

The Encourager

Service Times

Sunday Service

Free 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

Wednesday Night
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



Counting Our Blessings

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.”
Philippians 4:8

Even at a time when our country, and much of our world is in turmoil we still have so much for which to be thankful. The Apostle Paul was in prison when inspired by the Holy Spirit he wrote about disciplining our minds to think on things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, and

praiseworthy. It's so easy for us to let our minds drift toward things that are false, wrong, impure, shameful, etc...

Paul points out in Philippians chapter 4 the danger of an undisciplined mind preventing us from remaining firm in our commitment to Christ and resulting in strife between believers. We seem to have more of a tendency to dwell on things that are negative and critical. That kind of thinking can cause us to become aggravated at our circumstances and at others. If anyone had a right to be aggravated with his circumstances and other people it was Paul sitting in his prison cell. However, because

he disciplined his thinking toward counting his blessings, he could say in v.10, “I rejoiced greatly in the Lord...”; v.11, “I have learned to be content in whatever the circumstances...”; v.13, “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”

So this Thanksgiving, and every other day of the year discover the contentment that results from dwelling on the many blessings we have from God, and from the blessings we enjoy from family, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Bro. Neil



We had a blast at our Fall Festival! There was lots of candy, children, and fun. A Big THANK YOU to everyone that helped to make it a success.

We have our regular activities on Wednesday and Sunday for the month of November.

Children are working hard on memorizing their songs and parts for our First Christmas Pageant which will be on December 15th @5 PM. You don't want to miss it. It is not too late for children to sign up to be in the Christmas pageant. We have sign up forms in the children's department.

We have many areas of need in our Children's Ministry currently. As our area grows so grows the need for volunteers. Please consider being a part of this ministry today. Feel free to contact Nancy Huey or Callie Blakely about areas of service.

Serving Him,

Nancy Huey
Interim Children's Director



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

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Dear Church Family,

The month of October is over and what a month it was. In October, we had the opportunity to see several of our students who accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior be baptized. This was a blessing to see and we are glad we are able to celebrate and pray for them during this time. We baptized ten students throughout the month of October. On Sunday nights during Connect Groups, we also started a 'New Believers' class. I encourage you to pray our new believers and pray for all of our students as they are faced with challenges each and every day. Join us throughout the month of November as we discuss how to deal with Fear and Anxiety in our lives. These services will take place on Wednesday night at 6p.

In Christ,

A.J. Toms

Weekly Schedule

Monday Night Basketball—6:30—9:00pm

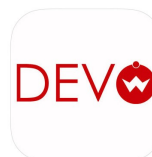
Wednesday Worship—6:00—7:15pm

Sunday School—9:00—10:15am

Sunday AM Worship Service— 10:25am

Devotional Apps

Daily Devo
Shane and Shane



Solid Joys
John Piper



First 5
Proverbs 31



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EVENT DATES

Mark your calendar for these important dates.

November 2nd.....Fall Youth Bonfire@
The Goodwin's House

November 24-25.....YEC (in Alexandria)



November

- 2 James Kilpatrick
- 3 J.P. Rieger
- 4 Shelly Martin
- 5 Payton Dea
- Jason Rieger
- Diane Stanley
- 6 Nicholas Rieger
- 7 Dixie Reynolds
- Frankie Tanner
- 8 Beth Brown
- 9 Charlie Staples
- 10 Brett Stephenson
- 11 Duke Hogan
- Slade Sanford
- 12 Jimmy Holton
- 13 Alicia Jones
- 14 Ima Nae Green
- 15 Chris Craighead
- 16 Dude Halley
- Makayla Herrington
- Alicia Minter
- Justin Neal
- 18 Randy Wilbanks
- 19 Lesley Mizell
- Stephanie Nance
- 20 Katie Hodge
- Julian Johnston
- David Petch
- Nona Sanford
- Sonya Taylor
- 21 Amanda Goforth
- 22 Ashlynn Hicks
- Ronny Naron
- 25 Jo Ellen Retz
- Lyn Rieger
- 27 Breanna Benson
- Taylor Futrell
- Andrew Lockhart
- 28 Matthew Petch
- 30 Gloria Blakeney
- Don Frazier

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

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