

THE ENCOURAGER

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Service Times

Sunday Service

Sunday School.....9AM
 Morning Worship.....10 :25AM
 Discipleship Training.....5PM
 Preschool & Children
 Classes.....5PM
 Youth Connect
 Groups.....5PM
 Evening Service.....6PM

Wednesday Service

Potluck Fellowship.....5PM
 Children & Preschool
 Classes.....6:15PM
 Adult Prayer Meeting.....6:15PM
 Youth Service.....6:15PM

Office Hours

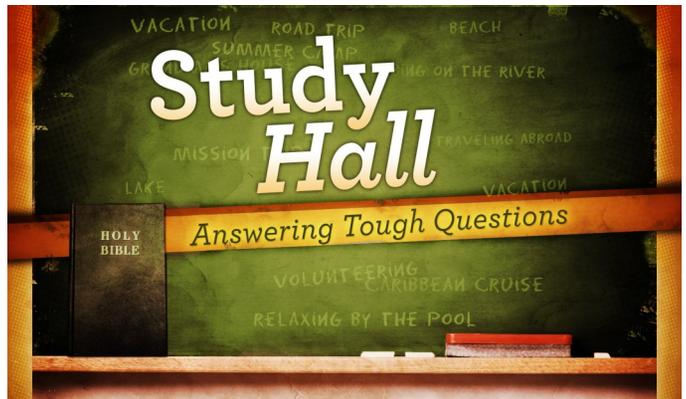
Monday.....8am-5pm
 Tuesday.....8am-5pm
 Wednesday.....8am-5pm
 Thursday.....8am-5pm

“Making Plans”

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15 NASB)

August has become the great transition month! The transition from August to September is the actual transition from summer to fall (even if there is no change in the temperature in Louisiana). It’s the transition from summer break to a new school year. For students it’s the transition from one grade to another, or perhaps from one school to another (elementary, middle school, high school, college). For the parents of children it is often a transition from a little more relaxed schedule around the house during summer break, back to the more hectic, disciplined schedule of getting everyone off in the mornings, getting homework and studying done in the evenings, etc...

Preparing for a new school year takes planning. There are school supplies and fees, school clothes, plans for getting the kids to and from school, and after school care to name only a few. Teachers have to get their rooms ready, prepare lesson plans, attend teacher meetings and training sessions to find out what those in the “ivory tower” have planned for the new year. And that’s not counting the numerous trips to the psy-



chologist, stocking up on anxiety meds, and the purchase of body armor in preparation for their encounters with all our little angels. Just as back to school requires diligent planning for all involved in order for significant academic development to be realized, diligent planning is necessary if we are going to grow spiritually and see progress in our relationship and our walk with Christ. The Apostle Paul urged Timothy to *“be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed...”*

Few parents or teachers would arrive at the first day of school having spent no time thinking or planning about the new school year. It’s said, *“To fail to plan is to plan to fail.”* In what ways are you diligently planning and working to present yourself to God as a workman unashamed of his/her work record? Are you regularly studying God’s Word pri-

vately and with other believers so that you can *“accurately handle the word of truth?”* As you make your plans for the transition from summer to fall, I pray that you won’t fail to plan how you can make forward progress as you strive to store up treasures in heaven, grow in Christlikeness, and faithfully carry out God’s call to be Christ’s ambassadors in the world.

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:13-14)

Planning to seek and to serve Christ more in the days ahead!

God Bless,
 Bro. Neil

CRYPTOGRAM

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WJHMX MPVTH, WBY

WG HEHJG AVJX VU

KVX.

PBDH: UVBJ:UVBJ

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Hey All!!!

Summer was slam packed with lots of great adventures. We had the Mission trip to South Africa and Cross Camp to help us focus on Christ. Those were great times to serve God, demonstrate our Love of the Father, and to grow in our Faith. I hope that amidst the busyness of your summer that you've taken time to make God the priority! You're close to heading back to school and I just want to encourage you to make this year Count! Give this year to God and make an impact at your school for His Kingdom. Two of the greatest ways you can impact your schools this year are these. **1. Proclaim Christ!** Preach the Gospel and tell people of God's redeeming love and How Christ satisfied the penalty of our sins. **2. Live for God's Glory!** Let your actions, reactions, thoughts, jokes, conversations, friendships, school work, free time, and anything else be an opportunity for God's Glory to be revealed through your lives. Romans 14:23 "...For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." We are being told here, that if we do anything not proceeding from our relationship with Christ then we are sinning, If God is telling us to do it, great, if we're trying to figure out how we can do it so that God isn't mad at us, then no good. We are commanded to do the opposite, to glorify God in all we do. Here is what scripture says "So, whether you eat or drink, whatever you do, do all to the Glory of God!" 1 Corinthians 10:31. So, **Let us Proclaim Christ and Live for God's Glory!**

WAC – Wednesday After Church The last WAC is August 6th and it's gonna be a pool party with pizza! Hope you'll come!

Connect groups! Come and grow in your faith and grow in community. We meet in the youth room @ 5pm every Sunday!

Basketball – Monday August 18th. Basket Ball will be starting back up!

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 – 7:00-9:00pm

Connect Groups - Sunday Nights from 5:00-5:55pm.

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:

"King of Love" Austin Stone Worship

"Austin Stone Live" Austin Stone

Books:

"Truth Matters; Confident Faith in a Confusing World" – Andreas Kostenberger (same as last month cause its Good!!!!!!)

Book of the Bible

New Testament: Colossians
Old Testament: Nahum

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



August Birthdays

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

July was an exciting month for the children. We wrapped up our Super Thursdays. Each Thursday we had an Amazing Race along with Bible study, games, and activities. Our season finale was on July 31 where we enjoyed our gigantic slip-and-slide! We all had a great time!

We also had eight children and four counselors to go to CentriKid Camp on July 21-25. We would like to give a special thanks to Mysia Crosser, Bradly Shrader, Red Plouet, and Charlotte Bingham for taking the time to go and be counselors for our campers. Each camper came back with an excitement to share God's love.

Thank you for all of your encouragement, cards, prayers, and food you have shared after the death of my grandson on July 4th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Call me or visit the website for additional information.

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Other Upcoming Events:
August 10 – Promotion
August 16 –Preteen Invasion at Temple Baptist in Ruston, LA (9am-3pm) (More info to come)
New programs to begin in September on Wed. nights at 6pm – GA's and RA's

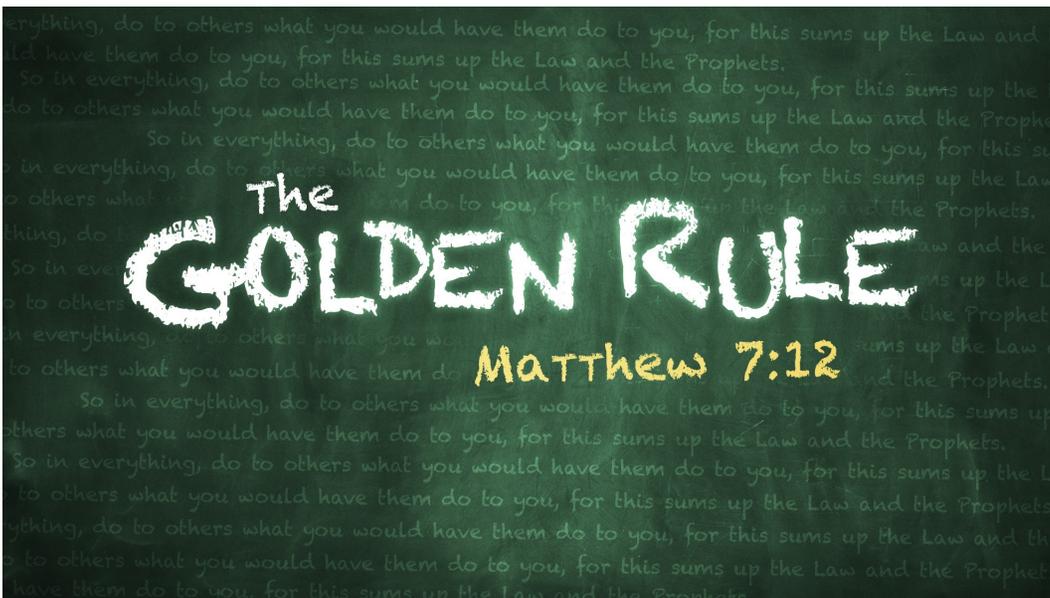
May regular events:

Sunday Mornings:
Sunday School (Kingdom Kids/Preschool Explorers): 9am-10am, snacks 10am-10:15am
Kingdom Kids Worship: 10:15- 11:45 (1st – 3rd)
Preschool Explorers Worship: 10:15-11:45 (PK 4 – K)
Extended Session: 10:15-11:45 (3yrs.)
Child Care: 10:15-11:45 (infants- 2yrs.)

Sunday Nights:
Kingdom Kids Choir: 5pm-6pm (1st-5th)
Preschool Explorers (Music): 5pm-6pm/
Preschool Fun: 6pm-7pm (3yrs. – K)
Child Care: 5pm-7pm (infants-2 yrs.)

Wednesday Nights:
GA and RA: 6pm-7pm (1st – 5th)
Preschool Mission Friends: 6pm-7pm (3yrs. – K)
Child Care: 6pm-7pm (infants-2 yrs.)

Name	Day
Wesley Coker	2
Dorothy Dupree	2
Johnny Trichell	2
Red Plouet	5
Tyler Ball	6
Emma Bush	10
Renee Gross	10
Joy Terrell	11
Darold Mullins	15
Sandy Ezell	16
Callie Blakely	17
Joyce Dupree	17
Roy Green	17
Marie Howard	17
Shelia Massey	17
Devan Ostic	20
Malcolm Kuhn	22
Mildred McMichael	22
Brian Ragan	22
Michael Smith	22
Robert Davis	23
Lynn Howard	23
Lynn Sayers	23
Jeffery Taylor	23
Annette Darden	24
Jason Robertson	24
Wayne Rutledge	25
Tabitha Coughran	27
Joyce Lovett	29
David LeVasseur	31



August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Cryptogram Answer: <i>Jesus answered him saying, it is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.</i> Luke 4:4					1 Portland, Oregon Mission Trip	2 Portland, Oregon Mission Trip
3 Portland, Oregon Mission Trip Deacon Meeting 3pm	4 Portland, Oregon Mission Trip	5 Portland, Oregon Mission Trip	6 Portland, Oregon Mission Trip	7 Portland, Oregon Mission Trip	8 JP Rieger Band 5pm	9 Desiard Street Ministry 3:30pm
10 Church Council Meeting 3pm	11 Basketball Outreach 7pm	12	13 Young at Heart 10am	14	15	16 Threads of Love 9am
17 Finance Committee Meeting 4pm	18 Basketball Outreach 7pm	19	20	21	22 JP Rieger Band 5pm	23
24 Personnel Committee Meeting 4pm 31 WMU Plate Sale	25 Basketball Outreach 7pm	26	27	28	29 Fifth Quarter 7pm	30