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PERMIT NO.  
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Longview, TX

*preaching schedule  
for July*

July 3 AM Bro. Charles PM Bro. Kase	July 24 AM Bro. Charles PM Bro. Charles
July 10 AM Bro. Kase PM Youth Led	July 31 AM Bro. Kase PM Bro. Kase
July 17 AM Bro. Charles PM Bro. Kase (SNAC following service)	



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*weekly schedule*



**SUNDAY**  
8:45am Coffee & Donuts  
9:15am LifeGroups  
10:30am Worship  
6:00pm Worship & The Word

**MONDAY**  
5:30pm Meal  
6:15pm Celebration Place  
6:30pm Celebrate Recovery

**WEDNESDAY**  
6:00pm Children's Activities  
6:00pm HillsPraise Choir Practice  
6:00pm Youth  
6:00pm Adult Bible Study



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**Baptism**  
Next Baptism is Sunday morning  
July 17. Contact Bro. Kase  
if interested in Baptism.

**SNAC**  
(Sunday Night After Church)  
July 17 we are encouraging groups to go  
eat together and fellowship  
after the message.

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT**  
with comedian & YouTube "phe-MOM-enon"

*An!ta* Thursday, August 11  
RENFROE at 7:00pm

As seen on HLN FOX friends TODAY Dr. Phil

Tickets available online at whbchurch.com

**SNAC**  
Sunday Night After Church  
Sunday, July 17  
7:00pm

**RIO GRANDE MISSION TRIP**  
JULY 7-10, 2016

Pray for those who are involved in the Mission Trip. The group will be staying at Eagle Pass, Texas and working out of that location.

*just a preview coming up in august*

**AWESOME AUGUST**

 August 11 Anita Renfroe "Girls Night Out"	 August 15 The Erwin's in Concert	 August 22 Dr. Johnny Hunt FBC, Woodstock	 August 29 Dr. Robert Jeffress FBC, Dallas
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On July 4th, 1776, 56 of the bravest men who ever lived, signed the document known as "The Declaration of Independence," declaring independence from King George III and the government of England. That document, as we know, came to be the steppingstone for the United States Constitution, which was signed in just a few years later in Philadelphia in the year 1787. These two documents would lead America to become the single most important, most powerful, and most free people on earth.

Youth Led Service  
July 10  
6:00pm

David Fanguy,  
Preaching  
Student Testimonies



Let's be reminded today that those 56 men who were willing to sign the Declaration of Independence did so at tremendous cost to themselves. Many lost their lives, most lost their property, and all of them lost certain freedoms in order to give us ours.

The people who first came to America were hardened and determined people. These were people who had decided that it was worth any risk to their lives to be able to come to a place where they could have a fresh start. However, that fresh start - that new beginning, came at a heavy price. In the year 1620, the Mayflower landed at Plymouth. Of the 102 who left England, only half survived the first winter.

But, why were they so willing to undertake such an adventure - leaving their homes, leaving behind family members, friends, many giving up businesses and careers...for what? They were looking for freedom. They were tired of their daily enslavement to political tyranny and an oppressive form of government.

But more than that, these first colonists were seeking a place where they could be free to worship according to the dictates of their hearts. They wanted freedom to worship Jesus Christ. The men of the Mayflower reflected their intent, as they prayerfully put together a document we know to be the Mayflower

Compact. In part, it reads, "In the Name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten... have undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith to plant the first colony in the northern Parts of Virginia."

You will notice, nowhere in that statement does it declare, "That we have come to America to perpetuate the Muslim Religion, nowhere does it say that, "We have come to establish a colony for humanists and atheists." It says, "...for the advancement of the Christian faith."

Now I realize by writing this, some would call me hard hearted and a bigot. So be it. I'm ready to take the heat. Our forefathers did not sacrifice and give their lives so we could be diverse...so we could honor everybody's god...so we could accept every crazy and weird thought that comes to someone's mind.

If you love America, could I just be honest and tell you the greatest thing we can do for America is turn back to God now! I know there are a lot of things that are not right...but that's no reason why we should not be right! God bless America!!!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,  
*Bro. Charles*

## BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1-Anita Griffith    | 12-Emily Cunningham | 21-Becky Stewart     |
| 1-Mona Reeves       | 12-Mathis Hamilton  | 22-Benjamin Fanguy   |
| 2-Chris Boren       | 12-Cindy Wells      | 23-Patty Childress   |
| 2-Wally Fowler      | 13-Debra Alford     | 23-Kennie Graham     |
| 3-Bonnie Lovett     | 13-Elise Daugherty  | 23-Ayden Nickleberry |
| 3-Ken Morgan        | 13-Paula Parker     | 24-Hunter Davis      |
| 3-Luis Trevino      | 13-Travon Taylor    | 24-Laurie Fincher    |
| 4-Robert Decker     | 14-Cynthia Adams    | 24-Luke Holson       |
| 5-Rhonda Dawes      | 14-Curtis Allen     | 25-Doug Arthofer     |
| 6-Joe Adams         | 14-Kelle Jones      | 25-Sondra Freeman    |
| 6-Mark Hancock      | 15-Austin Rhoades   | 26-Cyndy Albritton   |
| 6-Wayne McGuire     | 16-Paul Crawford    | 26-Carolyn Jewett    |
| 6-Yvonne Wisdom     | 16-Brittany Lumpkin | 26-Darin Lair        |
| 7-Bob Gilley        | 17-Debra Frase      | 26-William Saxton    |
| 7-Jeff Goza         | 17-Denise Lassen    | 26-Anna Thomas       |
| 7-Christy Mayfield  | 17-Lane McClung     | 27-Inez Hitchcock    |
| 8-Caleb Purifoy     | 17-Peggy Rogers     | 27-Dorothy Jackson   |
| 8-Vivian Roland     | 18-Liz Graham       | 27-Sam Logan         |
| 9-Dorothy Davis     | 18-Thomas Holson    | 27-Jennifer Wilbur   |
| 9-Chris Montgomery  | 19-Tim Albertson    | 28-Cecelia Hairston  |
| 10-Jessica Johnson  | 19-Jackson Lair     | 28-Addison Sullivan  |
| 10-Natalie Mullikin | 19-Nolan Smith      | 29-Wesley Fried      |
| 10-Gloria Richie    | 21-Jessica Neal     | 29-Matt Newton       |
| 11-Joe Gibson       | 21-Debbie Rainwater | 30-Dendy Merrill     |
| 11-Marshall Jones   |                     | 30-Kahlan Stanley    |
| 12-Jonathan Clark   |                     |                      |



*people of action*  
Bro. Kason Kuykendall

"My Bible tells me that He is the Healer of the Sick, and the Feeder of the Hungry."

Let us pray together for our hungry brother. PRAY.

My brother we have studied, we have prayed, may the Lord be with you. Go in peace!

James says that is **USELESS**. That man at that time didn't need a sermon, he needed some food. That man didn't need a **Bible Study**; he needed some bread and turkey. To give him a prayer meeting becomes irrelevant. The right information without the right action is a waste for everyone.

I have been challenged for the last several weeks, I have found in my life that I can always find the right things to say: truthfully we are good at sounding 'holy', and 'righteous'; but God calls us not to **sound** 'holy' and 'righteous' but to **BE** 'holy' and 'righteous'.

As the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ we are not called to talk a good talk but we are called to be a people of action. We are given an example of this in James 2:

**15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?**

A brother is starving and comes to your door for help; but you go and grab your Bible and offer to lead him in a **Bible study** and you offer the following to help him:

"My Bible tells me that there were 5,000 men plus women and children hungry and Jesus fed them."

"My Bible tells me the Lord provided Manna from Heaven for his hungry people."

Many of us waste our time; we hear the right information without it producing the right action. Too often we have been content to *offer mere words*, when **God may have been calling us to action.** **Words—Sermons-Prayers-Confessions of faith-Wise Advice- Encouragement:** These are all indispensable to true Christianity. But they are shown to have real meaning, James reminds us, when people can see actions that correspond to those words.

If Action doesn't meet the information what you end up with is **verse 17: So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

If faith is not married to works then your faith dies.

It shrinks and shrivels. **It must be energized in order to be potent.**

Enjoying the Word and listening to the Word is fine, but you are no further along unless faith is married to Works. Just like your engine needs gas in order for it to run; **faith needs works in order to be vibrant.**

Here at Woodland Hills my prayer is that we will be a lot more than 'good words.' I pray that we are people who are willing to get our hands dirty, we are willing to give some food to the homeless, we are willing to visit the sick and the afflicted, we are willing and ready to love on people the way that Jesus showed us and commanded us to love others.

There is a world that needs Jesus, if you aren't involved using your gifts for the kingdom of God, the time to start is now! Serve someone today, volunteer your time today, shine brightly for Jesus today!

*Bro. Kason Kuykendall*

## ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2-Mike & Cassy Ambern     | 4-Wesley & Chelsey Propps  | 14-Joe & Juanita Gibson       |
| 4-Marty & Cynthia Daniels | 5-Randy & Cindy Haley      | 14-Jon Mark & Jessica Purifoy |
|                           | 6-Save & Shannon Smallwood | 20-Mike & Carolyn Northcutt   |
|                           | 7-Matt & Jessica Folmar    | 22-Kase & Brittany Kuykendall |
|                           | 7-Kyle & Angie Roadcap     | 23-Rick & Reyne Merrell       |
|                           | 8-Mark & Monica Kuykendall | 23-Matt & Rosio Newton        |
|                           | 8-Roger & Vivian Roland    | 23-Ryan & Kelsey Weaver       |
|                           | 9-Richard & Lanette Burks  | 24-Dale & Shirley Perkins     |
|                           | 11-Wes & Jeri McEntire     | 26-Chris & Nisha Burks        |
|                           |                            | 30-Ronnie & Glynda Jones      |



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## Your Greatest Weapon Against Loneliness

If you and I are honest with ourselves, we'd have to say that at some point in our lives, we've experienced loneliness. Maybe it was after the death of a loved one. Or perhaps you've felt abandoned by a family member in your time of greatest need. This is a bleak, yet very real, situation for all of us at some point – maybe even for you today.

So where can we turn in those moments of desperation when it seems all we want is companionship? Well, the truth is the Bible has much to say on the issue of loneliness. In fact, some of the most inspiring passages in Scripture were written at times of immense and deep loneliness for the author. Take a look at what King David wrote in Psalm 69:20:

*Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none.*

Now David was a man who seemingly had everything and everyone he needed. But he very often expressed feelings of loneliness and sorrow, with no one to give him sympathy nor comfort in his time of distress. But in the midst of his pain, he held tightly to the Lord. Look what he wrote immediately after these words in verse 29:

*But as for me, afflicted and in pain—may your salvation, God, protect me.*

And then in verse 33,

*The LORD hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.*

What comfort it is to know that though David experienced feelings of

loneliness and isolation, he found solace and strength in his relationship with the Lord. He knew that though his friends might leave him in times of trouble, the Lord never would, even when his trouble was caused by his own sin!

Now you may be thinking, "Warren, that's great that God was there for David. But he was king of Israel, and I'm just a normal person." Well, when it comes to finding comfort, you have a spiritual advantage King David didn't have: the assurance as a New Testament believer of the presence of the Holy Spirit living inside of you!

So what does that mean? It means that in Christ, you have everything you need to experience comfort and peace no matter your circumstance. In times of hardship, pain, and loneliness, you have the ultimate Comforter with you every hour of every day (John 14:16). He's the greatest weapon you have in the fight against loneliness!

Once you come to this realization, it will completely transform your life. You'll no longer see yourself as alone, but instead remember the truth that any time, day or night, you have immediate access to fellowship with God. He's with you on those lonely nights when no one's around. He's right by your side in times of deep heartache. All you have to do is talk, and He hears!

So talk to Him. The Spirit is more real than anyone or anything else in the world. Tell Him how you're feeling – and be honest. Talk about your heartbreak, your pain, and your sorrow, and He will hear you. Once you begin to experience real fellowship with the Holy Spirit, you'll find real victory in the battle against loneliness!

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## NEW LONDON Museum



SAVE THE HILLTOPPERS DATES:  
JULY 12 & 26



DISCOVER  
THE FUN!



# The Upper Room

Children's Ministry

JULY, 2016



## SUNDAY SCHOOL PREVIEW

July 3—God made a Covenant with David  
July 10—David Sinned and was Restored  
July 17—Solomon asked for Wisdom  
July 24—Wisdom for God's People  
July 31—Solomon built the Temple  
\*\*Reminder that there will be no Children's Church or Pre School worship on the fifth Sunday of July.

## MOVIE DAY

We will be traveling to Kilgore on July 13th to watch HOME in theaters. Cost is \$5.50 and includes a popcorn, drink, and gummies. We will be leaving at 9:00 am and will return at noon. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.



## SOLES FOR SOULS

Over the last 3 months WHBC brought in 5,250 pairs of shoes! Our special barefoot Sunday had 979 pairs of shoes donated on that day alone! Although this number was just shy of our goal, we are so pleased and totally blown away at the amount of donations! These shoes will be cleaned and shipped to developing nations and will go to help start micro-enterprises for families to give them a sustaining income. Thank you for your all of your donations. Our children were able to raise \$2000 towards their summer camp. We appreciate you!



## CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

We will be traveling to Lakeview Baptist Encampment on July 25th—July 28th for the Faith Explosion Kids Camp. This camp is designed to evangelize students 3rd—5th grades in a fun, safe, place to worship, and grow in the faith. It is also an opportunity to build a stronger relationship with God and other Christians.

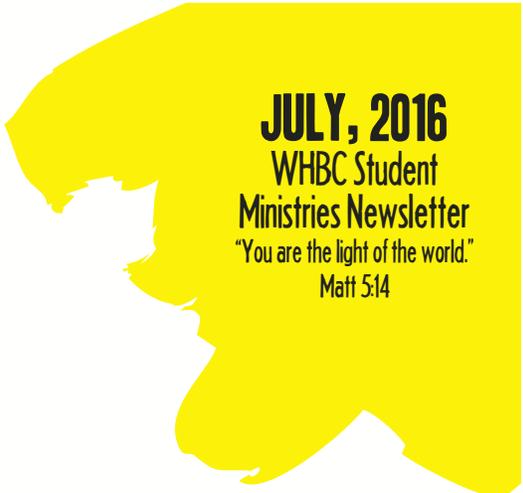
We are looking forward to a great week together!

## FINDING JESUS

This year's Finding Jesus VBS was a blast! We averaged around 400 people on our campus nightly, all present learning from the word of God. I cannot express my gratitude enough to every person who played a part in helping to plant seeds in the lives of our children. Thank you to all who decorated, made copies, led Bible Studies, served, fixed a meal, took out trash and cleaned up, led recreation or music, ran security, drove a bus, and especially those that prayed. I consider it such a privilege to do kingdom work with our Woodland Hills church family.

We had a lot of fun with our offering this year and brought in a total of \$2,253.02! This money goes to Noah Walton and the Walton family to help with ongoing medical expenses. Thank you to all who gave!





**WILDWEEK 2016 was an amazing week!**  
13 of our students made life changing decisions!

**Discussion Question to Get Your Family Talking**  
HomeWord.com

Getting your teenagers talking can be quite a challenge. You've probably had a conversation that went like this:

- Parent: Did you have a good day?  
*Teen: Yeah.*
- Parent: What did you do?  
*Teen: Nothing.*
- Parent: Did anything exciting happen?  
*Teen: No.*
- Parent: Any plans for the weekend?  
*Teen: Not really.*

Some of the challenge in parent-teen conversation is due to the type of questions parents ask. When parents ask questions that can be answered with one or two words, they usually don't lead to great conversations.

To get your family talking, try using open-ended questions that create the possibility for more engagement in conversation. These won't guarantee long answers from your teen, but the more thought you put into the questions you ask, the better the chances are that your kids will engage with you.

**Here are some suggestions for open-ended questions which may help you get thinking about creating your own:**

- What was your understanding of what happened when \_\_\_\_\_?
- What would you like to see happen when you \_\_\_\_\_?
- What do you think caused them to \_\_\_\_\_?
- What were the two best things that happened to you today?
- What was the most surprising thing about your day?
- What do you hope your life will look like 10 years from now?
- How has your opinion of our family changed over the years?
- If you could change something about our family, what would it be?
- If you had to choose, what would you say is the best decision you've ever made?
- What sorts of things are most important to you in life right now?

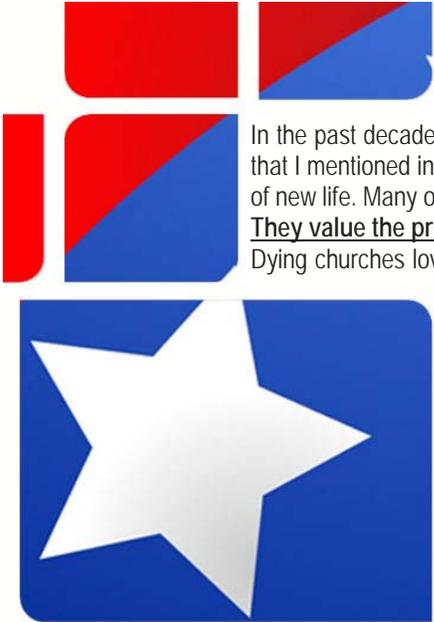
**Six Flags Over Texas**  
*July 21*

We will meet at the church at 8:00am to head to Six Flags. Cost is \$37 + meals and must have signed up and paid by July 17.



# IS MY CHURCH DYING?

By Mark Clifton, *Reclaiming Glory*



In the past decade, I have had the privilege of working with many churches through the process of “repenting and remembering” that I mentioned in the previous chapter. I have noticed some common themes in churches that desperately need the invigoration of new life. Many of them show the following characteristics.

## They value the process of decision more than the outcome of decision.

Dying churches love to discuss, debate, define, and describe. They live for business meetings—even if few people attend them.

In the absence of meaningful ministry through the church, they often spend their time meeting together to make oftentimes meaningless decisions. Some of this can be attributed to the fact that they simply don't understand how to reach the community. They can't comprehend how to begin to make real and significant change, but they can still meet and go through the motions of the things they have done for decades. They begin to find comfort and security in the well-known processes of church life. It seems that as long as they continue the processes, they are keeping the church alive. It must also be said that sometimes their insistence on maintaining highly structured processes reflects a lack of trust in each other or certainly a lack of trust in leadership. They want to make sure no one “oversteps” his authority. The lack of trust and need for tight control is but another sign of a dysfunctional church.

## They value their own preferences over the needs of the unreached.

Dying churches tend to make their preferences paramount. Those preferences can include music, programs, preaching styles, uses of the building, resources shared with those outside the church compared to resources

used for those within the church, and a host of other things. The point is this: Most members of the congregation focus on their own desires in these decisions instead of what would meet the needs of people who don't know Jesus. They may passionately deny that they value their preferences over the needs of the lost, but here are a couple of tests.

Interview some unchurched people in the community. Ask them if: (a) they would prefer to sit in pews where they might have to crawl over someone who chose to sit on the aisle, or if they would prefer comfortable padded chairs with an appropriate “personal” space between them. Ask them: (b) if they would feel more at ease and comfortable if they were served coffee and allowed to drink it in the worship center. If the majority of the unchurched answered “yes” to A and B, how willing might the dying church be to pivot on a dime and make those changes? A church whose pursuit, with the heart of Christ, is the salvation of souls will thoughtfully and sacrificially consider the interests of others more valuable than the mere personal preferences of the establishment.

## They have an inability to pass leadership to the next generation.

They may want young people in the congregation. They may complain endlessly about the lack of young people in the church, but they have no strategic plan in place to identify and place into positions of real and meaningful leadership young leaders, or worse yet, they tend to fight any attempt to put young people in charge of significant ministry efforts. If they do put a young person in a leadership position, the church micromanages him or criticizes him until he just leaves. Leaders will lead. If you don't provide young leaders the opportunity to lead in your church, they will eventually go somewhere else where they can lead. You can't attract and maintain young people if you don't afford them the chance to lead.

## They cease, often gradually, to be part of the fabric of their community.

Members of dying churches rarely live within walking distance of the church. They have typically long ago moved to other parts of town. What was once a community church has become a commuter church. Members drive to the church building, park their cars, walk inside, and conduct their programs then walk back outside, get back in their cars, and drive home. It matters little to most members that the church is even in that neighborhood. Most significantly, the church pays little attention to the needs of the community, and the community pays little attention to the ebbs and flows of the church. If the church closed tomorrow, it is likely that no one in the neighborhood would fear losing their quality of life or that the neighborhood would be negatively affected.

## They grow dependent upon programs or personalities for growth or stability.

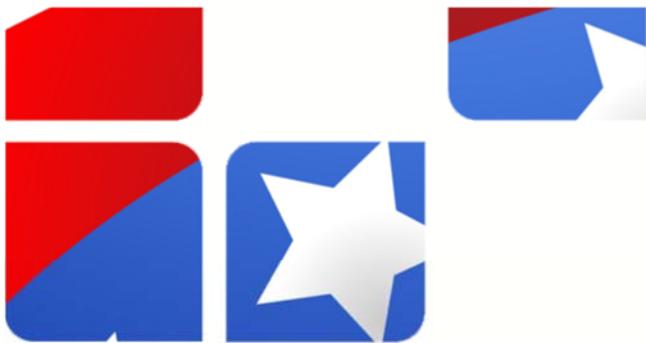
Declining churches reach for programs and personalities they believe will turn the church around without embracing the changes needed to become healthy again. And it's hard to blame them for this predisposition since many past church-growth methodologies relied heavily on both. No doubt, as a dying church reflects on its heyday of growth, members recall a particular pastor or two who, by sheer force of personal charisma and leadership, moved the church to a new level. Or they recall a program or series of programs that once attracted all ages of people to become involved in the life of the church.

With that history in mind, dying churches often think that applying programs and hiring personalities will be easy fixes to their problems. They quickly discover that neither fixes anything. In fact, their desire for a “silver bullet” program or personality reinforces their belief that they don't have to make major changes or repent of past mistakes or sacrifice their preferences for the needs of the unchurched, but they just have to add one more program or hire one more professional to fix the problem. In essence, they are still trying to use primarily attractional methods in a community that no longer responds to those methods. It is frustrating and confusing for a dying church to accept that what worked so well in the past may, in fact, be hastening its demise.

## They tend to blame the community for a lack of response and, in time, grow resentful of the community for not responding as it once did.

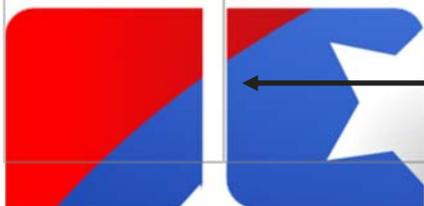
Declining churches are often slow to believe the problem lies within. Instead of embracing Jesus' call to transform their nearby community, they tend to believe they need protection from it. They may make attempts at community engagement. They may have a block party or give away food and clothing, but when no one attends Sunday school or morning worship as a result of these attempts, the church's resentments are reinforced. “They will take our food, jump in our bounce house, eat our cotton candy, and we never see them again” is a refrain I have heard many times.

Dying churches often mistakenly assume the community is there for them. They see the community as the resource from which they can grow, when in fact they need to understand that the truth is just the opposite. The community is not there for the church; the church is there for the community. We don't have block parties to get people from the community into our building; we have block parties to get the people in our building into the lives of the people in the community. The fact that the community doesn't respond is ultimately seen by the dying church as a problem with the community, rather than a problem with the church.



# July 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 Soles 4 Souls Sunday  Bishop E.W. Jackson 10:30am	27	28 HillToppers 10:30am  Vacation Bible School	29	30 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	1 Adult Game Night 6:00pm	2 Kindermusik 10:00am
3 Devotion & Ice Cream Social 6:00pm	4 Happy 4th of July!	5 Shamgar 8:30am  Kindermusik 10:00am	6 Arabella Service 10:00am	7 Hawkins Creek 10:15am  Eden Place Meal/Service Hosted by The Mix LifeGroup 6:00pm	8	9 Tim Hawkins Concert 3pm & 7pm
10 Youth Led Service 6:00pm  Mission Trip	11	12 Kindermusik 10:00am  HillToppers 10:30am	13 Arabella Service 10:00am  Movie Day (Kids) 9:00am	14 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	15	16
17 SNAC 7:00pm	18	19 Shamgar 8:30am  Kindermusik 10:00am	20	21 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	22	23
24 Deacon's Lunch 12:30pm	25	26 HillToppers 10:30am  Kindermusik 10:00am	27	28 Hawkins Creek 10:15am  Page Place II 6:30pm	29	30



Kid's Camp