

JULY SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Jim Brown, Captain      • Paul Corbin

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Thelmer McClanahan . . . . . 07/12 - 07/18
- Randy Roberts . . . . . 07/19 - 07/25
- Blake Robinson . . . . . 07/26 - 08/01
- Gene Sturgill . . . . . 08/02 - 08/08
- Tom Thompson . . . . . 08/09 - 08/15

SERVING


DEACONS/ ELDERS for July

- Bonita Summers      • Gerald Deskins
- Terry Trimble      • Oscar Thompson

GREETERS

- Nikki & Eddie Lane . . . . . 07/19
- Bob & Faye VanHoose . . . . . 07/26
- Paul & Karla Corbin . . . . . 08/02
- Thelmer & Roma Lou McClanahan 08/09
- The Hackney Family . . . . . 08/16

2009 ATTENDANCE REPORT

July	5	12	19	26
Sunday School	32	47		
Worship Total	77	112		

2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of July 12	\$ 126,210.00
Received as of July 12	\$ 127,095.01



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Earlier this year Trinity College published the results of its American Religious Identification Survey. The statistics found in this report are very discouraging. In 1990 86% of Americans identified themselves as Christians; in 2008 it was 76%. Today roughly 12% of Americans are atheists or agnostic, and another 12% are deistic, believing in a higher power but no personal God. The report says the challenge to Christianity in the U.S. does not come from other religions but rather from a rejection of all forms of organized religion. Martha Grace Reese says in Unbinding the Gospel that "more and more children are being raised with no faith at all." She points out that "Each generation is less involved in religious life than the one that came before it." In his book, The Reason for God, Timothy Keller says "...Christians should reflect on the fact that such large sectors of our formerly largely Christian societies have turned their backs on faith." He goes on to say, "Surely that should lead to self-examination." I agree with Keller; it is time the church did some self-examination and that includes our church. The Elders of our church have just started a study of Reese's book, Unbinding the Gospel. In the months to come we will be discussing ways we can practice "real life evangelism." It is my hope and prayer that our church will become more effective in reaching the lost and unchurched in our community. Is that your hope and prayer as well? In light of the current state of Christianity in America and the world today I certainly hope it is.

Dr. Chuck Summers

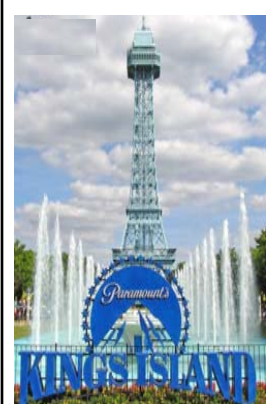
The senior adults will be going to Elkhorn City on Thursday evening, July 16, to see the Artists Collaborative Theatre's production of the comedy "Dearly Departed." We will meet at the church at 6:30. Cost for the performance is \$8. All those planning to go are requested to call the church office or place their name on the signup sheet across from the kitchen at church.

**Senior Adults**



During the worship service on July 26 Karla Corbin and Blake Robinson will receive the Church and Community Award from Kentucky Appalachian Ministry and Christian Church in Kentucky officials. We once again congratulate Karla and Blake for being the recipients of this prestigious award.

The youth will be going to youth camp July 26-31 at Camp Begomi near Pound, Virginia. All youth wanting to go need to see Melanie Potter as soon as possible. The youth will leave for camp after the morning worship service on July 26 and return on Friday, July 31, in the early afternoon. Only snack money is needed as the church will be paying the youth's fee. The camp is also open for children, starting at age 8. The cost for these kids is \$110.00. Scholarships for kids needing financial assistance is available. The camp is also in need of volunteer counselors. Please call Melanie Potter at 639-0209 for more information.



The youth will be going to King's Island in Cincinnati August 7-8. The trip is open to others in the church as well. We plan to leave around noon on August 7 and return around 10:00 p.m. on August 8. Cost for the King's Island trip is approximately \$50. If you plan to go, you must sign up no later than July 31. Call the church office to make reservations or put your name on the signup sheet across from the church kitchen.



The youth will be attending the July Jam, free concert in the Park on July 25. We will meet at the church at 5:30 and all attend together. If you would like to attend, there will also be a free concert on Friday night featuring a local band, Orville Project, and several others. This event also starts at 6:00 pm in the park.

**Our Children's Ministry** will be collecting school supplies for the soldiers in Iraq to start new schools for the Iraqi children. School supplies needed but not limited to are:

- Pencils
- Notebooks
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Folders
- Markers
- Paper
- Watercolor paint
- etc.



Please bring your items to the church no later than July 31 so they can be shipped.

The 2009 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will meet in Indianapolis, Indianan, July 29-August 2. The theme for this year's assembly is "For the Healing of the Nations." Our pastor will be attending the assembly. Those with internet access can read reports on the Assembly at [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org).

