

# The Encourager

## Service Times

### Sunday Service

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

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



### Sharing Jesus in Calhoun and Around the World!

*"How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!'" Romans 10:14-15*

Our Mission Strategy Team has published our 2019 mission's opportunities. Whether you feel able to serve overseas, in another part of the U.S., or right here in our Calhoun area, there are opportunities are you!

Mission trips are a great way to serve Christ by serving others. Regardless if it's primarily a construction trip, VBS trip, or door to door evangelism we are sharing the love of Jesus and the Good News of Jesus with

people who need to know God created them, loves them, and has provided a way through Jesus for their sins to be forgiven, and for them to come into fellowship with their Creator!

When we see the smiling faces of those we help, and especially of those who have repented of their sins and received Christ as Lord and Savior, it makes it more than worth all the time, money, and energy spent in bringing the love of Jesus to them.

Please ask God to enable you to take part in of one of the missions opportunities made available to us this year. No one receives a greater blessing from a mission trip than those who go. However if you cannot go, please consider helping someone who is going by donating toward their portion of the expense of the trip (each person is responsible for half the trip cost; the other half is paid from the church fundraisers).

### This is the list of mission's opportunities for 2019:

Mission Calhoun  
(Spring Break Week)  
March 25-27

Florida Panhandle  
Hurricane Clean-up  
June 22-29

Brazil Mission Trip  
July 22-30

Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa  
Sept. or Oct.

Have beautiful feet by bringing the Good News of Jesus to a lost world! Thank you for praying, giving, and going!

God Bless,  
Bro. Neil



Dear Church Family,

Easter is just around the corner and we will be having our Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 20th**. We will begin collecting candy and plastic eggs to be filled around the middle of March.

### Mark Your Calendars!

**VBS—June 10-14 9am-12pm**

**This years theme is “Into the Wild”**

Please begin praying about how you can serve the children during this important event! Beginning April 8th, there will be sign up sheets so you can sign up to serve. The different areas in which to serve are Teachers, Assistant Teachers, Kitchen crews, Rec Leaders and Sound/Video Techs.

**Children's Camp—July 8-11**

Children's Camp will be held at Clara Springs Camp in Pelican, LA. Total cost is \$170 with a deposit of \$50 due no later than April 21st. This camp is for children who have completed the 1st-5th grade by this summer.

Serving Him,  
Amanda Wilson

### 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

### Contact Information

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### Six Technological Truths to Consider

Technology is in its proper place when it helps us bond with the real people we have been given to love. It's out of its proper place when we end up bonding with people at a distance, like celebrities, whom we'll never meet.

Technology is in its proper place when it starts great conversations. It's out of its proper place when it prevents us from talking with and listening to one another.

Technology is in its proper place when it helps us take care of the fragile bodies we inhabit. It's out of its proper place when it promises to help us escape the limits and vulnerabilities of those bodies altogether.

Technology is in its proper place when it helps us acquire skill and mastery of domains that are the glory of human culture (sports, music, the arts, cooking, writing, accounting; the list could go on and on). When we let technology replace the development of skill with passive consumption, something has gone wrong.

Technology is in its proper place when it helps us cultivate awe for the created world we're part of and responsible for stewarding (our family spent some joyful and awe-filled hours when our children were in middle school watching the beautifully produced BBC series *Planet Earth*). It's out of its proper place when it keeps us from engaging the wild and wonderful natural world with all our senses.

Technology is in its proper place only when we use it with intention and care. If there's one thing I've discovered about technology, it's that it doesn't stay in its proper place on its own; much like my children's toys and stuffed creatures and minor treasures, it finds its way underfoot all over the house and all over our lives. If we aren't intentional and careful, we'll end up with a quite extraordinary mess.

### EVENT DATES - some things to mark down and remember.

#### Missions

Mission Calhoun — Monday-Wednesday of your Spring Break — Free.  
Mission Arlington — End of May beginning of June — \$150.

#### Cross Camp:

This may seem like a long time from now, but we just want to help you plan accordingly! July 15-20, \$275, With Joe Handy speaking and the Good times band leading worship. It will be at Louisiana Tech this year.

You can pay for any of the above trips 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 Cal

### Things To Check Out

#### Music:

"Poets and Saints" All Sons and Daughters

"The Death of Death" Charlie Hall

#### Books:

Habits of Grace—David Mathis

#### Book of the Bible:

New Testament— 1 Thessalonians

Old Testament— Obadiah

### 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**

**Feel free to text or call us and come by the house any time**

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### Devotional Apps

**Daily Devo**  
Shane and Shane



**Solid Joys**  
John Piper



**First 5**  
Proverbs 31



**WEDNESDAYS FROM 6-7:15PM**  
**@ FIRST CAL STUDENT MINISTRY**

**#FirstCalWorship**

## FIRST CAL



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:  
3/1/18–2/28/19**

**Lottie Moon.....\$5,894.00**

**Annie Armstrong.....\$3,536.40**

**Georgia Barnette.....\$1,768.20**

**David Terry.....\$589.40**

**Total for World Mission.....\$11,788.00**

***March Birthdays***

1	Billie Smith
3	Ashley Knox Laura Milstead
4	April Wallace
6	Dajuana Johnson
8	Katie McCallister
9	Ron Huey Zachary Laffitte Angelica Salinas
10	Ryan Reeder
11	Ray Bennett Denise Cain Donnie Gaar
12	Megan Hicks Rebecca Hodge
13	Luke Tucker
14	Sharon Petch
16	Jacob Tucker Jonathan Wallace
18	Lexi Davis
19	Bill Crosser
20	Amber Knox
21	Rachel Megan Caldwell
22	Natalie Coker Laura Linder
23	Lisa Herrington Betty Quarles Christie Smith
25	Mallarie Toms Spencer Ragan Brittany Sims
26	Ricky Brasher Nancy Shirley
28	Sumer Whitehead
30	Lynn Futrell
31	Marie Worthey Beth Smith