July Sunday Nursery & Children's Church Schedule		
Date	Children's Church	Nursery
7/6	Angel Combs Lisa Scarbrough	Babies: Darlene Mayatt**, Jordan Bucurel**  1 Year Olds: Adam & Ashley Embrey 2 Year Olds: Spencer & Jessica Dickerson 3 Year Olds: Jimmy & Trisha Harper
7/13	Merrick DuValle Miller Roberts	Babies: Baleigh Davis**, Jordan Bucurel*, Angel Combs 1 Year Olds: Meagan Anderson, Kim Garrett 2 Year Olds: Curt & Candace Maye 3 Year Olds: Jamey & Liza Randall
7/20	Travis & Deanna Cornish Jessica Dickerson	<u>Babies</u> : Sara Bowden**, Lynda Warren** <u>1 Year Olds</u> : Adam & Ashley Embrey <u>2 Year Olds</u> : Jack & Becky Brown <u>3 Year Olds</u> : Michelle Schultz, Renee Creel
7/27	Family Worship Day	Babies: Cathy Corella**, Geneva Smith**  1 Year Olds: Stacey & Emily Guin  2 Year Olds: Jack & Becky Brown  3 Year Olds: Jeff & Susan McKee

July Wednesday Nursery Schedule		
Date	Nursery	
7/2	NO Wednesday Night Activities	
7/9	Babies: Jordan Bucurel, Lisa Scarbrough	
7/9	Older: Wevone Scarbrough, Lynda Warren	
7/16	Babies: Jordan Bucurel, Meagan Anderson	
7/10	Older: Wevone Scarbrough, Lynda Warren	
	Babies: Jordan Bucurel, Becky Brown	
7/23	Older: Wevone Scarbrough, Lynda Warren	
	Babies: Jordan Bucurel, Donna Cook	
7/30	Older: Wevone Scarbrough, Lynda Warren	

#### **Church Schedule: WEDNESDAY SUNDAY**

Sunday School — 9:00 AM Morning Worship — 10:00 AMWorship Center Nursery and Children's Church available

Summer JAM— 6:30 PM Sanctuary Youth—6:30 PM **Upstairs Youth Hall** Refresh — 6:30 PM Dining Room

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES







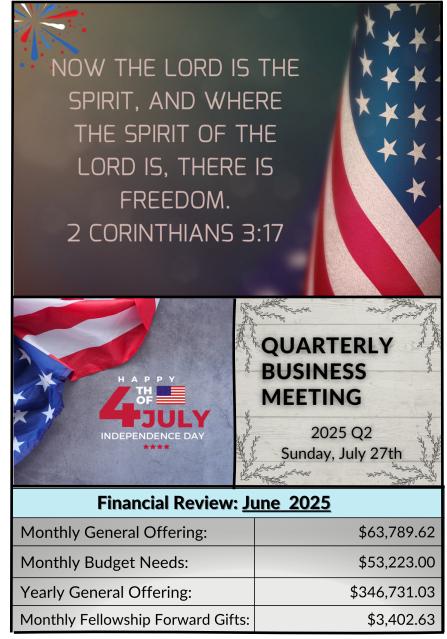


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for every matter under heaven. For everything there is season, and a time

Ecclesiastes 3:1







#### Reflections

Caleb Hughes
Lead Pastor

#### Whether Lions or Fire

The book of Daniel begins with a dark tone. God's people had been carried into captivity by an evil people and an evil king—Babylon's Nebuchadnezzar. The wonderful vessels that represented God's glory in God's temple had been taken and placed in the treasury dedicated to pagan gods. Even more precious were the people of God, young men who Babylon would attempt to indoctrinate and "turn" to become Babylonian young men. Among them were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

This attempted indoctrination would require three-years of intense instruction. It would even mean doing away with Judaean foods/drink in favor of a Babylonian diet; this would pose a big problem for Daniel and the young men, who chose to honor God's food laws. What would they do? We don't have to look long to see God's hand at work when Daniel's back is up against the wall.

Daniel 1:8–9 — 8 But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore, he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. 9 And **God gave Daniel favor and compassion** in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs...

What results is that an exception is made by Babylonian leadership for the four young men to have a different, lower caloric diet. Yet even with a lesser diet, God blesses the men with greater strength and energy than those who assimilated.

Daniel and the boys chose to honor God and trust God with the outcome. God honored their obedience, even when it was *not* the path of least resistance.

God doesn't call you and me to ease. He calls us to obedience. He doesn't call us to assimilation to the culture. He calls us to holiness (set apart-ness). And just like in Daniel 1, God honors the obedience of his people.

It is still important to note that this obedience would eventually lead to a lion's den for Daniel and a fiery furnace for the other three young men, but most importantly, we see that in spite of it all, whether lions or fire await his people, God goes with them there too. And he goes with you.

Will you trust God with your obedience no matter where it leads?

## JULY MINISTRY TEAMS

DEACONS
Josh Thompson
Joe Mercado

GREETERS Matt Rigdon
Kim Rigdon

COUNTERS
Keith Creel
Jason Wright
BUS MAINTENANCE

# July Adult Sunday School Scriptures

July 6- Stephen: A Faith That Advance's God's Kingdom

Acts 6:3-15

July 13- Can I Lose My Salvation?

John 10:7-11,14-18,27-30

July 20- Can Walk Away from My Salvation?

Hebrews 6:1-12

July 27- The Importance of Character

2 Peter 1:1-11



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