

**JULY SERVING SCHEDULE**

- ELDERS**
- Wilma Deskins, Gerald Deskins  
Captain

- ELDER OF THE WEEK**
- Wilma Deskins . . . . .06/29 - 07/05
  - Thelmer McClanahan . . . . .07/06– 07/12
  - Randy Roberts . . . . .07/13 - 07/19
  - Blake Robinson . . . . .07/20 - 07/26
  - Ernie Rogers . . . . .07/27 - 08/02

- SERVING DEACONS/ ELDERS for JULY**
- Oscar Thompson • Cathy Bartley
  - Tom Thompson • Steve Huffman

- GREETERS**
- Tom & Martha Thompson . . . . .07/06
  - Cathy Bartley & Barb Adams. . . . .07/13
  - Oldendick Family . . . . .07/20
  - Dorothy LaFon & Maggie Trimble . . .07/27

**2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT**

June	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	22	15	22	26	
Worship Total	78	108	106	76	

**2008 FINANCIAL REPORT**

UNBUDGETED OUTREACH	\$2,889.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	725.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	203.00
GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of June 15	\$ 98,309.55
Received as of June 15	\$ 88,427.22

*Please contact a replacement if you are unable to serve. If you know of someone needing home communion, contact the appropriate Elder of the Week.*

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**"Our mission is to love God, to love others, and to lead others to Jesus Christ."**

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On July 4<sup>th</sup> our country will once again celebrate Independence Day. Every year at this time we remember how this nation declared its independence from Great Britain long ago and we give thanks for the freedoms that are now ours as Americans. Celebrating independence as a nation is fine. In church, however, we celebrate **interdependence**. I was reminded of this while reading Ken Gire's book, The North Face of God. Here Ken writes: *"Our need for help from other people seems to be at least one of the implications of being members of the body of Christ. We need each other desperately. We must realize that. And we must realize that needing each other is not our weakness; it is our strength. For it is by God's design that we were made to need each other. To be alone in our search is outside of God's design. To be alone in our struggles, alone in our suffering, cuts us off from a major avenue of God's grace."* It is my fear that many Christians today do not realize that "we need each other desperately" or the implications of this truth. It doesn't just mean that we need others to be there for us when we are hurting; it means that we need to be there for others when they are hurting. It means not only that we need others to encourage us along the way but that others need us to encourage them as well. Interdependence means we benefit from having others rejoice with us in good times and that others benefit from having us there when they experience good times. It means that your presence at church is necessary not only for your own good but for the good of the rest of us too. We may live in a country which stresses independence (in more ways than one) but in the kingdom of God it is interdependence that we emphasize and celebrate. May God help each of us to play our proper role so that God's kingdom might come and His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Dr. Chuck Summers

*It is for freedom  
that Christ has set us free.  
Galatians 5:1*



## Praying everyone has a Safe and Blessed 4th of July!!

Chuck Summers  
Christal Hawkins  
Laura Kegan  
Jason Potter  
Melanie Potter

For: *Rebecca Deskins Cantrell*

Date: *July 5*

Time: *1-3 pm*

*Everyone Invited*



## Kids Trip

Our children, grades 3-6, will be going to the Jenny Wiley Theatre Tuesday, July 8, to see "Little Red: Life in the Hood."

All kids wanting to go should reserve tickets by July 1.

Call Dana Batten at 433-9001 to reserve tickets or for more information.

On July 8, the children will meet at the church at 7:15 p.m. and ride the van together to Prestonsburg.

## Dates to Remember

July 2	Men's Breakfast (Jerry's)	7:00 am
July 4	Office Closed	
July 5	Baby Shower (Rebecca Deskins Cantrell)	1-3:00 pm
July 7-11	Meals on Wheels	
July 8	Children going to Jenny Wiley Theater	7:15 pm
July 13	Board Meeting	6:00 pm
July 16	Men's Breakfast (Jerry's)	7:00 am
July 19	Youth going to July JAM at Expo	6:15 pm
July 28	Elder's Meeting	7:30 pm



Meals on Wheels is scheduled for July 7-11.

If you can help with this wonderful ministry, please sign up on the sign up sheet located across from the kitchen or contact Dana Batten at 433-9001.



Youth will meet at the church, Saturday, July 19 @ 5:15 pm  
Please let Jason know if you will be attending.

Eastern Kentucky EXPO Center  
Saturday, July 19  
Featuring: Pillar, Storyside B, Stellar Kart, & Daloren Grey

A Free Concert will be in the Park, Friday, July 18 @ 7:00 pm  
Featuring: VII Days Away, Among the Thirsty, Alohym, & Saving Penny.

Senior Adults have planned a lunch trip for Tuesday, July 22 to the Breaks International Park Lodge. We will leave the church at 11:00 for a time of fun, fellowship, & food. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board across from the kitchen if you plan to attend or call the church office.

*Senior Adults*

## Prayer for Special Needs

The Elders of our church are offering prayer for members with special needs the third Sunday of each month following the morning service. They will meet in the Pastor's Office and offer intercessory prayer for all those desiring it. The third Sunday this month is **July 20**. Please feel free to take advantage of this wonderful ministry provided by our elders.

Looking Ahead: The Youth are planning an overnight trip to Cincinnati, Ohio on August 8 & 9. They will be attending a Cincinnati Reds Baseball Game & Kings Island. Please attend Youth Group on Monday Nights at 6:00 pm. to join in the fun!



"By profession of Faith"

**"His worshipers  
must worship  
in spirit  
and in  
truth."**



John 4:24