

# 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

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### "Ministry of Encouragement"

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The Bible often calls believers to a ministry of encouragement and speaks to its vital importance. Encouragers are recognized and celebrated in the Bible. Perhaps the most famous encourager in the New Testament was Barnabas. His given name was Joseph, but the apostles began to call him Barnabas which means "Son of Encouragement." "He was a good man full of the Holy Spirit and faith" (Acts 11:24). One result of being a good man, and of being full of the Holy Spirit and faith, was that he was an encourager, not a discourager. It makes Biblical sense doesn't it? Since "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control," a person full of the Spirit would by nature be a person who encourages others through their example of love and faithfulness. He or she would be a person who saw the good in others instead of constantly looking for the bad.

He would be someone who encouraged those who are sincerely seeking to grow in their love and service to Christ, instead of discouraging them by criticizing their every effort.

We are very much in need of encouragers in our day! There's so much that can discourage us today: the daily dose of political divisions and the racial divisions; mob violence and anarchism; worldwide pandemic; economic concerns; moral decline; the rejection of godliness in our world today.

However, as believers we have more cause for joy and optimism than others! God is on His throne! His Kingdom plans are on track. Nothing, and no one, came prevent His plans for coming to fruition. He has every believer in the palm of His hands and no one can snatch us out of His hand. He has promised to guide us and provide for us every day and through everything He allows to come into our lives. And when we leave this world and step into eternity, He has a home in heaven prepared for us that is better than the human mind can comprehend.

The Apostle Paul reminded the

believers in Thessalonica about the wonderful things instore for them and all who are in Christ. Then he said, "Therefore encourage one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

An encouraged spirit is one of God greatest gifts. A discouraged spirit is one of Satan's most effective weapons. Are you an encourager, or a discourager? One is used by God, the other is used by Satan. One enables believers and churches to continue to move forward in faithfulness and obedience to our God-given mission to make and grow disciples of Jesus. The other hinders, or even prevents believers and churches from growing in Christ and reaching others with the love of Jesus and the good news of Jesus.

Hebrews 10: 24-25, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

God Bless,  
Bro. Neil



July 2020

Hey kiddos and parents! We are still on hold for opening the Children's department back up for small groups. However, we have some things in the works. Check our webpage and Face Book page for updates.

When we reopen the Children's department we will promote all classes to their next age group in Sunday school and other classes.



We miss you all!

Have a Blessed Summer!



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

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Dear Church Family,

As June comes to a close, we announce with great excitement that we will be meeting as a student body to worship this month. This is an exciting time for the students because they have not been able to worship together since the end of March. Also, in June, we were able to meet in person and have Sunday School together. Starting in July, we will begin a series titled "He's still got the whole world in His hands". I want you all you guys to understand that truth behind that simple statement. Among all the uncertainty that we have around us, God still has the whole world in His hands. As we start worship back up; we ask that you pray for our students that they will be attentive to what the Lord has for them and that we will be obedient to the calling He has for us,

In Christ,  
A.J. Toms

## 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

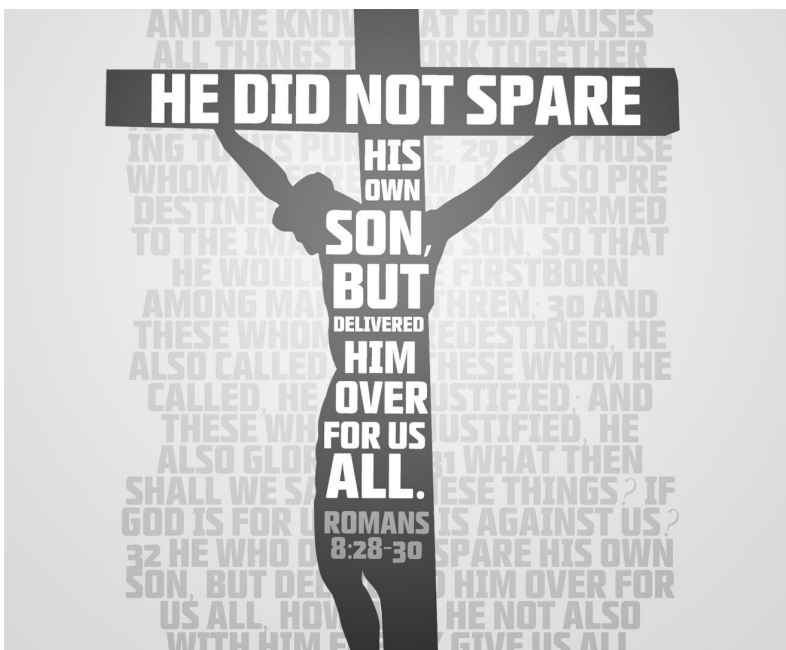


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July

- 4 Matthew Auttonberry  
Linda Webb
- 6 Greg Griggs
- 7 Carley Ann Rutledge  
Deborah Truett
- 8 Cecilia Bingham  
Natalie Rieger
- 9 Von Parker
- 11 Brad Goforth
- 12 Rae Lynn Deal  
Caleb Rutledge
- 13 Margaret Goodfellow  
Joe Ann Smith  
Michelle Smith
- 14 Allen Milstead
- 16 Richard Eppler
- 17 Gay Aulds
- 19 Wyatt Halley
- 20 Jayden Bielkiewicz  
Bobbie Fretwell
- 23 Chris Coker  
Maddie Kennedy  
Dustin Smith
- 24 Taylor Auttonberry  
Madison Lingenfelder
- 25 Charlene Black
- 26 Carla Calhoun  
Sandra Whitaker
- 27 Elsie Morgan
- 28 Ricky Coker  
Mia Meyer
- 29 Rose Dea
- 30 James Balsamo  
Kevin Calhoun  
Roger Johnston  
Natalie Spillers

**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:  
3/1/2019–2/29/2020**

<b>Lottie Moon.....</b>	<b>\$6,822.00</b>
<b>Annie Armstrong.....</b>	<b>\$4,128.20</b>
<b>Georgia Barnette.....</b>	<b>\$2,089.10</b>
<b>David Terry.....</b>	<b>\$679.70</b>
<b>Total for World Mission.....</b>	<b>\$13,719.00</b>

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