

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



February is World Mission's Month

"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed" — Hudson Taylor (Missionary to China and founder of the China Inland Mission. Taylor spent 51 years in China.)

Once again in February we celebrate World Missions Month at First Calhoun! Throughout the entire month we will celebrate efforts to share the love of Jesus and the good news of Jesus, from our own backyard to the ends of the earth.

We won't be having a lot of special speakers during World Missions Month this year, however we will still be highlighting the missions efforts of the Southern Baptist mission agencies and the efforts of our own church to share the love of Jesus and the good news of Jesus locally and to the ends of the earth!

The last Sunday in February (Feb. 24) will be the ingathering of our Annual World Missions Offering. Please bring the missions offering you've been accumulating. This will be our annual missions offering supporting our association, Louisiana, North America, and foreign missionaries

and their work according to the following percentages adopted by our church... David Terry Association Offering 5%; Georgia Barnett State Missions Offering 15%; Annie Armstrong North American Missions Offering 30%; and Lottie Moon International Missions Offering 50%.

Thousands of people have been impacted by Christ through the missions efforts of our church over the years! And many of our church member's lives have been forever changed by Christ by their participation in our church's mission activities!

This year (2019) our Missions Strategy Team is planning the following mission opportunities...

Mission Calhoun during spring break (March 25-29). We will be spreading the love of Jesus right here in our community by cleaning yards and other special projects.

Construction trip to the Florida panhandle to help with hurricane cleanup in churches. (in the spring)

Brazil mission trip to help Clyde Fowler and family reach people and plant churches in northern Brazil. (during the summer)

Our annual trip to Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa to work with the church we helped to plant in the neighborhood of Divo. (probably in the fall)

Please be praying for God's Spirit to stir up our hearts to be even more committed and obedient than ever before to Jesus' Great Commission to His church. *"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" (Matthew 28: 18-20)*

Remember Jesus said in *Matthew 24:14*, *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."*

Until His Return!
Bro. Neil



Dear Church Family,

We are into the new year and things in the Children's Department are going really well. We are starting to gear up for VBS!! If you would like to volunteer for this exciting ministry that will be occurring on June 10-14th, please contact me! Also, there will be a VBS training seminar for those interested at Tall Timbers on Saturday, March 9th. Please see me if you would like to attend this seminar.

Children's Camp will be held on July 8-11th this summer! Please begin praying for God to move in our children's lives during this week of camp.

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

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Here is a little devotional thought from John Piper on having the right aim for your day!

What Is Your Aim?

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. . . . And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17)

When you get up in the morning and you face the day, what do you say to yourself about your hopes for the day? When you look from the beginning of the day to the end of the day, what do you want to happen because you have lived?

If you say, "I don't even think like that. I just get up and do what I've got to do," then you are cutting yourself off from a basic means of grace and a source of guidance and strength and fruitfulness and joy. It is crystal clear in the Bible, including these texts, that God means for us to aim consciously at something significant in our days.

God's revealed will for you is that when you get up in the morning, you don't drift aimlessly through the day letting mere circumstances alone dictate what you do, but that you aim at something — that you focus on a certain kind of purpose. I'm talking about children here, and teenagers, and adults — single, married, widowed, moms, and every trade and every profession.

Aimlessness is akin to lifelessness. Dead leaves in the back yard may move around more than anything else — more than the dog, more than the children. The wind blows this way, they go this way. The wind blows that way, they go that way. They tumble, they bounce, they skip, they press against a fence, but they have no aim whatsoever. They are full of motion and empty of life.

God did not create humans in his image to be aimless, like lifeless leaves blown around in the backyard of life. He created us to be purposeful — to have a focus and an aim for all our days. What is yours today? What is yours for the new year? A good place to start is 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"

EVENT DATES - some things to mark down and remember.

LINGER:

February 14-16, Cost—\$170 For Juniors & Seniors in HS and College age students. Sign up on line.

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.

Mission Arlington: Early June, \$150, Arlington Texas

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

Devotional Apps

Daily Devo
Shane and Shane



Solid Joys
John Piper



First 5
Proverbs 31



Things To Check Out

Music:

"Hymns Vol.1" Shane and Shane

"The Reveille Vol. III" Austin Stone

Books:

Habits of Grace—David Mathis

Book of the Bible:

New Testament— Colossians

Old Testament— Amos

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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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.....\$2,818.50

Annie Armstrong.....\$1,778.10

Georgia Barnette.....\$889.05

David Terry.....\$281.85

Total for World Mission.....\$5,767.50

February Birthdays

1	Marshal Bingham
3	Teresa Medlin
4	Huey Edwards
	Brent Halley
	Hope Johnston
	Angelica Salinas
6	Clay Sartor
7	Angel Rieger
9	Landon Wayland
10	Jackson Lowder
	Marsha Rolan
11	Megan Crosser
13	Jerry Aulds
14	Joyce DeMoss
	Sheila Frazier
	Dolan Jackson
16	Leigh Ann Bielkiewics
	Cora Beth Fletcher
17	Annette Coker
	James Futrell
	Sarah Johnston
	Vickie Sartor
19	Ricky Stamey
	Alanie (Smith) Wilson
20	Sue Eppler
22	Elvin Carter
	Matt Murphy
	Jessie Ragan
23	Gary Carter
	Bradley Shrader
	Sarah Shrader
	Tara Wallace
24	Banu Everett
	Daniel Ellis
	Brandt Melder
	Shannon Poole
26	Carolyn Auttonberry
	Jim Williams
28	Cristy Halley
	Sara Redding