

Worship Assignments	9/10	9/17	9/24
Monthly Communion Prep			
Sunday AM			
Take Satellite Communion	Cal H.	Cal H.	Rodney B.
Welcome & Announcements	Doug R.	Doug R.	Doug R.
Song Leader	Will B.	Stacy M.	Will B.
Opening Prayer	Rodney B.	Buck D.	Robert F.
Scripture Reading	Stanford C.	Will B.	Hayden H.
Lesson	Jeff B.	Jeff B.	Jeff B.
Lord's Supper	Delbert M.	Ken D.	Mike G.
Lord's Supper	Jack S.	Camden D.	Danny H.
Lord's Supper	John B.	Greg E.	Cal H.
Lord's Supper	Kenny C.	Ike F.	Justin J.
Closing Prayer	Doug R.	Joel F.	Brad K.
Sunday PM			
Announcements	Buck D.	Buck D.	Buck D.
Opening Prayer	Doug R.	Danny H.	Bill P.
Song Leader	Will B.	Stacy M.	Will B.
Lesson	Jeff B.	Jeff B.	Jeff B.
Closing Prayer	Ken D.	Kenny C.	Rodney B.
Wednesday			
Announcements			
Opening Prayer	Buck D.	Buck D.	Buck D.
Song Leader	Brad K.	Stacy M.	Will B.
Devotional	Jeff B.	Jeff B.	Jeff B.
Closing Prayer	Bill P.	Camden D.	Ken D.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brenda Mitchell - 9/3	Mitchell Ford - 9/4	Tayt McCasland - 9/9
Kim Goad - 9/10	Linda Daughtry - 9/11	Ella Woollard - 9/12
Ravonda Hardcastle - 9/27	Kim Moore - 9/29	Marge Conner-9/30



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<i>September 10, 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 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.

Today's Lesson

"What Solomon Says About Wisdom"

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Announcements

Pray for our shut-ins, those in the care center (**Joyce Perkins, Valetta Frankenberg**, Georgia Ford) and hospital and many with health related situations: Mark & Amy Burrell, **Cathy B., F.L. G.,** Amanda & Pat Childress, Lee George, **Ken H., Delbert M., Mabel T., Mary E., Larry F., Doug R., Rodney B,'s sister, Tammy M.'s Mom** (Sue Gallagher), **Mabel T.'s grandson & brother-in-law,** Kevin Frankenberg, **Jeff B.'s Dad.**

Pray for **Greta B.'s** Mom, those affected by the hurricanes and fires.

October 1 will be our monthly **pot-luck fellowship** meal. Be sure to stay and enjoy a delicious meal with your church family. After lunch, we will have a short devotional and be dismissed for the day.

Talk with **Brad** or **Ashley K.** or **Jeff B.** about donations of animal feed for those affected by the hurricanes.

The **men of the congregation** will hold their annual planning meeting on Tuesday October 10 at 6 PM. (location TBD) A meal will be provided and more details to come soon.

This Wednesday evening the Ladies Bible class will begin a new study. Please join them and you will be blessed! Talk with **Ashley K.** or **Ravonda H.** for details.

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 on the same day.

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

Since the age of 26, I have spent my life in communities where agriculture forms the backbone. This is funny, because I know so little about any agriculture at all. I am 100-percent a consumer. I know nothing about producing crops or livestock, and I do my best not to pretend like I do. Nevertheless, I see agriculture as something that I can always learn more about, so I do so when I am able to. These next several months will be very interesting now since my son has decided to raise a pig for stockshow season. I know absolutely nothing about raising an animal! All I know is it is best not to get attached to these animals, because eventually they are produced into what you find in the meat section of the grocery store. It should be a great experience though.

At times though I am envious of those who understand so much about farming and raising livestock for the knowledge they possess on such things. One reason is because Jesus understood how to speak to his audience when he was on this earth,

and he many times uses stories based around agriculture. I think about his audience when he taught them parables that dealt with agriculture and how they identified immediately with the lessons he was teaching.

Last week I began teaching a quarter to our junior high and high school students, and we are studying the parables of Jesus. Our first lesson was on the parable of the sower found in Matthew 13. You probably remember it well: a sower is spreading seed. Some of it falls on a path where it gets eaten by birds, some falls on a rocky place where it springs up quick but dies lacking a good root because of a lack of soil. Some falls on thorny ground where it is choked out, and then some fell on good ground where it produces a crop. Jesus ends the parable by saying, "Whoever has ears, let them hear."

He explains it later in verse 18 by saying: ¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Jesus' audience likely understood this well, because of the way they made a living. They understood the nuisance these birds were, how rocky ground was frustrating, how the path was no good for planting, and the thorns were always a bother ... but that good soil was priceless to them. I want to be good soil ... I want to produce a good crop for God, bearing fruit for Him. I want to be priceless and valuable to Him. Let's be good soil.

~Jeff

