

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

Hurricane Harvey Cometh!

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:16-18).

Someone said in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, "See what happens when you name a hurricane after a man? He won't ask directions, wanders around lost, leaves a mess and doesn't clean up after himself!"

Hurricane Harvey is going into the record books. The Category 4 hurricane has decimated dozens of entire towns and displaced hundreds of thousands of people. For an entire week, it sat over southeast Texas dumping a year's amount of rainfall in one week!

It has been heartbreaking hearing the stories of people wandering waist deep in water in a daze after watching everything they owned go under water. The clean-up and repairs will take years and the cost is in the hundreds of billions of dollars. The last count at the time of this writing, there were 62 Texas counties declared disaster areas; 746 Southern Baptist churches flooded.

However, the silver lining in this story is the wonderful reports of people helping people...

◇ People standing in water formed a human chain in order to rescue a pregnant woman from a flooded apartment building. Another human chain pulled an elderly man out of his submerged car.



- ◇ Helicopters plucked people off the roofs of their homes.
- ◇ Regular citizens patrolled flooded neighborhoods in their own fishing boats, rescuing people.
- ◇ Many risked their own lives by jumping into rushing water to pull people to safety.
- ◇ First responders such as police firemen, National Guardsmen, etc...braved flood waters to rescue people in the middle of the night.
- ◇ Many reports of people checking on their neighbors and helping families and elderly people get to dry ground.
- ◇ People in areas just beyond the devastation opening up their homes and apartments to those fleeing the floods. Churches becoming shelters. People flocking to shelters to help serve.
- ◇ The Red Cross, SBC Disaster Relief and others immediately set up feeding stations, and within hours were turning out thousands of hot meals for victims and responders!

When disaster strikes the best and worst in people surface. It's such an opportunity for Christian people/for the church to step up and show the love of Jesus in very practical ways.

At a time when our country is so divided, it's great to see people of every race and every background, setting aside their own comfort and safety and helping each other! It's sad that it often takes a tragedy for demonstrations of love and kindness to get national attention.

I pray that God will show each of us how we can continually demonstrate the love of Jesus, not only "in words and speech, but with action and truth."

God Bless,
 Bro. Neil

This is the silver lining in the storm!



FIRST CAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

Dear Church Family,

Kids are back in school and everything has started back. RA, GA and Mission Friends are up and going for the school year. These groups are to teach children about missions around the world and here in the United States.

In the middle of September, I will be asking for candy and cokes for our Fall Festival. The date for the Fall Festival is Saturday, October 28 from 4:00–6:00pm. This will be a time of games and fellowship for community outreach. I will also be needing volunteers and supplies for this event.

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.....
\$6,629.09
- Annie Armstrong.....
\$4,012.45
- Georgia Barnette.....
\$2,008.98
- David Terry.....
\$660.41
- Total
\$13,310.93



FIRST CAL STUDENT MINISTRY

You are full on in the trenches of the busyness of you're life aren't you? School, sports, practices, games, music, hobbies, extra-curricula, friends, trying to find time to unwind maybe... but in the midst of all of that are you making time to seek out Christ?

What is your priority in life? Is Jesus maybe just a second thought for you with everything else you have going on? I would challenge you to reorder your life. Making Christ first will make the chaos of life subside. Don't get me wrong life will still be overwhelming, but when Christ is your focus, the hard times are more bearable because we have hope in Christ. Our circumstances wont control us, Christ will and that makes our circumstances bearable. So some quick tips...

If you are too busy. Think of some things that you can cut out of your life, if you cant think of any, ask God. Talk to your parents about maybe being too overscheduled. Make sure you are prioritizing God, then family, school, friends, and yourself. Be about God and His kingdom first. Live your life for him and you will find fulfillment.

Fall Retreat:

Dates are Nov. 3-5; 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

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

Things To Check Out

Music:

"Wonder" Hillsong United

"Therapy Session" NF

Books:

"Asking the Right Questions: A Practical Guide to Understanding and Applying the Bible" - Matthew Harmon

Book of the Bible:

New Testament- Jude

Old Testament- Nehemiah

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September Birthdays

1st	Yvonne Richardson Jimmy Bingham Dee Eaton Adam Bricker
2nd	Chad Deal
3rd	Kevin Fuller Connie Sims Jake Dumas
4th	Madison Barber
6th	Jean Vines Brooke Taylor
7th	Jared Kimble
8th	Todd Haire Jonathan Everett
9th	Johnny Wilhite Lana Barnette Mackenzie Puckett Jeremy Booth
10th	Michelle Phillips Amy Cady Jolene Black
11th	Betty Halley Gary Richardson Annette Herrington Julie Stephens
13th	Kathy Eubanks
14th	Lytle Jackson Kevin Puckett Sherry Canady Leslie Smith
15th	Danny Temples Patricia Nelson
16th	Deanna Brown Jennifer Taylor
17th	Kristi Lafitte
18th	Sara Ruth Kilpatrick Doyle Smith Patricia Stephens Linda Tedeton AJ Toms Bailey Benson
19th	Loyce Trichell Andy Futrell Douglas Hogan
20th	Joan Walters Connor Cummings
21st	Lynn Pate
22nd	Katie Bingham
23rd	Debra Craighead Cheryl Kuhn Julie Travis
24th	Mary Jane Troutt Joann Johnson Clint Miller Joshua Lowery
25th	Alice Lehr Gerald (Ken) Martin Pam Robinson
26th	Neil Whitney
27th	Del Vines Butch Smith Mike Arnold Haylea Amason
28th	Donna Temple Christine Cosby Brennan Zigler
29th	Cynthia Foust Valerie Watt Ronnie Bond Joey Lowery Matt Griffin Devin Knowles Will Haire Irina Plunova
30th	Glenda Wilbanks Megan Reeder Andrew Cooper