

Worship Assignments	7/23	7/30	8/6
Monthly Communion Prep			
Sunday AM			
Take Satellite Communion	Danny H.	Ike/Ian F.	Ike/Ian F.
Welcome & Announcements	Doug R.	Doug R.	Doug R.
Song Leader	Will B.	Fred G.	Stacy M.
Opening Prayer	Mike G.	Kenny C.	Robert F.
Scripture Reading	Hayden H.	Will B.	Stanford C.
Lesson	Jeff B.	Jeff B.	Jeff B.
Lord's Supper	Fred G.	David C.	Joel F.
Lord's Supper	Danny H.	Ken D.	Fred G.
Lord's Supper	Brad K.	Buck D.	Mike G.
Lord's Supper	Cal H.	Greg E.	Danny H.
Closing Prayer	Johnny J.	Camden D.	Cal H.
Sunday PM			
Announcements	Buck D.	5th	Devo
Opening Prayer	Doug R.	Sunday	following
Song Leader	Will B.	night	pot-luck
Lesson	Jeff B.	singing	lunch
Closing Prayer	Bill P.		
Wednesday			
Announcements	Worship held at home of Brad & Ashley Koepke	Buck D.	Buck D.
Opening Prayer		Stacy M.	Stacy M.
Song Leader		Jeff B.	Jeff B.
Devotional		Bill P.	Caleb M.
Closing Prayer			

**Kindly let Buck D. or Kenny C. know if you are unable to serve.

Today's Lesson ~ 1 Timothy 6:6-7



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<i>July 23, 2017</i>
Times of Service
<i>Sunday</i>
9:30 am - Bible Class 10:30 am - Morning Worship
6:00 pm - Evening Worship
<i>Wednesday</i>
7:00 - Devotional followed by Bible classes for all ages
<i>Elders</i>
Buck Dollar (806) 255-0268 Stacy McCasland (806) 886-4000
<i>Deacons</i>
Rodney Bass Jeff Blackmon Kenny Corse
Robert Ford Cal Holwick Brad Koepke
Caleb McConnell Doug Rives
<i>Minister - Jeff Blackmon - (940) 585-8720</i>
If you are a visitor today, our hope is that you will find joy in worshipping God together with members of the Lord's church in Wheeler. Please let us take a minute to get to know you better and be sure to fill out a visitor's card for us. If you have been gone, WE MISSED YOU and want to encourage you to come back.

Announcements

Pray for our shut-ins, those in the care center (**Joyce Perkins, Valetta Frankenberry**, Georgia Ford) and hospital and many with health-related situations.

Pray for **Ken H.** (health), **Doug R.** (recent surgery), **Ida G.'s** family (nephew Joshua Snowden was a Marine casualty in recent accident in Miss.), our number that are travelling during the summer months, **Mabel T.** (health), **Mary E.** (health), **Rodney B.'s** sister (testing, health), **Tammy M.'s** Mom Sue Gallagher (health), **Mabel T.'s** grandson - Caleb Gafney (eventual open kidney surgery), **Greta B.'s** Mom, **Mabel T.'s** brother in law (cancer)

This Wednesday, we will have our mid-week worship services at the home of **Brad & Ashely Koepke**.

Thanks to all those who helped with Vacation Bible School - "Trailblazers for the Faith" last week. If you can write an encouraging card to children who attended, we have a list of those available.

Be sure to fill up and return a **HPCH "Change for Children"** can by September 3.

A new Bible class quarter is coming up. Be sure to talk with **Cal H.** if you can help by teaching or being a helper.

The ladies meet @ **9:30 am** at **Mel's Diner** for coffee on the **1st** and **3rd Wed.** of the month. Talk with **Judy W.** about heading over to the Wheeler Care Center to do nails for the residents on the **2nd** and **4th Wed.** at the same time.

Talk to **Pam D.** or **Judy W.** about the ongoing work of baking mini-loaves for our visitors.

The **elders** of the congregation usually meet on the second Sunday of the month at 5 pm. The monthly **men's business meeting** immediately follows evening services.

Our **Family Meals** on the 2nd Wednesday of the month **will take a break** for the summer months.

Third Wednesday **Singing Night at the Wheeler Care Center** has taken a break for the summer.

If you would like a prayer request or other information listed in the bulletin, please give it to Kenny C.

This past week at Wheeler Church of Christ was Vacation Bible School week. This marks the fourth year I've been involved helping with VBS, and I have to say each year I am more and more impressed with the great job our church does with this work. More than 50 kids attended the festivities each day for the "Trailblazers for the Faith" themed event.

When you think of trailblazers what do you think of? Many might think of those hard-working pioneers moving west to begin a new life in the United States. Some might think of the basketball team out of Portland (named after these trailblazers I might add). What about trailblazers when it comes to faith?

Each day at VBS we learned of a Bible character who fit this mold. One day we studied about Jacob, and it had been a while since I thought about all Jacob went through to eventually become the pillar of faith we know him as today. In Genesis, we read of how he was quite a deceptive person. He tricked his brother into giving him his birthright, and he then tricked his uncle Laban into giving him more livestock than he was owed. Jacob quickly made lots of enemies and had nowhere to turn. While fleeing Laban with his family, we read of the famous account in chapter 32 where Jacob wrestles with God (who is appearing as a man) throughout the night. Jacob refuses to yield and demands a blessing, and God gives him one. In verse 28 God says:

²⁸Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,^[1] because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

Changing someone's name might not mean much to us, but it did to Jacob. His name went from meaning "Heel catcher" or "One who overthrows" to Israel meaning "One who rules" or "One who prevails with God."

God meant Israel would now be focusing on Him, and although life would still be a struggle, he would have many successes with God as His leader. The very next chapter we see a tearful reunion, not a violent one, between Israel and Esau, the brother he had wronged many years before.

What a lesson for us. If we can just focus on God and make Him number one, we too will have many successes. God doesn't guarantee our lives won't have heartache or difficult times, but we may rest assured he will take care of us and ultimately reward us with a home in heaven. ~ Jeff