

The Encourager

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Service Times

Sunday Service

Breakfast.....	8AM
Sunday School.....	9AM
Morning Worship.....	10:25AM
Discipleship Training.....	5PM
Preschool & Children 's	
Classes.....	5PM
Youth Connect	
Groups.....	5PM
Evening Service.....	6PM

Wednesday Service

Supper.....	5PM
Adult Prayer.....	6:15PM
Children & Preschool	
Classes.....	6PM
Youth Service.....	6PM

Office Hours

Monday.....	8AM-5PM
Tuesday.....	8AM-5PM
Wednesday.....	8AM-5PM
Thursday.....	8AM-5PM

“Surviving the Storms of Life”

In Acts 27, Paul is being transported to Rome to stand trial before the Roman Emperor because of his witness for Christ. The ship on which he was traveling encountered a major storm and the ship was wrecked on the sandy shore of an island.

HOW TO SURVIVE THE STORMS OF LIFE

I) Secure the Foundations

“As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along.” (Acts 27:16-17)

We need to make sure our lives are built on the foundation of a personal relationship with Jesus. Storms come in every life. Jesus said the man who builds his house on sand will lose it when the storms come against it. But the house built on the rock will stand when the storms come. David said in Psalm 19, “the Lord is my Rock and my Redeemer.”

ii) Get Rid of Hindrances

“We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. On the third day, they threw the ship’s tackle overboard with their own hands.” (Acts 27:18-19)

Hebrews 12:1 says, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

III) Strengthen Your Faith

“Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, “Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail



with you.” So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.” (Acts 27:23-25)

Strengthen your faith...by recalling past times when God has delivered you; by writing down some of the promises of God’s Word and reading them repeatedly; by inserting your own name into the written promises of God’s word; by staying in church (we need the family of God more than ever); by staying in God’s word (“Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path” Psalm 119:105.)

IV) Strengthen Your Body

“Just before dawn, Paul urged them all to eat. ‘For the last fourteen days,’ he said, ‘you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven’t eaten anything. Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.’” (Acts 27:33-34)

Other than times when we are led to fast from food, etc...we should care for our bodies, the temple of the Holy Spirit. Rest, eat, and exercise. Allowing ourselves to become physically depleted just adds to the other difficulties we’re experiencing.

V) Remember God Will Eventually Calm the Storm

“The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners

to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. But the centurion wanted to spare Paul’s life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. The rest were to get there on plans or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.” (Acts 27:42-44)

In Luke 8, Jesus and His disciples were crossing the sea of Galilee when a storm hit and the board was suddenly in danger of sinking. Jesus was asleep, and the disciples began to panic. They cried, “Master, Master we’re going to drown!” Jesus rebuked the wind and the storm and all was calm. Jesus said to His disciples, “Where is your faith?”

We don’t have to be overcome by the storm because we serve the Commander of the storm! David said in Psalm 56:3, “When I am afraid, I will trust in God.”

Fellow Servant of the Commander of the Storm,

Bro. Neil



FIRST CAL
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

Dear Church Family,

Mother's Day is just around the corner and we will be having Baby Dedication on that day. Please see me if you have a baby who you would like to have dedicated. Please let me know no later than May 7th in order to sign up for this special day.

We are getting ready for SUMMER 2017 and it is going to be an exciting summer. First is VBS Galactic Starveyors scheduled for **June 5th-June 9th** from 9am-noon. Please invite any child ages 4 yrs to 5th grade to attend.

Second is Children's Camp at Harris Baptist Retreat in Minden scheduled for **June 19-22nd**. This is for all children who have completed 1st grade through 5th grade. The total cost is \$160.00 with a deposit amount of \$80 due no later than May 21st.

Lastly, the whole month of July we will be having Super Thursdays. This will be every Thursday from 9am-noon for children who have completed 1st through 5th grade. This will be a time of Bible study, games, snacks and crafts.

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.....
\$5,991.00
Annie Armstrong.....
\$3,579.60
Georgia Barnette.....
\$1,789.80
David Terry.....
\$596.60
Total
\$11,957.00



Summer is fast approaching and you are probably already checking out of "school mode" and making plans for your summer break. With that in mind, I just want to encourage you to use your summer wisely. Netflix binge, spend some time by the pool, sleep all day, go on family vacation, and all the other fun things...but, prioritize some time with Jesus. Here are some suggestions:

- ◆ Read your bible more.
- ◆ Pray more.
- ◆ Start a bible study at your house and invite some friends over.
- ◆ Read some Christian books that challenge your faith.
- ◆ Memorize some scripture.
- ◆ Plug into church and come serve and grow with us.
- ◆ Go to Cross Camp with us in July.

There are a lot of things to do this summer, but don't over plan your fun and push Jesus out of your schedule. Also, feel free to come hang out with me at the office or text us and come by the house!

Things to check out:

Music:

"Look and See" - The Village Church
"Psalms II" - Shane and Shane

Books:

"When I Don't Desire God" - Piper
"Forgotten God" - Francis Chan

Book of the Bible:

New Testament-James
Old Testament-1 Chronicles

Cross Camp :

Dates are July 17-22; Cost is \$255
Money and Forms are due no later than June 4th

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.

Our weekly schedule is listed 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

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday Worship from 6:00-7:15pm
Sunday School from 9:00-10:15pm
Sunday AM Worship Service @ 10:25pm
Connect Groups-Sundays @ 5:00pm

Monday Night Basketball-6:30-9:00 pm



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(www.facebook.com/firstcalstudentministry)

We have Twitter now at:

(@fbCalStudents) so follow us

Friend us personally if you wanna chat with Rach or myself on: www.facebook.com/joey.anwar or on Instagram-janwar and rachelanwar

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Heartfelt Banquet 6:00pm	3 <u>WNS Menu</u> Hamburgers French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Dessert "How to Study Your Bible" Class 6:15pm	4 College Bible Study 7:30pm National Day of Prayer 	5	6
7 Sr. Recognition Day  Deacon Meeting 3pm Meet & Greet: Lori Pearce (Immediately following evening service)	8 Ladies Prayer 2:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	9 FAITH Visitation 6:00pm	10 Young at Heart 10am <u>WNS Menu</u> Chicken Fr. Ckn Mashed Pot- w/gravy Peas/Salad Cornbread Dessert "How to Study Your Bible" Class 6:15pm	11 College Bible Study 7:30pm	12 JP Rieger Band 5pm	13
14 Happy Mother's Day!  Baby Dedication 10:25am Church Council Meeting 3pm	15 Ladies Prayer 2:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Basketball 6:30pm	16 Threads of Love 9am	17 <u>WNS Menu</u> Beef Tips Rice & Gravy Lima Beans Salad/Roll Dessert "How to Study Your Bible" Class 6:15pm	18 College Bible Study 7:30pm	19	20 Threads of Love 9am
21 Finance Committee Meeting 3pm	22 Ladies Prayer 2:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Basketball 6:30pm	23	24 <u>WNS Menu</u> Chicken & Sau- sage Cajun Pasta Green Beans Salad/French Bread Dessert How to Study Your Bible" Class 6:15pm	25 College Bible Study 7:30pm	26 JP Rieger Band 5pm	27
28 Personnel Commit- tee Meeting 4pm	29 Ladies Prayer 2:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Basketball 6:30pm	30	31 <u>WNS Menu</u> Swedish Meatballs Peas Salad/Roll Dessert How to Study Your Bible" Class 6:15pm			