

# 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

# Welcome to First Baptist Calhoun

*“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7).*

On Sunday, August 20th, we formally begin one of the most important ministries in our Church—the new Greeters Ministry.

In light of the fact that most people visiting a new church make up their minds in the first ten minutes as to whether or not they plan to return, first impressions are extremely important. Letting people know as soon as they pull into the parking lot that they are important to us, and that we desire to be helpful to them and make them feel welcome, can make it easier for them to decide to return. Greeters will also be located at the outside doors, mall hall, sanctuary doors and inside the sanctuary.

Many thanks to Cristy Halley for leading this ministry! She has scheduled training for all ministry participants and has organized them into teams. Thanks to the twenty-plus people who have already signed up to be greeters!

Training begins on Sunday, August 6th immediately following the morning worship service. It will be held in the dining room (next to the gym) and lunch will be provided.

As the website “Evangelism Coach” state...Church Greeters serve a vital function of expressing the



welcome of Christ to those who enter our church buildings.

- ◇ It may be a simple smile and handshake
- ◇ It may be eye contact while handing a person a church bulletin.
- ◇ It may be small talk and an offer of prayer after the service
- ◇ Part of the purpose of a church greeter is to help
- ◇ prepare the way for a person to encounter God in the worship service.
- ◇ A friendly smile might change a negative attitude
- ◇ An expression of compassionate care might calm the nerves of stressed parents.
- ◇ A gentle welcome and genuine conversation may help people feel a sense of connection.

It is estimated that one out of every seven people come to church with a

heavy burden. Don't add to it. Be a faith lifter. Remember we are doing this on behalf of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we should be as Christ-like as possible in all we say and do.

If you haven't already, sign up today, or let Cristy Halley know that you want to participate in one of the most important ministries of our Church, and let God use you to help us fulfill our mission to Reach Up, Reach In, and Reach Out.

God Bless,  
 Bro. Neil



WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

Dear Church Family,

Summer is almost over and it has been an awesome summer. God has provided for everything! Thank you to all the volunteers for VBS, Camp and Super Thursdays. For Super Thursdays we had an average of 15 kids every Thursday for the month of July.

We have Pre-Promotion Sunday on *Sunday, August 6th*, and this year I would like to try something a little different. I would like to meet with all the parents of the children moving into Kindergarten through 6th grade. We will meet in the entrance of the Children's area and parents will accompany their children to the new classes. This will accomplish a couple of things; 1) it will help the parents know where they children's new classes are located and 2) the parents will have the opportunity to meet the teachers.

Serving In Him,  
Amanda Wilson  
Preschool/Children Director

**Regular Schedule**

**Sunday**

- Sunday School.....9:00am
- Nursery.....9:00am
- Worship.....10:15am
- Nursery.....5:00pm
- Preschool 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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**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%

**Report To-Date:**

- Lottie Moon.....  
\$6,443.59
- Annie Armstrong.....  
\$3,851.15
- Georgia Barnette.....  
\$1,953.33
- David Terry.....  
\$641.86
- Total .....  
\$12,889.93

# FIRST CAL

## STUDENT MINISTRY

It's time to start another year of school. Another year on mission in one of the most practical mission fields of your life. Everyday surrounded by friends, acquaintances, strangers, even maybe an enemy or two who are searching for something.

Searching for identity and purpose in life, and my hope is that you are equipped to share the answer to their search. That Christ is the treasure, the purpose, the point of life. Make a commitment between you and God that you will seize the opportunities that He provides to preach the gospel and be ministers of reconciliation. That you can be a source of hope for students who so desperately need to see it. Get good grades, sure...make friends, yes...have some fun and make memories, undoubtedly...but most of all your years in school are a mission to preach Christ, live for Christ, and point others to Him. Be an impact for the kingdom by how you live in the world and not become a part of it!

### Back 2 School Bash:

Wednesday, August 9th; 6pm-12am; Cost is \$5 (@ First Cal)

### Fall Retreat:

Dates are Nov. 3-4; Cost is \$50 (with Cedar Crest Baptist Church)

### YEC:

Dates are Nov. 20-22; Cost is \$80

Speaker-Clayton King

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.

Love, Peace and Chicken Grease!

### BRO. JOEY

Student Pastor, First Baptist Calhoun

### Things To Check Out

#### Music:

"CC17" Cross Camp Playlist on Spotify

"Emerging Sound Vol. 3" -

People and Songs

#### Books:

"The Holiness of God" - R.C. Sproul

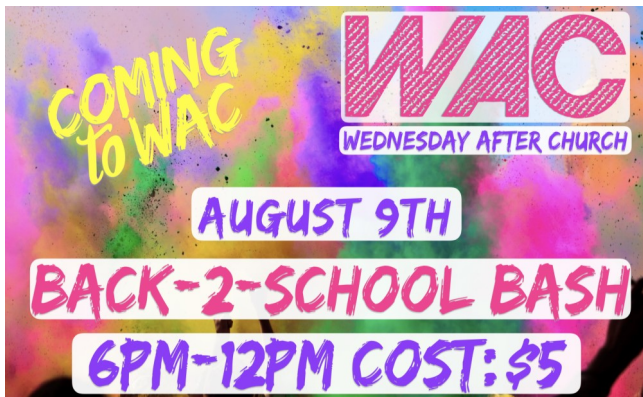
"The Discipline of Grace" -

Jerry Bridges

Book of the Bible:

New Testament-2 Peter

Old Testament-Ezra



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([www.facebook.com/firstcalstudentministry](http://www.facebook.com/firstcalstudentministry))

We have Twitter now at:

([@fbCalStudents](https://twitter.com/fbCalStudents)) so follow us

Friend us personally if you wanna chat with Rach or myself on: [www.facebook.com/joey.anwar](http://www.facebook.com/joey.anwar) or on

Instagram-[janwar](https://www.instagram.com/janwar) and [rachelanwar](https://www.instagram.com/rachelanwar)

### 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

### August Birthdays

1st	Beverly Bain Cody Evans Ashlee Edwards
2nd	Johnny Trichell Todd Watt Brittany Oetgen
3rd	Dylan Tolbird
4th	Matthew Auttonberry Linda Webb Mark Cosby James Holloway Ryan Sanford Mason Crosser
5th	Red Plouet
6th	Kay Howlett Laura Tolbird Tyler Ball Jessie Stephenson
7th	Kierston Wheeler
8th	Greg Williams
9th	Kevin Demoss Robin McHenry Austin Diel
10th	Emma Bush Andrew Chamblee
11th	Joy Terrell
14th	Ernie Bruce Amy Cummings Benji Hendrix
15th	Virginia Bennett Darold Mullins Cole Brasher Karlie Brasher
16th	Sandy Ezell Shelby McCallister
17th	Gay Auids Roy Green Joyce Dupree Sheila Massey Connie Stammerjohan Callie Blakely
18th	Stephanie Melder Taylor Corbin
20th	Allie Goodfellow Devan Ostic
21st	Kathy Rutledge Ross Gresham
22nd	Mildren McMichael Jeff Hulsey Malcolm Kuhn Brian Ragan Charles Craig Taylar Harris
23rd	Shawn Cooper Holly Jones Shane Rieger
24th	Annette Darden Trey Temples
25th	Wayne Rutledge
26th	Andrew Auttonberry
27th	Brett Hilton Morgan Crosser Codey Purdy
28th	Colt Griffin
29th	Joyce Lovett
30th	Toby Frederic
31st	David LeVasseur