

The Encourager



Service Times

Sunday Service

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

Children's Choir.....4:00PM
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

"Be Strong and Courageous"

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." Joshua 1:7

During the 100 year's war between France and England, the English lost a battle they were expected to win. When someone asked the general what happened, he said, "Never underestimate the ability of an overconfident army to snatch defeat right out of the jaws of victory."

Life is a battle. Sometimes it seems as though all the enemy's artillery is trained right on us. And yet, often we grow overconfident, thinking we can handle life without God's help. Just about the time we think we have life whipped, we are handed a defeat.

How can we be victorious in life? How can we find victory in our families, our finances, over our temptations, and in our other relationships? As Christians we know "we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us," however we may feel we have developed the ability to snatch defeat right out of the jaws of victory. Another military commander is credited with saying, "I believe we will be on the road to victory if we can just stop losing." How can we as individuals and families stop losing and begin experiencing victory in Jesus?

The Old Testament book "Joshua" tells us about God leading Joshua and the Hebrew people into a new land and a new life. This book is the record of God teaching them this truth: victory in life comes through obeying God's Word. Success is learning and applying scriptural principles to our lives as we walk in a love relationship with His Son Jesus!

God to Joshua at the beginning of the book: "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." Joshua 1:7

Joshua to the people at the end of the book: "...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... but for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

God to each of us: "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Joshua 1:8

God Bless,
Bro. Neil



February 2020

There is a lot activity in the Children's Department!

February 14th at 6:00 pm we will have a Valentine's Party and childcare. This corresponds with the Youth Banquet at 6:30 pm. We need volunteers to help us out during the party. We will have games, crafts and food. The children will work on cards and posters for our project on Saturday the 15th.

February 15th our children will go to the Calhoun firehouses and distribute goodie baskets to the fire fighters. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to gather children and chaperones for our trip to the firehouses.

Please sign up your children and yourself for either or both of these events. Sign up is in the mall area and the check in desk in the children's department.



VBS

There will be information on Vacation Bible school coming soon. We will have a sign up sheet for volunteers in the mall area. Registration for children will be online or in the mall area.

CAMP SIGN UP!

If your child intends to go to camp, we will begin signing up for that soon. The non-refundable deposit will be due at signup. More information on this soon. Camp dates are July 20-23, 2020.

Watch for details of upcoming events posted in the children's area and the bulletin.

Thanks for your support of our ministry.

Nancy Huey

Regular Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:00am
Nursery.....9:00am
Worship.....10:15am

Nursery.....4:00pm
Preschool Choir.....4:00pm
Bible Class.....5:00pm
Childcare 8 wks-K.....6:00pm
Worship.....6:00pm
(All school age children attend evening service in the main sanctuary.)

Wednesdays

Nursery.....6:00pm
Toddlers-2 Years.....6:00pm
Mission Friends.....6:00pm
RA's & GA's.....6:00pm

Contact Information

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Dear Church Family,

The month of January is over. We have gone through a sermon series this month and have seen God move in the lives of our students. We have looked at what the Bible tells us on how to win the war within ourselves. We baptized two students as well during one of our Wednesday night worship services. We would like to encourage all our students to get plugged in with us on Sunday as well. We have a place for you. We finished this month with Disciple Now and begin February with it. The topic the students will be looking at for the weekend is called "Live Different". I ask that you continue to pray for our students and student leaders as they volunteer their time and pour into the lives of each one of them.

In Christ,

A.J. Toms

EVENT DATES

Mark your calendar for these important dates.

February Events:

Feb. 14—Valentine Dinner/Variety Show
(Church Gym)

Feb. 28—Winter Jam (Bossier City)

Weekly Schedule

**Monday Night
Basketball—6:30—
9:00pm**

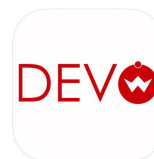
**Wednesday Worship—
6:00—7:15pm**

**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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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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WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING



February

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|----|-----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Marshal Bingham | 17 | Annette Coker |
| 3 | Teresa Medlin | | James Futrell |
| | Leah Murray | | Sarah Johnston |
| 4 | Huey Edwards | | Vickie Sartor |
| | Brent Halley | 18 | Dylan Berry |
| | Hope Johnston | | Tyler Futrell |
| | Angelica Salinas | 19 | Ricky Stamey |
| | Penny Smith | | Alanie (Smith)Wilson |
| 5 | Blake Carr | 21 | Morgan Harper |
| 6 | Banu Everett | | Bill Jordan |
| | Clay Sartor | | Austin Webb |
| 7 | Angel Rieger | 22 | Elvin Carter |
| 9 | Landon Wayland | | Matt Murphy |
| 10 | Clay Crawford | | Jessie Ragan |
| | Marsha Rolen | 23 | Gary Carter |
| 11 | Megan Crosser | | Allen Chapman |
| 13 | Jerry Aulds | | Bradly Shrader |
| 14 | Sheila Frazier | | Sarah Shrader |
| | Dolan Jackson | | Tara Wallace |
| 15 | Walter Smith | | Cheyenne Weaver |
| 16 | Leigh Ann Bielkiewicz | 24 | Jase Johnston |
| | Cora Beth Fletcher | | Brandt Melder |
| | Jennifer Goss | | Shannon Poole |
| | | 26 | Carolyn Auttonberry |
| | | 28 | Cristy Halley |
| | | | Sara Redding |