

# The Encourager

September 2021

**FIRST CAL**  
Acts 1:8



## Lord, Revive Us!

If we're to experience personal revival and spiritual renewal, each of us should follow the example of David in Psalm 51.

Do I desire true revival?

"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation... (Psalm 51:12)

Am I willing to pay the price for revival by acknowledging and repenting of my sin?

"Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgression and my sin is always before me." (Psalm 51:2-3)

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." (Psalm 51:17)

When I sincerely cry out to God in repentance, do I have the faith to trust Him to forgive me and cleanse me of ALL unrighteousness?

"Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." (Psalm 51:7)

Am I willing to renounce my sinful pride and admit that I can't, by my own power, or by redoubling my efforts, come back into fellowship with God? Do I recognize that only God can purify my heart and set me back on His path to faithfully walk with Him?

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit withing me." (Psalm 51:10)

Will I accept God's truth that when I experience true revival I will, out of the overflow of my heart, joyfully and willingly share Christ with others? Do I recognize the lack of desire and willingness to share Christ with others as an indication of my need for revival?

"Then will I teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You." (Psalm 51:13)

Do I understand that real and lasting joy in life comes from walking in love and fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ?

"Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice." (Psalm 51:8)

As we pursue revival we should pray fervently! As far as I know, no revival or spiritual awakening has ever taken place that wasn't preceded by consistent, fervent prayer. I pray that God will mend the brokenhearted, save the lost, deliver those in bondage, set us on fire for Him, and His name be glorified!

God Bless!  
Bro. Neil

## UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

**Heartfelt  
Kickoff**

**SUNDAY, 09/26**  
**6-8 PM**  
**FIRST**  
**CALHOUN'S GYM**



**Join us at our kickoff  
event to start the  
2021-2022 Heartfelt  
Year!!**

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT  
SHAWN COOPER AT 318-381-3208.

## Weekly Schedule:

### Sunday

**8 AM:** Free Breakfast in Gym

**9 AM:** Sunday School

**10:15 AM:** Worship

**5 PM:** Arise Wellness Ministry

Ladies' Discipleship Class

Youth CREW

Children's Activities/Kid's Choir

### Wednesday

**5 PM:** Wednesday Night Supper

**6 PM:** Adult Prayer Meeting

Youth WNL

RA's, GA's, & Mission Friends

# FIRST CAL KIDS

## AGE GROUPS?

### NEW BORN TO 5TH GRADE



COME SEE US IN  
THE CHILDREN'S  
WING!

**Callie Blakely**  
CHILDREN'S MINISTER



Connect with us!

Callie Blakely  
318-331-5391  
Ellie Murphy  
318-278-7468

Facebook -  
First Cal Kids  
Instagram -  
@firstcalkids

## Upcoming Events!!!

Parent/Child Dedication on Sunday, September 19th. Sign up in the children's building!  
Fall Festival on Saturday, October 30th @ 4-6 PM. Candy donations can be dropped off in  
the church office or at the box in the mall area!  
Kid's Choir on Sunday nights @ 5-6 PM. For Kindergarten-5th grade!



**Parent/  
Child  
Dedication**

Sunday, September 19th in  
AM Worship

Sign up TODAY!!!

FIRST BAPTIST  
CALHOUN

**FALL FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY  
10/30/2021**

**@ 4-6 PM**

JOIN US FOR A GREAT  
TIME OF FUN, GAMES,  
& CANDY!!!!!!

## SUNDAY

### MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9 AM
Nursery	9 AM
Children's Church	10:15 AM

## WEDNESDAY

### SCHEDULE

Nursery (8 wks - 2yrs)	6 PM
Mission Friends (3yrs - K)	6 PM
RA's & GA's (1st - 5th)	6 PM

Dear Church Family,

School is officially back-in session and things are rolling. We had our back to school lock-in and had 85 students that were here over night. We went through a study on Wednesday in our W.N.L. called "Life on mission". We looked at what it looks like to live on Mission for God. Right now we are going through the T.V. series "The Chosen" on Sunday nights. I want to encourage you guys to pray that our students will be moved by seeing these individuals that lived life with Jesus and how it changed them.

Coming up in September, we have our first 5th quarter following a West Ouachita home game. We plan to have games, food and music for all the students that show up. This will be a community wide event with 6 churches involved. I ask that you be in prayer for these events that are coming up.

As always, I am thankful for your prayers and support in the student ministry. I ask that you continue to pray for the students as they are back in school and facing different temptations daily and fighting against them. If you would like, we would love to have you drop in for one of our Wednesday Night Live worship services. Come hang out with us!!

In Christ,  
A.J. Toms

### **Weekly Schedule:**

#### **Sunday**

Sunday School @ 9 AM

Worship @ 10:15 AM

Youth C.R.E.W. @ 5 PM

#### **Wednesday**

Wednesday Night Live @ 6:15 PM

**\*\*Doors open @ 6 PM; Hang out time from 7:30-8PM\*\***

**Join us for Sunday School!  
@ 9 AM**

**Middle School & High School  
Girls: Study through the Bible**

**Middle School Boys:  
Control**

**High School Boys:  
Be A Godly Man**





# W.N.L

## WE WANT TO SEE YOU!

YOUTH PASTOR  
A.J TOMS

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

@ 6:15

SUNDAY NIGHTS  
@ 5 C.R.E.W.

**Connect with us!**

**A.J. Toms - 318-475-1707**

**Facebook:** First Cal Student Ministry

**Instagram:** @firstcal\_student\_ministry





The production team needs YOUR help for slides, sound, and lights! If you are interested or have any questions, see Enrique or call him at 239-281-6163.

We encourage you to go and check out our website for news and information on the ministries at work in our church!!

We have started rehearsals for the Christmas presentation of “For Unto Y’all!!”

**BUT IT IS NOT TOO LATE!!! YOU CAN STILL JOIN US IN ALL THE FUN!!!**

The following is **STILL** needed:

**Actors who sing**

**Actors who don’t sing**

**Dancers and folks who don’t dance**

**Anyone who can stand on stage and have a good time**

Check out the new updates to the Welcome Center!!!  
Mission Statement Wall  
&  
Ministries Wall

Let’s see if we can gather up enough strays to have a successful show!

If you are interested, please meet with us every Sunday afternoon @ 4 PM in the choir room!!! We would love to see YOU there!!





## ARISE WELLNESS MINISTRY UPDATES!!

Arise Wellness Ministry is for all ages and all fitness levels. We study the **WORD** of God and principles to keep our bodies healthy enough to worship Him and serve others.

### SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

In September 2021 Arise Wellness has something for **EVERYONE!**

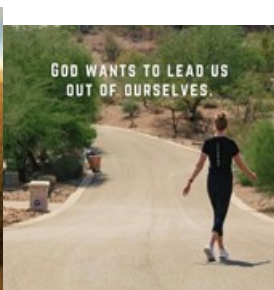
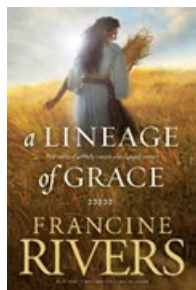
**5th** – Introduction and sign up for Move & Meditate. A commitment to move your body for 20 minutes a day for 22 days while meditating on Psalms 119. Learn the benefits of walking and meditation. **Sept 6 – 27th**. Then stay for a HIIT Workout from All fitness levels.

**12th** – Check-in for Move & Meditate participants. Introduction and discussion on 30 days of Eating Well. Make commitments to eating plans. Challenge runs **Sept 13 – Oct 12th**. Stay for a Cardio Dance Workout - All fitness levels.

**19th** – Check-in for Move & Meditate and Eat Well participants. Introduction and discussion on Lineage of Grace book club/bible study and end of study paint party! **SAVE the DATE Sunday 11/7/21** for the paint party. Flexibility Workout- REV on the Mat - All fitness levels. Bring a mat!

**26th** – Only 1 more day of Move & Meditate! Hear feedback from participants. Check-in for Eat Well participants. Introduce Tamar in Lineage of Grace book club / bible study.

1	Adam Bricker
	Dee Eaton
2	Chad Deal
3	Kevin Fuller
	Connie Sims
4	Madison Barber
6	Jean Vines
8	Jonathan Everett
9	Lana Barnette
10	Jolene Black
	Michelle Phillips
11	Betty Halley
14	Sherry Canady
	Lytle Jackson
	Leslie Smith
16	Deanna Brown
	Jennifer Taylor
18	Sara Ruth Kilpatrick
	Doyle Smith
	Patricia Stephens
	Linda Tedeton
	AJ Toms
19	Douglas Hogan
	Loyce Trichell
20	Connor Cummings
	Joan Walters
22	Katie Bingham
23	Debra Craighead
	Cheryl Kuhn
	Julie Travis
24	Joann Johnson
	Mary Troutt
25	Alice Lehr
	Pam Robinson
27	Butch (Edward) Smith
28	Christine Cosby
29	Valerie Watt
30	Megan Reeder



# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> WNS @ 5 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5th Quarter after WO Home Football Game 9-11:30 PM	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Deacon Meeting @ 3 PM	<b>6</b> Labor Day: Church Office Closed! Monday Night Basketball @ 6:30 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> WNS @ 5 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> JP Rieger Band in Massey Bldg. 5-10 PM	<b>11</b> Church Wide Work Day @ 7 AM
<b>12</b> Week of Prayer for State Missions Teen Challenge in AM Worship Church Council @ 3 PM	<b>13</b> Week of Prayer for State Missions Monday Night Basketball @ 6:30 PM	<b>14</b> Week of Prayer for State Missions	<b>15</b> Week of Prayer for State Missions WNS @ 5 PM	<b>16</b> Week of Prayer for State Missions	<b>17</b> Week of Prayer for State Missions	<b>18</b> Week of Prayer for State Missions Threads of Love in Massey Bldg. 9AM-NOON
<b>19</b> Parent/Child Ded- ication in AM Worship Finance Commit- tee @ 3 PM	<b>20</b> Monday Night Basketball @ 6:30 PM	<b>21</b> Threads of Love in Massey Bldg. 9 AM-NOON	<b>22</b> WNS @ 5 PM Student Impact at First West @ 5 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> JP Rieger Band in Massey Bldg. 5-10 PM	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Lance Grush in AM Worship Heartfelt Kickoff in Gym @ 6-8 PM	<b>27</b> Monday Night Basketball @ 6:30 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> WNS @ 5 PM	<b>30</b>		