

The Encourager

Service Times

Sunday Service

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

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



"Our Christian Heritage"

"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God."

(John Adams, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, 2nd President of the U.S.)

"Had the people, during the Revolution, had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle... In this age, there can be no substitute for Christianity... That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants."

(Statement from the Congressional House Judiciary Committee, 1854)
"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts."

(John Jay, President of Congress, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1789- 1795)

"The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effective means of limiting Christianity from the world than by

persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools."

(Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration of Independence)

"The Christian religion – its general principles – must ever be regarded among us as the foundation of civil society."

(Daniel Webster, U.S. Senator, Secretary of State, lived 1782-1852)

"Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual. ... Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us."

(John Hancock, 1st Signer of the Declaration of Independence)

"I have carefully examined the evidences of the Christian religion, and if I was sitting as a juror upon its authenticity I would unhesitatingly give my verdict in its favor. I can prove its truth as clearly as any proposition ever submitted to the mind of man."

(Alexander Hamilton, Signer of the Declaration of Independence)

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."

(Patrick Henry, Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution)

I thought I'd let the words of our forefathers speak for themselves. The United States was founded and led by men who were for the most part committed followers of Christ. They purposefully based the laws and statutes of the new nation on the principles and teachings of scripture. The 1st Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

The obvious purpose of the 1st Amendment was to protect religious freedom from state tyranny. Congress was forbidden to set up a state church, such as the Church of England, and force everyone to obey it. Nor were they to interfere with individuals living out their religious beliefs in their daily lives. We've obviously come a long way from the intentions of the Founders. As Christians and citizens we need to seek to elect people who take seriously the Constitution and the other foundational documents on which our society was built. Also as is evidenced by the quotes above, our Founders recognized the necessity of our leaders and citizenry following Christ and the principles of God's Word, if we are to continue to be the land of the free and the home of the brave.



Dear Church Family,

The month of June has been amazing. God is good all the time. VBS was a great success. I truly appreciate all the hard work of everyone who helped with VBS. We had an average of 86 kids here each day and 8 salvations. July will be Children's Camp at Clara Springs Baptist Encampment in Pelican, LA.

We will have 12 kids attend and 2 adults. It will be July 22-25. Please be in prayer for the children and chaperones during this week.

Mark Your Calendars!

Children's Camp—July 22-25

Children's Camp will be held at Clara Springs Camp in Pelican, LA. Total cost is \$170 with a deposit of \$50 due no later than April 21st. This camp is for children who have completed the 1st-5th grade by this summer.

In 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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We welcome A.J. Toms as our new Pastor to Students and Dylan Spillers as our new Student Ministry Intern.

We are excited about great things to come in our student ministry.

EVENT DATES - some things to mark down and remember.

Cross Camp:
Cross Camp is July 15-20. With Joe Handy speaking and the Good times band leading worship. It will be at Louisiana Tech this year.

Devotional Apps

Daily Devo
Shane and Shane



Solid Joys
John Piper



First 5
Proverbs 31



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**

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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.....\$5,894.00

Annie Armstrong.....\$3,536.40

Georgia Barnette.....\$1,768.20

David Terry.....\$589.40

Total for World Mission.....\$11,788.00

July Birthdays

4	Matthew Auttonberry Linda Webb
6	Greg Griggs
7	Krystian Puckett Zack Rieger Carley Anne Rutledge Deborah Truett
8	Cecilia Bingham Hank Goforth Emilee McClaskey Natalie Rieger
9	Von Parker
11	Brad Goforth Terry Traxler
12	Rae Lynn Deal Caleb Rutledge Elijah Smith
13	Margaret Goodfellow Joe Ann Smith Michelle Smith
14	Allen Milstead
16	Richard Eppler
17	Gay Aulds
19	T.J. Bratton Wyatt Halley
20	Jayden Bielkiewicz Bobbie Fretwell Trey Skains Iris Treadway
21	Taylor May Brenda Smith
22	Debra Aeschlima Victoria Sullivan
23	Chris Coker Dustin Smith Maddie Kennedy
24	Taylor Auttonberry Madison Lingenfelder
25	Charlene Black
26	Carla Calhoun Diane Holladay Sandra Whitaker
27	Elsie Morgan
28	Ricky Coker Mia Meyer
29	Rose Dea
30	James Balsamo Kevin Calhoun Roger Johnston