

THE ENCOURAGER

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Service Times

Sunday Service

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

Wednesday Service

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

Office Hours

Monday.....8am-5pm
Tuesday.....8am-5pm
Wednesday.....8am-5pm
Thursday.....8am-5pm

"God Bless America?"

Psalm 33: 10-12. *"The Lord foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations. **Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...**"*

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe." Proverbs 18:10

Generally when we think of July, we think of July 4th! Baseball, hotdogs, apple pie, fireworks! It's what makes summer, summer! Of course July 4th is one of our nation's biggest holidays because it's *Independence Day*! On July 4th we celebrate the beginnings of our nation - our independence from England.

Since its inception our nation has been blessed by God. From its unlikely victory over Great Britain, to eventually become the envy of the world because of its freedoms, strength, and prosperity!

The founders of our nation understood the source of those blessings...

George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

He prayed: "Oh, eternal and everlasting God, direct my thoughts, words and work. Wash away my sins in the immaculate blood of the Lamb and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit. Daily, frame me more and more in the likeness of Thy son, Jesus Christ, that living in Thy fear, and dying in Thy favor, I may in Thy appointed time obtain the resurrection of the justified unto eternal life. Bless, O Lord, the whole race of mankind and let the world be filled with the knowledge of Thee and Thy son, Jesus Christ."



John Hancock, Signer of the Declaration of Independence said, "We recognize no sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus."

Daniel Webster even stated, "Education is useless without the Bible."

They had no problem acknowledging that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

However, we come a long way in the last few decades! John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court appointed by President Washington said,

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." We've gone from those beginnings to an outcry against one candidate running for president in the last election because he stated he talked with God and believed the Bible to be true!

How could we go from Founding Fathers whose speeches sounded like sermons, filled with Bible verses and acknowledgments that we are beholding to Almighty God for all we enjoy, to today's society

where anyone who mentions God, Jesus, prayer, etc... is told religious speech doesn't belong in public?

Hint: The Bible says followers of Jesus are to be the salt and light. Darkness has been defined as the absence of light. If our world is growing darker, it's because of the light is growing dimmer! Salt flavors. The influence of salt on other foods is familiar to us all. Jesus said, "If the salt loses its saltiness, it is useless and has to be thrown out."

We need to ask ourselves, "Am I allowing the light of Christ to shine through me in this dark world?"

"Am I an influence for good, for godliness in our world?" Our nation can only come back to Christ and the principles and virtues of His word, one heart at a time.

This July 4th is a great opportunity for us to celebrate our nation's independence from Great Britain, and our dependence on Almighty God for His continued blessings!

God Bless,
Bro. Neil

CRYPTOGRAM

MFWL NFUBM BWKQ

MFQ BWZR MFH

OWR JEMF UBB MFH

FQUZM, UVR JEMF

UBB MFH NWLB, UVR

JEMF UBB MFH

AEVR; UVR MFH

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Hey All!!!

Cross Camp If you are going to Cross Camp here is some pertinent information! Please be at the church @ 9:45AM Monday, July 14th to load. We are leaving @ 10:00Am You will need \$7 for Lunch on the way to camp and \$5 for Breakfast on the way home. We will be back @ 11:30am Saturday July 19th.

WAC – Wednesday After Church Please Check out Facebook and twitter as info will be updated weekly!

Connect groups! Come and grow in your faith and grow in community. We meet in the youth room @ 5pm every Sunday!

Basketball – Monday Basketball will be taking a hiatus from June 30th- August 11th.

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday Worship from 6:00 - 7:15pm.

Sunday School from 9:00 - 10:15am

Sunday morning worship service @ 10:25am.

Monday Night Basketball –

On Summer Break

Connect Groups - Sunday Nights from 5:00-5:55pm.

South Africa Missions Trip

We will be departing for South Africa Thursday June 26th and arriving back on Tuesday July 8th. Please

begin or continue praying for the students that are participating in this mission trip; **Ashlee Edwards, Alex Edwards, Casey Moore, Cody Moore, Jolene Black, and Sarah Minter... plus Rachel and myself.** Please pray for the towns that we will be working in and pray for the hearts of the people we are serving. Also, lift up those who we will be sharing the Gospel with that God we have His way in their hearts and that we would be bold with His words!

All of this is 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

Things 2 Check Out

Music:

"Stop and Listen" Bethany Dillon

"Worship Initiative Vol. 3" Shane and Shane

Books:

"Truth Matters; Confident Faith in a Confusing World" – Andreas Kostenberger (same as last month cause its Good!!!!!!)

Book of the Bible

New Testament: 2 Corinthians
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



"So they heaped many honors on us, and when we sailed, they gave us what we needed."

Acts 28:10

June was an exciting month for FBC Calhoun! I would like to take this opportunity to share the gratitude I have in my heart for those who stepped up, stepped in, and made our VBS very successful. Our leaders and helpers were truly an inspiration for our preschoolers and our children.

VBS Total Enrollment:
175

VBS Average Attendance:
140

Decisions Made During
VBS: 6

Preschool Offering:
\$143.38

Children Offering:
\$429.44

(Our offering will be sent to missionaries AJ & Mallory Toms to help them in their two-year mission journey in Peru.)

Special thanks to Marty and Tonya Ballard for our Little Caesars pizzas that were donated Friday night for our VBS family night.

Attention grades 1st – 5th! Don't miss out on our Super Thursdays (The Amazing Race) from 9am-noon each week! We will have a different Amazing Race each week and lunch will be provided! See dates below.

Other Upcoming Events:
July 3, July 10, July 17 – "The Amazing Race" 9am-noon (lunch provided) – Grades: 1-5

July 21-25 Centrikid Camp

July 31 – Finale to "The Amazing Race"/End of Summer Party

August 10 – Promotion

August 16 –Preteen Invasion at Temple Baptist in Ruston, LA (9am-3pm) (More info to come)

Call me or visit the website for additional information.

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Regular events

Sunday Mornings:

Sunday School (Kingdom Kids/Preschool Explorers):

9am-10am,
snacks 10am-10:15am

Kingdom Kids Worship:

10:15- 11:45 (1st – 3rd)

Preschool Explorers Worship:

10:15-11:45 (PK 4 – K)

Extended Session:

10:15-11:45 (3yrs.)

Child Care:

10:15-11:45 (infants- 2yrs.)

Sunday Nights:

Kingdom Kids Choir:

5pm-6pm (1st-5th)

Preschool Explorers (Music):

5pm-6pm

Preschool Fun:

6pm-7pm (3yrs. – K)

Child Care:

6pm-7pm (infants-2 yrs.)

Wednesday Nights:

Kingdom Kids – "Who Am I?" Bible Mysteries:

6pm-7pm (1st – 5th)

Preschool Explorers – "God Made My Family":

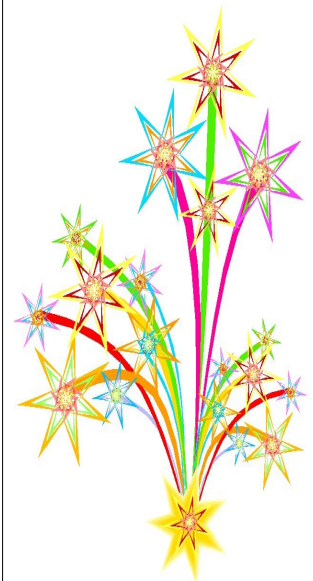
6pm-7pm (3yrs. – K)

Child Care:

6pm-7pm (infants-2 yrs.)

July Birthdays

Linda Webb	4
Greg Griggs	6
Anna Machen	7
Von Parker	9
Steve Cranford	10
Brad Goforth	11
Nikki Netherland	11
Nikki Frost	14
Tyler Martin	14
Trey Looney	15
Richard Eppler	16
Aimee Jackson	16
Rebecca Skains	20
Trey Skains	20
Brenda Smith	21
Chris Coker	23
James Chambless	24
David Henderson	25
Morgan Becker	26
Diane Holladay	26
Ricky Coker	28
Kevin Calhoun	30
Roger Johnston	30
Bobby Brown	31
Stacy Evans	31



July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CYPHER Answer Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thy self. Luke 10:27		1 Faith Visitation 6:00pm Youth Africa Mission Trip	2 Youth Africa Mission Trip	3 Super Thursday 8:00am Youth Africa Mission Trip	4 Independence Day Youth Africa Mission Trip	5 Youth Africa Mission Trip
6 Deacon Meet- ing 3pm Youth Africa Mission Trip	7 Youth Africa Mission Trip	8 Faith Visitation 6:00pm Youth Africa Mission Trip	9 Young at Heart 10:00am Youth Africa Mission Trip	10 Super Thursday 8:00am	11 JP Rieger band 5:00pm	12 Desiard Street Ministry 3:30pm
13 Church Council Meeting 4:00pm	14 Youth Cross Camp	15 Faith Visitation 6:00pm Youth Cross Camp	16 Youth Cross Camp	17 Super Thursday 8:00am Youth Cross Camp	18 Youth Cross Camp	19 Threads of Love 9:00am
20 Finance Com- mittee Meeting 4:00pm	21 CentriKid Camp	22 Faith Visitation 6:00pm CentriKid Camp	23 CentriKid Camp	24 CentriKid Camp	25 JP Rieger band 5:00pm CentriKid Camp	26
27 Personnel Committee Meeting 4:00pm Quarterly Busi- ness Meeting 6:00pm	28	29 Faith Visitation 6:00pm	30	31 Super Thursday 8:00am		