TO GIVE GOD YOUR BEST

Doing or giving our best is not to gain merit with God, for salvation or otherwise. Scripture makes it clear that all our righteousness is as filthy rags ([Isa. 64:6](#)). We all fall short of the glory of God ([Rom. 3:23](#)). We are saved by grace through faith, not by our good works ([Eph. 2:8-9](#)). We live our lives in Him just as we received Him — by grace through faith ([Col. 2:6](#)).

Doing or giving our best is not about getting applause for a job well done. Our objective should be to honor God, to in every way "make the teaching about God our Savior attractive" ([Titus 2:10](#)). We should do that whether or not we receive recognition. — "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters ..." ([Col. 3:23](#))

Doing or giving our best is not about self-effort. Jesus said, "apart from me you can do nothing" ([Jn. 15:5](#)). No matter how excellent we perform on our own, apart from His power at work in us, we will come short. As a branch draws its sustenance from the vine, so we must abide in Christ to bear eternal fruit. Remember verses like [Philippians 4:13](#). — "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." We must "strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works" in us ([Col. 1:29](#)). We are at our best when we put all of who we are into all of who He is and watch Him work through us.

Missions

Mission Arlington — May 26-30 — \$100. See bro Joey to sign up

Cross Camp:

July 15-20, \$275, With Joe Handy and the Good times band. @ Louisiana. Late Cost: \$300 due June 2nd. If you paid the deposit the remainder and paper work are due June 2nd as well. 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:

"Burn the Ships" for King and Country
"Living Hope" Phil Wickham

Books:

Discipling—Mark Dever

Book of the Bible:

New Testament— 2 Thessalonians
Old Testament— Jonah

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

Feel free to text or call us and come by the house any time

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www.facebook.com/joey.anwar or on

Instagram—janwar and rachelanwar

Devotional Apps

Daily Devo
Shane and Shane



Solid Joys
John Piper



First 5
Proverbs 31



Summer Camp For Grades 6-12
JULY 15 - 20
LATE COST: \$300
ALL MONEY AND PAPERWORK DUE JUNE 2ND
CROSS CAMP

MISSION ARLINGTON
MAY 26TH-30TH
GRADES 6-12
COST: \$100
DUE MAY 26TH

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WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

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:
3/1/19–2/29/20**

Lottie Moon.....\$885.00

Annie Armstrong.....\$531.00

Georgia Barnette.....\$265.50

David Terry.....\$88.50

Total for World Mission.....\$1,770.00

May Birthdays

3	Buddy Herrington
	Beth Johnston
5	Emma Bielkiewicz
	Nicholas Canales
	Wanda Plouet
6	Rylie Calhoun
	John Paul Rieger
7	Robert Bingham
	Allison Medlin
8	Leah Gilmore
	Patricia Mullins
9	Matt Jones
10	Todd Freeman
	Lori Mizell
	Waggoner Russell
11	Courtney Knowles
12	Hannah Hogan
	Leslie Williamson
14	Clint Cooper
	Jamie Trichelle
16	Dwala Bass
	Kayla Bratton
	Joseph Craighead
17	Katy Hodge
18	Jacie Turner
	Jadon Turner
19	Garrett Deal
	Leslie Tedeton
	Justin Jones
20	Alan Stephenson
	Jason Tanner
21	Brian Milstead
	Brooke Mizell
22	Tommy Hogan
23	Tim Moore
	Eliseo Salinas
	Colby Bass
25	Sheila Arnold
	Peyton Harper
26	Christian Brownlee
27	Brenda Edwards
	Gary Lowder
28	Mysia Crosser
	Shelley Johnson
	Susan Linzay
30	John Morgan Manning