

The Encourager

Service Times

Sunday Service

Breakfast.....8:00AM
 Sunday School.....9:00AM
 Morning Worship.....10:25PM

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

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" Galations 6:2

"BE A HELPING HAND!"

"A few years ago, a Thanksgiving Day editorial in the newspaper told of a school teacher who asked her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful. She thought of how little these children from poor neighborhoods actually had to be thankful. But she knew that most of them would draw pictures of turkeys on tables of food. However she was taken back by the picture little Douglas turned in. It was a drawing of a hand. Just a drawing of a human hand childishly drawn.

But whose hand? The class was captivated by the abstract image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one child. "A farmer," said another, "because he grows the turkeys." Finally when the other children were back at work the teacher bent over Douglas's desk and asked him, "Whose hand is it Douglas?" "It's your hand, Teacher," he mumbled.

She recalled that frequently at recess she had taken Douglas, a scrubby, deserted child, by the hand. She often did that with the children. But it meant so much to Douglas. Out of all the things he could have been thankful for thanksgiving, he was most thankful for his teacher's hand!

Perhaps from this story, we can learn that one of the most important things that you and I can give someone is a hand that reaches out to them with the love of Christ.



There are many opportunities at our church to lend a helping hand; whether teaching a class, helping with RA's, GA's, or Mission Friends. Serving as a counselor on a mission trip, or at camp for children or youth; etc...

Please notice the many opportunities to serve Christ and serve others in our church throughout the month of March:

*Tuesday, March 6-Faith Visitation

*Sunday, March 11-Blood Drive

*March 11-17-Sr. Adult Trip to Noah's Ark in Kentucky

*March 12-16-"Mission Orange" disaster relief mission trip to Orange, TX

*Thursday, March 22-Run to the Cross Ladies Night

*Friday, March 23-Run to the Cross Men's Night

*Saturday, March 24-Run To the Cross 5K & 10K Race AM); Churchwide Wild Game Supper for all (PM)

*Sunday, March 25-Morning Worship Men's Choir

*Saturday, March 31-Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

AND, don't forget Sunday, April 1st is EASTER Sunday!!

Take Advantage of these opportunities to be a helping hand!

In Christ,
 Bro. Neil



Dear Church Family

Thank you to everyone who helped paint in the Children's area! It looks amazing!!!

We are going to paint all the classrooms as well so be looking out for the dates of the next painting parties.

EASTER EGGSTRAVANGA:

The Children's Easter Eggstravaganza will be **March 31st** for ages 3yr to 5th Grade beginning at 10:00am. Please invite all families to this event. There will be free food and an egg hunt. For this event we need people to provide candy. Please bring all candy to stuff eggs by March 11th.

On March 11th, I will be handing out eggs to be stuffed. All eggs will need to be brought back by March 30th .

VBS 2018:

Mark your calendars, VBS is June 4-8 from 9am to 12pm. This years theme is Game On! Please start praying about how you can serve the children during this event.

Starting in April there will be sign-up sheets for the following ways to serve:

- * Teachers
- * Assistant Teachers
- * Kitchen
- * Crews
- * Rec Leaders

We will also need Sound and Video techs during this week.

Serving In Him,
Amanda Wilson
Preschool/Children Director

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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STUDENT MINISTRY

How are your morning devos? Or your devos in general? I hope and pray that you are spending time in the Word and in prayer... Honestly, I hope that you do it in the mornings because it's the best way to start your day. So I want to provide you some easy suggestions to help you with your daily devos. An easy devo book to start with is #Truth by Josh McDowell. Two easy to use apps for iPhone or Android are "Solid Joys", "Daily Devo", and "First 5". "Solid Joys" is a deeper dive into scripture with John Piper, "Daily Devo" is a devo paired with contemporary worship music put together by Shane and Shane, and First 5 is a devo put together by Proverbs 31 Ministries. I am attaching what the app emblems look like down at the bottom of this page.

Winter Jam:

March 10th CenturyLink Center in Bossier City, LA. \$15 at the door

Cross Camp:

July 16-21 Cost is \$255 and we'll be doing the Chicken Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser.

Mission Orange:

March 12-14 cost is \$75 and we will be doing disaster relief cleanup in Orange Texas.

Bahamas Mission:

For students who have completed the 9th grade and adult chaperones. June 11-17th. Estimated cost is \$1,100. Fundraisers will be happening. Informational meetings will be Wed., March 7th @ 7pm in the youth room (immediately after youth worship) and Sun., March 18th immediately after the morning service in the youth room. It is mandatory that you attend one of these meetings.

You can pay for any of the above mission trips or Camp 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 Baptist Calhoun

Things To Check Out

Music:

"Worship Initiative Vol. 14" Shane & Shane

"Worship Initiative Vol. 13" Shane & Shane

Books:

The Book Of Common Prayer

Book of the Bible:

New Testament- Luke

Old Testament- Ecclesiastes

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

Devotional Apps

Daily Devo
Shane and Shane



Solid Joys
John Piper



First 5
Proverbs 31



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MISSION ORANGE TEXAS
March 12th-16th
Disaster Relief Cleanup
Cost:
12th-16th \$100
12th-14th \$75
From Skilled Laborers to Helpers needed

BAHAMAS MISSION TRIP
JUNE 11-17 (COST: \$1100)
FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED 9TH GRADE

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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:
3/1/17–2/28/18**

Lottie Moon.....\$5,478.34

Annie Armstrong.....\$3,287.00

Georgia Barnette.....\$1,643.50

David Terry.....\$547.83

Total for World Mission.....\$10,956.67

March Birthdays

1st	Kelly Lehr
	Billie Smith
3rd	Laura Milstead
4th	April Wallace
6th	Brent Rieger
8th	Katie McCallister
9th	Joe Williams
	Ron Huey
	Zachary Laffitte
	Angelica Salinas
	Jasmen Ostic
11th	Donnie Gaar
	Ray Bennett
	Jessica Thomas
12th	Beth McDonald
	Rebecca Hodge
	Meagan Hicks
	Brittany Hocevar
14th	Sharon Petch
16th	Phillip Roberts
	Jonathan Wallace
17th	Pat Tynes
18th	Lexi Davis
19th	Bill Crosser
21st	Rachel Caldwell
22nd	Marty McDonald
	Melissa McQuillin
23rd	Natalie Coker
	Betty Quarles
	Donna Gardner
	Lisa Herrington
	Christie Smith
24th	Kane Thompson
25th	Brittany Sims
	Mallarie Toms
	Spencer Ragan
26th	Nancy Shirley
27th	Brittany McCraw
	Tiffany McCraw
30th	Marie Worthey
	Lynn Futrell
	Jamie Richardson
31st	Beth Smith