

The Encourager

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Service Times

Sunday Service

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

Wednesday Service

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

PRO-LIFE!

"In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5)

I recently read an article that quoted a Catholic nun who said, "I do not believe that just because you're opposed to abortion, that that makes you pro-life. In fact, I think in many cases, your morality is deeply lacking if all you want is a child born but not a child fed, not a child educated, not a child housed. And why would I think that you don't? Because you don't want any tax money to go there. That's not pro-life. That's pro-birth. We need a much broader conversation on what the morality of pro-life is."

While I dispute her claim that a person that opposes the continued increase in federal spending on education, welfare programs, and government assisted housing is not pro-life, and by default is unconcerned about the welfare of children, her suggestion that we need a "broader conversation on the morality of pro-life" is right on! Federal spending on education, welfare, food stamps, WIC (women, infants, and children food subsidy), and housing assistance has continued to increase since 1964 when the "War on Poverty" was declared by President Lyndon Johnson. At the same time the percentage of people in the U.S. living in poverty has dramatically increased, not declined!



The federal government spends more than \$668 billion a year on at least 126 different programs to fight poverty. That amounts to \$61,830 for every poor family of three!

We should have learned by now that just throwing money at a problem doesn't help. Much of the money just fuels bigger government bureaucracies. By the time all the agencies that are created to "manage" the assistance are created and funded, there isn't much left to feed, educate, and house the child!

A little over 15% of Americans now live in poverty, and the number seems to be increasing. The Obama administration has increased spending on welfare programs by more than \$193 billion! And yet, if we don't think we need to throw more money at it, we're not pro-life?

As Christians, we need to continue to fight against the outrage of abortion. Killing the baby can never be an acceptable solution to society's problems! We need to support Cri-

ses Pregnancy Centers – especially the ones that seek to introduce the mothers to Jesus Christ, the Giver of Life, and the One who loves them and is "an ever-present help in times of trouble."

We need to continue to strive to help those who have unmet needs... "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Matthew 25).

We also need to realize doing things God's way actually works. When we order our lives according to the principles given us in God's Word we benefit, marriages benefit, families benefit, children benefit, societies benefit.

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Just one example: the largest segment of impoverished people in our society is single moms with children. These women are trying to do it all – make the living, take care of their children, etc... all by themselves. It can be a lonely, exhausting, discouraging ordeal. God's way is designed to work better... "A man shall leave his father and his mother and cleave to his wife and they become one flesh." Then they have their children and share the responsibilities to see that they are fed, educated, and housed, and raised in the Lord. The church (the Body of Christ) is there to help during those times when they need a leg up.

Speaking of being "pro-life," Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

God Bless,
Bro. Neil



FIRST CAL

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hey there!

School Starts Soon! Are you spiritually prepared for the mission field of your campus, home, friendships, sports teams, band, or wherever God has you?

Discipleship – please join us over the next few Wednesdays as we launch into a discipleship program. "1 on 1" is a program to help student invest in students lives, adults invest in students lives, and adult invest in adult lives. We are pumped to be obeying scripture as we make disciples and pray that you will join in with us!

Student Impact dates are August 23-26. Cost is \$2.00 at the door...

Future Events to begin planning for!

5th Quarters – After Home Football games - free
YEC– November Cost: \$75
Winter Missions- Decem- bers Cost: \$65

You can pay for any of the above trips in advance, or begin paying for them now. Turn your money into Bro. Joey and we will keep a record of how much and to what events you are pre-paying for. Also, we will be doing some fundraisers for Cross Camp and for Summer Missions.

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

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 – 6:30-9:00pm

Connect Groups – Sundays @ 5pm

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

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We have Twitter now @fbCalStudents so follow

us.

Friend us personally if you wanna chat with Rach or myself – www.facebook.com/joey.anwar

Or on Instagram – [janwar](#) and [rachelanwar](#)

THINGS TO CHECK OUT

Music

"Church Songs" Vertical Church Band
"Worship Initiative" Volume 10 Shane and Shane

Books

"Purity Principle" Randy Alcorn

Book of the Bible

New Testament: 2 Peter
Old Testament: 1 Kings

IMPACT

AUG. 23-26 | FIRST WEST

\$2 AT THE DOOR | 6-12 GRADE



Jesus Christ is the
same yesterday, today,
and forever.
Hebrews 13:8 CSB

This Bible verse reminds me that even when it seems my world is spinning out of control, God is still in control and never changing. I have experienced many changes in my life this year. One year ago I retired from library work, in April I became a grandparent and this summer I went to camp for the first time in 30+ years. God called me to my present position at the church as a minister to children and their families. Change is always going on and we wonder sometimes can we slow it down. God is very aware of the changes in our life and He is there, always. Children face many changes in their lives also. Sometimes good and sometimes bad, as leaders and parents we must direct them to the One that is never changing and holds them in the palm of His hand.

Speaking of change, the new school year is only days away. Which means things will slow down a little in the Children's Department. We will resume our regular schedule beginning August 2nd. See the list below for events and classes for your children.

Thank you for the privilege to serve with you.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Things to look for in August:

2nd Preschool and Children's choir is in full swing. All Sunday night classes resume for preschool

5th WNS begins again.

9th Pre-promotion and Sunday school open House at 9:30 a.m.

16th Promotion Day

22nd Preteen Invasion at Temple Baptist in Ruston

22nd Connected at Tall Timbers in Woodworth

23rd Parent/Child Dedication in the A.M. service

30th Boy's and Men's Breakfast

In His service,
Nancy

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REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning

Sunday School.....9am
Children's Church.....10:20am
Preschool Church.....10:20am

Sunday Evening

Children's Choir.....5:00pm
Preschool Music & Bible Study.....5:00pm
Preschool Activities.....6:00pm

Wednesday Evening

Children's GA & RA Programs.....6:00pm
Preschool Mission Friends.....6:00pm

During all services we provide a nursery for all preschoolers ages 2 and under. Come check us out.

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**Sunday
Nights**

@ 5pm
For 3-5 year olds



August 23



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*Parent/Child
Dedication*

Wednesday Nights
FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS
GRADES 1-5 @ 6PM MISSIONS EMPHASIS
SUMMER
GIRLS IN ACTION

**JOIN US IN...
PRAISE BAND
CHURCH CHOIR
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
HAND BELLS**

CHOIR

For More Info
See Ken Bryan

August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Men & Boys Breakfast 7:30am Frederic, Toby McQuillin, Dustin	31 Dicks, Gavin Ronald Howard, Heather LeVasseur, David Studer, Leah	Birthdays			23 Cooper, Shawn Davis, Robert Howard, Lynn Jones, Holly Fletcher Rieger, Shane Sayers, Lynn Taylor Jr, Jeffery	1 Bain, Beverly Edwards, Ashlee Evans, Cody
		17 Blakely, Callie Dupree, Joyce Green, Roy Howard, Marie Massey, Shelia Stammerjohan, Connie	18 COOK, BRANDI Corbin, Taylor Davis, Jordan Sebren, Ashlee	22 Frost, Amanda Harris, Taylar Kuhn, Malcolm McMichael, Mildred Ragan, Brian Smith, Michael		
2 Deacon Meeting 3pm Coker, Wesley Dupree, Dorothy Oetgen, Brittany Smith, Jordan Trichell, Johnny Watt, Todd	3 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm	4 Ladies Prayer 9:30am Cosby, Mark Crosser, Mason Holloway, James Sanford, Ryan	5 Wednesday Night Supper 5pm Plouet, Red	6 Ball, Tyler COOK, KATIE Stephenson, Jessie	7 Youth 5th Quarter	8 Desiard Street Ministry 3:30pm
9 Church Council Meeting 3pm DeMoss, Kevin	10 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm Bush, Emma Chamblee, Andrew Gross, Renee	11 Ladies Prayer 9:30am Terrell, Joy Walker, Kirsten	12 Young At Heart 10am Wednesday Night Supper 5pm Hernandez, Maddy	13 Gilbert, Launa Huey, Taylor	14 Youth 5th Quarter JP Rieger Band 5pm Cummings, Amy	15 Threads of Love 9am Bennett, Virginia Mullins, Darold Neal, Lea Skains, Nathanael
16 PROMITION SUN- DAY Finance Commit- tee Meeting 3pm Ezell, Sandy McCallister, Shelby	17 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm	18 Ladies Prayer 9:30am	19 Wednesday Night Supper 5pm Brown, Sierra	20 Ostic, Devan	21 Youth 5th Quarter Gresham, Ross Rutledge, Kathy	22 Preteen Invasion @ Temple Baptist Church Heart to Home Ministry Meeting 8am
23 Baby Dedication 10:25am Personnel Com- mittee Meeting 4pm	24 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm Darden, Annette Robertson, Jason Temples, Trey	25 Ladies Prayer 9:30am Rutledge, Wayne	26 Wednesday Night Supper 5pm	27 Coughran, Tabitha Crosser, Morgan Purdy, Codey	28 Youth 5th Quarter JP Rieger Band 5pm Griffin, Colt Massey, Shelby	29 Lovett, Joyce