

AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Bob VanHoose, Captain • Terry Trimble

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Terry Trimble . . . . . 08/16 - 08/22
- Bob VanHoose . . . . . 08/23 - 08/29
- Jim Brown . . . . . 08/30 - 09/05
- Paul Corbin . . . . . 09/06 - 09/12
- Gerald Deskins . . . . . 09/13 - 09/19

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for August

- Barb Adams • Paul Corbin
- Gene Sturgill • Carli Jo Deskins

GREETERS

- The Hackney Family . . . . . 08/16
- Tom & Martha Thompson . . . . . 08/23
- Gerald & Judy Deskins . . . . . 08/30
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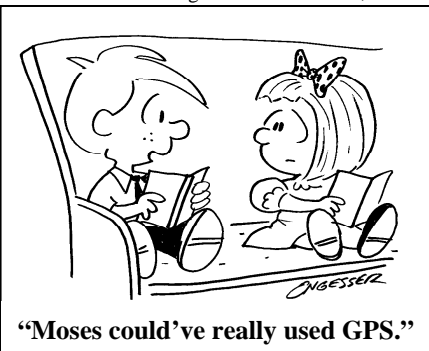
2009 ATTENDANCE REPORT

August	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday School	22	38			
Worship Total	76	113			



2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of August 9	\$ 144,240.00
Received as of August 9	\$ 143,796.01



“Moses could’ve really used GPS.”

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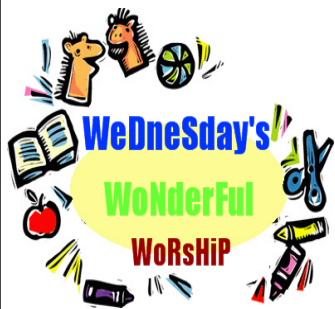
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I had a wonderful time at the General Assembly in Indianapolis. During the Assembly much attention was given to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) new identity statement which reads *“We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us.”* I particularly like the part about us being *“a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.”* I don’t have to tell you that we truly do live in a fragmented world. Sometimes it is overwhelming to see all the brokenness around us, not to mention all around the world. As Christians we believe that Christ came to bring wholeness to this broken world. You will recall that Jesus said his ministry was the fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 61 which reads, *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...to comfort all who mourn.”* The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) recognizes that it is our responsibility to continue Jesus’ ministry. Please pray with me that our church will do its part in bringing wholeness to the fragmented world we live in. With God’s help we truly can make a difference!

Dr. Chuck Summers



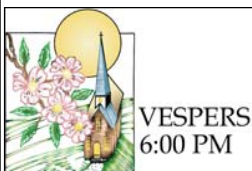
Attention all children from Preschool through 6th grade. The church bus will start picking you up from Pikeville Elementary for Wednesday's Wonderful Worship on August 19. WWW will last until 4:45 each Wednesday. Parents, please let the school know your children will be riding the church bus on Wednesdays.

The senior adults will be going to Prestonsburg on August 20 to eat and watch a program at the East Kentucky Science Center's planetarium. We will leave the



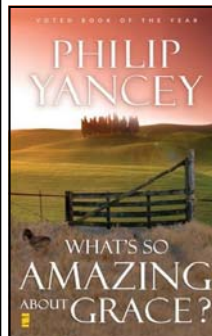
church at 11:30 a.m. All those wanting to go are asked to call the church office or place their names on the sign up sheet across from the church kitchen. See Chuck for more information.

Our church is responsible for delivering meals for "Meals on Wheels" August 24-28. Volunteers are needed to help with this important ministry. If you would be willing to deliver food one day, please call the church office at 437-4527.



Each Wednesday night our church holds a Vespers service. Unfortunately, very few attend. I'd like to give you three good reasons for coming to Vespers. First, at this service we spend time praying for one another. Second, we also spend time each week studying the Bible. Our focus is always on what it meant then and what it means now. Third, at the end of each Vesper's service we share the Lord's Supper together. Prayer, Bible study and Communion, along with wonderful fellowship... I don't know of a better way to spend an hour on a Wednesday night (or any other night, for that matter). Please begin making Vespers a part of your spiritual diet. You'll be glad you did!

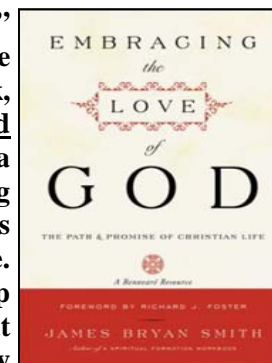
### Young Adult Sunday School Class To Begin Soon



On September 13 we will begin offering a new Sunday School class for young adults. The class is open to all adults (married or single) who are forty-five years or younger. The new class will be taught by the pastor and shall meet in the room next to the pastor's office. The class will begin with a study of Philip Yancey's book, What's So Amazing About Grace? If you are interested in being a part of this class, please contact Chuck so that a book can be ordered for you.

### Small Study Groups to Resume in September

This fall two 9 week "small study groups" will be offered at the church. We will be studying James Bryan Smith's book, Embracing the Love of God: The Path and Promise of Christian Life. This is a wonderful book that focuses on 1) knowing God's acceptance, 2) receiving God's forgiveness, and 3) experiencing God's care. Cost for the study book is \$13. Study Group #1 will meet on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30. Study Group #2 will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00. If you would like to participate in one of this fall's groups, please call the church office as soon as possible so study books may be ordered. Classes will begin September 9 and 13.



**Looking Good!** Next time you are at church you will no doubt notice the new landscaping in front of the church. A big thanks goes to Jeanette Anderson, Daryl Ratliff, Randy Roberts and Joyce Runyon for taking care of this project. The new trees and shrubs look beautiful!



**A Reminder to our Shut-Ins:** If you are no longer able to come to church and would like to receive home Communion, please contact the church office. The Elders will be happy to share Communion with you on Sunday afternoons. Also, don't forget that we have CDs of each morning worship service. If you would like a copy of a service just let us know.

