WHEELER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 2016

THE Avenue WORD

"Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." EPHESIANS 6:8-10 KJV

Greetings, Beloved Church Family!

It is with great joy that I write to you as we begin the last month of Church Year 2015-2016! Our God continues to grant His favor upon our church through allowing us to seek to know and fulfill His will for our lives. As I reflect upon the significant experiences that happened over the past month, I stand amazed at the great things God does at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. Permit me to express my profound appreciation for the wonderful ways by which you helped me celebrate yet another birthday. I am eternally grateful to God for His bounty of blessings, but I also remain grateful to this church family for always remembering me and showering me with birthday love each and every year. I write this note on August 3rd, after having left yet another birthday celebration provided by the Seasoned Saints of our church. I am so blessed to serve such a caring and loving congregation. I pray that God will continue to bless each of you in the same ways you have continually blessed my life, Mrs. Cosby and the entirety of the Cosby Crew.

Speaking of the entirety of the Cosby Crew, last year my older brother and his family moved to Houston, Texas and joined the Wheeler Family. We are pleased to announce that, as of two weeks ago, our mother, Mrs. Bobbie J. Cosby, has moved to Houston, Texas to join her boys, their wives and children as the new home of the entire Cosby family. Please join me in welcoming her to her new hometown, and pray that her acclimation process, after decades of life in our beloved Chicago, will be swift and easy.

We likewise welcome two members of our congregation to the leadership of two of our most significant ministries. Over the past several days we have been blessed to add Mrs. Kim Washington to our Senior Staff as the Director of Children's Ministry. She has served children in the school system for many years as a classroom teacher, and we eagerly look forward to the many years she will serve our "Pee Wee Praisers" who gather on *The Avenue* each and every week. Additionally, we are pleased to announce the new Head of School for Wheeler Avenue Christian Academy (WACA), Ms. Melanie Singleton. Ms. Singleton brings years of experience in academic teaching and administration. We are delighted that she has accepted our invitation to continue her administrative work at her church's growing Academy. Each of these women will need our prayers and support as they engage these new levels of service. You can read more about them later in this newsletter, but we warmly welcome them to their new roles.

As we close this Church Year (CY), we invite every member of our congregation to our Year-End Church Meeting, August 29th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. At that time we will discuss the weighty matters of the business of our church, as well as (re) elect the officers who will serve us throughout the twelve months of our next fiscal year. We have begun the work on our new parking lot area, and at the meeting, we will share significant and substantive information regarding the next steps of our comprehensive building project. Please make plans to attend.

To God be the glory for His manifold blessings over these past 11 months. Let's *finish strong* as we terminate CY 2015-2016 and continue to bless His holy Name!

Saved to serve, M.D. Cosby Building up the Body

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HAPPENINGS ON THE AVENUE - AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

7:15am, 9am, 11am, 1pm Worship Services 9am, 11am Sunday School 4pm New Life Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

10:30 AM Seasoned Saints Exercise 6:30 PM "Summer Series Bible Study

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

6:00 PMSub-Committee - Infrastructure Meeting6:30 PMCourtesy Corps Meeting and Training7:30 PMPsalms of David POD Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

10:30 AM	Seasoned Saints Exercise
12:00 PM	Noon Day Bible Study
6:00 PM	Wednesday Prayer Service
6:30 PM	Bible Study (Katy)
6:30 PM	Bible Study (Sugar Land)
6:45 PM	Children's Bible Study
6:45 PM	Middle School Bible Study
7:00 PM	General Bible Study
7:00 PM	Youth Bible Study/Chapel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

5:30 PM	Building Committee -
	Capital Stewardship Campaign Phonathon
6:00 PM	Building Committee Meeting
6:00 PM	"The Brook" College Bible Study
6:00 PM	Sunday School Teacher Meetings
6:30 PM	New Sunday School Teachers Training
7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM Seasoned Saints Line Dancing 10:30 AM Seasoned Saints Exercise

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00 AM Boy Scout Merit Badge Salesmanship Class
9:00 AM C.L.A.S.S. Leadership Training
9:00 AM INREACH -3
9:00 AM Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
10:00 AM Health & Wellness Ministry Meeting
10:00 AM Will-a-Thon Part 2
10:00 AM Pre-Marital Seminar
10:00 AM Praise Dance Rehearsal
10:00 AM Transformation Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

7:15am, 9am, 11am, 1pm Worship Services 9am, 11am Sunday School

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

 10:30 AM
 Seasoned Saints Exercise

 5:00 PM
 Family Connection Corps

 6:00 PM
 Ruth Circle Meeting

 6:30 PM
 Ephphatha Signing Choir Rehearsal

 6:30 PM
 InHIMM Men's Ministry Fellowship

 6:30 PM
 Praise Dance Rehearsal

 6:30 PM
 "Summer Series Bible Study" -Singles & Young Adult Ministry

 6:30 PM
 Women's Ministry "Body Building"

 Bible Study
 "Bible Study

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
6:00 PM	M2W Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Health & Wellness Ministry - Boot Camp
7:00 PM	Unity Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM	Psalms of David POD Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

10:30 AM	Seasoned Saints Exercise
12:00 PM	Noon Day Bible Study
6:00 PM	Wednesday Prayer Service
6:30 PM	Bible Study (Katy)
6:30 PM	Bible Study (Sugar Land)
6:45 PM	Children's Bible Study
6:45 PM	Middle School Bible Study
7:00 PM	General Bible Study
7:00 PM	Youth Bible Study/Chapel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

11:00 AM	Band Rehearsal
5:30 PM	Celestial Choir's Annual Birthday Celebrations
6:00 PM	"The Brook" College Bible Study
6:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 PM	Sunday School Teacher Meetings
6:30 PM	Celestial Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Hoopin' on the Avenue
6:30 PM	Theatre Arts/Drama/Spoken Word Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Mime Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Witnessing Workers Team Meeting
7:00 PM	Trustee Investment Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM Seasoned Saints Line Dancing 10:30 AM Seasoned Saints Exercise

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 AM Deacon Board Executive Committee
9:00 AM Boy Scout Popcorn Fundraiser Distribution
10:00 AM Alzheimer Support Group
10:00 AM Praise Dance Rehearsal
10:00 AM Year End Church Leadership Meeting
10:00 AM 5Cs - Honey Child Prenatal Program

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

7:15am, 9am, 11am, 1pm Worship Services 9am, 11am Sunday School

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

10:30 AM Seasoned Saints Exercise
6:00 PM Women's Guild Meeting
6:30 PM Ephphatha Signing Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Praise Dance Rehearsal
6:30 PM WA5Cs Board Meeting

7:30 PM Orchestra Rehearsal

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

6:00 PM Sub-Committee - Infrastructure Meeting
6:00 PM M2W Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Board of Review
6:30 PM Health & Wellness Ministry Boot Camp
7:00 PM Unity Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Psalms of David POD Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

10:30 AM	Seasoned Saints Exercise
12:00 PM	Noon Day Bible Study
6:00 PM	Wednesday Prayer Service
6:30 PM	Bible Study (Katy)
6:30 PM	Bible Study (Sugar Land)
6:45 PM	Children's Bible Study
6:45 PM	Middle School Bible Study
7:00 PM	General Bible Study
7:00 PM	Youth Bible Study/Chapel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

11:00 AM	Band Rehearsal
5:30 PM	Building Committee -
	Capital Stewardship Campaign Phonathon
6:00 PM	"The Brook" College Bible Study
6:00 PM	Sunday School Teacher Meetings
6:00 PM	Trustee Board Meeting
6:30 PM	Celestial Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Hoopin' on the Avenue
6:30 PM	Theatre Arts/Drama/Spoken Word Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Mime Rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

10:30 AM Seasoned Saints Line Dancing10:30 AM Seasoned Saints Exercise6:30 PM "The Situation" Young Adult Ministry

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 AM Young Adult Community Service Outing
8:45 AM Transformation Meeting
9:00 AM Cancer Ministry Meeting
9:00 AM Fresh Start Event and Training
10:00 AM Family Group 24
10:00 AM Pre-Marital Seminar
10:00 AM Praise Dance Rehearsal

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

7:15am, 9am, 11am, 1pm Worship Services 9am, 11am Sunday School

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00 PM WABC Year End Church Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

6:00 PM Sub-Committee - Infrastructure Meeting
6:00 PM M2W Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Health & Wellness Ministry - Boot Camp
7:30 PM Unity Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

10:30 AM Seasoned Saints Exercise
12:00 PM Noon Day Bible Study
6:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Service
6:30 PM Bible Study (Katy)
6:30 PM Bible Study (Sugar Land)
6:45 PM Children's Bible Study
6:45 PM Middle School Bible Study
7:00 PM General Bible Study
7:00 PM Youth Bible Study/Chapel Choir Rehearsal

CHRISTIAN LIFE ADVANCEMENT

THE LIVING WORD

9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. | CLC - Room 216

The Adult I/Choir class is a dedicated family of believers in Christ whose members enjoy gathering together for spirited teaching and discussion, as we study God's Holy Word. We are a diverse group of men and women, singles, married individuals and couples.

FAITH AND WORKS

9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. | CLC - Room 209

Faith and Works strives to be a living example of James 2:17 from which the class derived its name. This is a diverse group of believers in age and gender. The learning and applying of the lesson is through group discussion that aims to get to the heart of the WORD of God by listening and learning from each other.

MEN'S CLASS

9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. | CLC - Room 207

The Adult Men's class consists of men who are at various levels of spiritual maturity. The men in this class treasure the wisdom, application of scripture to their everyday lives and fellowship with other men of God. We know that iron sharpens iron. We welcome and encourage questions and comments from all members of the class.

SPIRITUAL DELIVERANCE

9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. | CLC - Room 217

The Spiritual Deliverance Class is a unique blend of men and women. The class embodies a range of Christian maturity, from "emerging to mature" Christians. This class encourages interaction and involvement of the learners to foster spiritual transformation and develop strong witnesses for Christ.

WOMEN'S CLASS

9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. | ChLC - Fellowship Hall (Left)

The Women's class utilizes varying teaching techniques that include women sharing in lively discussions of scripture and the assigned lessons. This class is comprised of a diverse group of married women, single women and single mothers. Attendees of the Women's class appreciate the friendship, fellowship, support and spiritual growth they receive as a result of participating in this class.

ADULT CLASS

11:00 A.M. -12:15 P.M. | CLC - Room 215

This is a combined (co-ed) adult group that is intentionally intergenerational, ranging from young adult to adult. This class focuses on the discovery, understanding, and application of the Word of God for the whole person.

TOPICAL ADULT CLASSES

VISION SEEKERS

9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. | CLC - Room 218

Geared to young adults, ages 21-35, the mission is to seek and see the deeper depths of God by seeking first the kingdom of God and all His righteousness, launching in the deep, increasing our individual study of God's word and seeking God's promises.

MIDDLE SCHOOL-HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

GOD AND CHURCH

11:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. | CLC - Room 218

For Middle School - High School ages, this class is a collaboration with Boy Scouts, but all students are welcomed. This class is taught 2nd through 4th Sundays in the summer and fall.

GRADES 6	9:00 A.M 10:15 A.M.	T	CLC - Room 215
GRADES 7-8	9:00 A.M 10:15 A.M.	I	CLC - Room 210
GRADES 9-10	9:00 A.M 10:15 A.M.	1	CLC - Room 212
GRADES 11-12	9:00 A.M 10:15 A.M.	1	CLC - Room 211
GRADES 6-12	11:00 A.M 12:30 P.M.	T	CLC - Room 218
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Interactive experiences where youth learn about Jesus and engage biblical truths that help them grow closer to Jesus and to be equipped for facing everyday life. It's a fun way to get to know Jesus and other youth, while we grow spiritually.

YOUNG CHILDREN CLASSES

PRE-SCHOOL	9:00 A.M 10:15 A.M. ChLC - Rooms 116-117
PREK - KINDERGARTEN	9:00 A.M 10:15 A.M. ChLC - Rooms 133-138
1ST AND 2ND GRADES	9:00 A.M 10:15 A.M. ChLC - Rooms 134-135
3RD AND 4TH GRADES	9:00 A.M 10:15 A.M. ChLC - FH (Right)
5TH GRADE	9:00 A.M 10:15 A.M. ChLC - Rooms 136-137

Our focus is to teach children about God's love and His amazing gift of salvation to prepare them to know Jesus and accept Him as Lord and Savior. We use age-appropriate lessons, games, crafts, and other creative ways to teach the Word of God. We help children build Bible skills that encourage them to memorize and apply God's Word.

CHURCHWIDE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WE ARE BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE!

Our Capital Stewardship Campaign is gaining momentum. We've met our first milestone of \$5 million, but, we still need every member's participation to meet our second milestone of \$8 million by August. Thank you to all who have committed to the campaign and those who are now paying toward their commitment.

Are you committed? Are you giving toward your commitment? As we move closer to building a new sanctuary, surface parking and a Christian Education complex for all of our many ministries, it is very important that each member prayerfully consider making a generous commitment today. Commitment cards are available every Sunday in the lobby of the sanctuary, in the CLC (the Worship Center), and you can download them by visiting <u>www.wheelerbc.org</u>. If you have any questions regarding <u>Building for the Future</u>, please email <u>buildingforthefuture@wheelerbc.org</u>.

COMING SOON...PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION!

Construction of a new parking lot has begun on the campus of Wheeler Avenue. While we are very excited about the changes that are in progress, we will need to adjust some of our parking plans to accommodate this construction. More details will be forthcoming. As we make these initial steps toward *Building for the Future*, we ask that you continue to be prayerful and patient!

THE VISUAL ARTS MINISTRY INTRODUCES OUR AUGUST FEATURED ARTIST

The Visual Arts Ministry (VAM) would like to thank Ms. Jerona Williams for displaying her custom quilts. The VAM will highlight **Ted Ellis'** artworks during the month of August. Ted is an internationally known painter and lecturer, and has been featured in national magazines and at the U.S. Senate Office Building and museums nationally. Thanks to all of the artists for sharing the gifts with which God has blessed them. The VAM is seeking all visual artists in the Church to join the ministry. If you are a visual artist, please contact Paul D. Charles at <u>ipdc@flash.net</u>.

WABC SATELLITE BIBLE STUDIES

We've brought Bible Study to you in Katy with Rev. Janella Pyles, and in Sugar Land, with Rev. Jeri Jackson. Join us Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for an interactive study of God's Word!

Sugar Land Location: Highlands Elementary (2022 Colonist Park Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77478) Katy Location: Wyndham Hotel (14703 Park Row Dr, Houston, TX 77079)

Skilled and anointed teachers will be on-site at each location as we continue to *Build Up the Body*. Join us every Wednesday in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. or at one of our satellite locations at 6:30 p.m. as we continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Do you shop at Kroger and Randall's stores, or make purchases on Amazon? Through your regular purchases and, at no additional cost to you, each of these retailers will make a charitable contribution to Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church and the Capital Stewardship Campaign. For more details on how to make your purchases benefit WABC, visit <u>www.wheelerbc.org</u> and click the WABC Community Rewards button. Participation in these programs does not replace your tithes or your personal commitment to the Capital Stewardship Campaign. If you have any questions about the Community Rewards program, please contact Rev. Janella Pyles at Janella.Pyles@yahoo.com.

WHEELER AVENUE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (WACA) TO OFFER SECOND GRADE

Wheeler Avenue Christian Academy (WACA) is moving forward with integrating second grade beginning in August 2016. We realize parents have options in the education of their children. WACA is uniquely different because we believe that children can be educated spiritually, academically, and emotionally. We believe in honoring our children, parents, and community with love, dignity, and respect. If your child is not enrolled in Wheeler Avenue Christian Academy, you are missing out on a blessing. We are currently accepting children from birth to second grade. www.wacahou.org

Serving through ministries

ADULT MINISTRIES

MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH

We're taking the month of August to highlight our Children's Ministries. Please stop by their tables following worship service for more information. If you're interested in becoming involved in any of our Children's Ministries, go to the William Alexander Lawson Christian Life Center or Community Life Center, immediately following worship service, to sign-up or to receive more information.

AWANA Cherub Choir Children's Church Nursery Ministry in Motion Praise Dancers Special Needs Ministry



WELCOME OUR NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR, SIS. KIM WASHINGTON!



Kim and her husband, Mike, first joined Wheeler after graduating from Prairie View A&M University. Her family relocated out of state for several years, but immediately rejoined upon their return to Houston almost nine years ago. Having served as a school teacher for the last 11 years, Kim firmly believes that, according to Ephesians 6:4, we are to bring our children up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Our Children's Ministry strives to provide a foundation that equips our children with Bible-based tools that will help them navigate life's challenges and simultaneously glorify our Lord and Savior.

WELCOME OUR NEW WHEELER AVENUE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HEAD OF SCHOOL, SIS. MELANIE SINGLETON!



Singleton has been hired as Head of School for the Wheeler Avenue Christian Academy. Ms. Singleton boasts excellent credentials and a stellar 10-year career as an educator and school administrator. Ms.

The Wheeler Avenue Christian Academy ("WACA") Board of Trustees is excited to announce that Ms. Melanie

Ms. Singleton boasts excellent credentials and a stellar 10-year career as an educator and school administrator. Ms. Singleton most recently served as Principal of YES Prep Public Schools. While principal at YES Prep, she opened both Spring Branch and Aldine ISD partnership schools and acquired several highly-esteemed Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grants in excess of \$3 million. Ms. Singleton earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and

Bachelor of Arts in African American Studies from the prestigious Columbia University in 2006. She earned a Master's in Business Administration from Rice University in 2010 and is actively pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in Education Leadership degree from Prairie View University (expected completion 2018). She holds an EC-12 Principal Certificate and has extensive experience with instructional leadership, finance marketing, and operations management.

WABC EVANGELISM MINISTRY: AVENUE OF HOPE

"The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few" (Luke 10:2). Please join the Evangelism Team as we go to share the gospel and minister to the total person in our community.

- Street/Door-to-Door Witnessing every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month; Every 5th Saturday, Mission Outreach.
- Monthly Meeting & Discipleship Enrichment every 3rd Saturday CLC Room 116/117
- Ministry Prayer Call every Thursday at 6:00 a.m. Call 605-475-4700 Code 878230#

For additional information, please email <u>evangelism@wheelerbc.org</u> or <u>jimmyhomer11@gmail.com</u>.

BUILDING UP THE BODY

Join the Health, Wellness and Recreation Ministry *every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.* in the Community Life Center Gym for *Bootcamp on the Avenue.* Bring a workout mat and prepare to be amazed as we build up our bodies through exercise and fitness training – all are welcome!

2016 WARREN "OLU" CHAPMAN BACK TO SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLASSIC

The Health, Wellness, & Recreation Ministry (HWR) is hosting the **2016 Warren "Olu" Chapman Back to School Basketball Classic** on **Saturday, August 27**, in the worship center gymnasium. This event will feature the youth and adult men of both WABC and Lilly Grove MBC. There will also be an "Old School vs New School" game, beginning at 10:30 a.m., to kick off the festivities as we remember and celebrate our first Youth Minister and Oba of the Boy's Rites of Passage Program, Rev. Olu Chapman. Come out and support WABC as we look to extend our winning streak against our sister church.

"HOOPIN' ON THE AVENUE"

The Worship Center Gym will be available for basketball for adult men and women on *Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.* Join in as the Health, Wellness and Recreation Ministry provides this opportunity to build up the body! Coming soon...Volleyball!

ADULT MINISTRIES

SEASONED SAINTS MINISTRY: Weekly activities of the Seasoned Saints Ministry are as follows:



MONDAYS 10:30 a.m. - Aerobics 11:30 a.m. - Seasoned Table Talk WEDNESDAYS 10:30 a.m. - Aerobics 11:30 a.m. - Bible Study FRIDAYS 9:30 a.m. - Line Dancing 10:30 a.m. - Aerobics

11:30 a.m. - Bible Study

THE GATHERING PLACE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO CAREGIVERS



The Gathering Place is a setting where care team volunteers provide a loving, welcoming and fun environment for care partners with mild to moderate memory loss who do not require skilled care. This activity program is a partnership between Interfaith CarePartners and participating congregations. The Gathering Place is typically hosted monthly for 3.5 hours and combines physical movement, socialization, music and other engaging activities in a comfortable environment, enabling caregivers to attend to their

personal needs without worry. Volunteers at the Gathering Place coordinate or assist with various components of the Gathering: greet guests, manage sign in table, lead crafts, games or a sing-along, create name tags, lead discussion circle, arrange for or coordinate lunch, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, please register online at <u>www.wheelerbc.org</u>.



INREACH III: BUILDING A BLESSED BODY (I CORINTHIANS 12:27)

Build your INSIGHT about the benefit of the power of God's Spirit in YOU!! Everyone can enter this experience where they find themselves interested??? Let's investigate it!! You may find a Way to INNOVATE It!!! Saturday, August 13, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Contact: Rev. Dr. Patricia Williams at pwilliams@wheelerbc.org_or 713-579-2718.

PRE-MARITAL MINISTRY AND TRAINING

Starting on August 13th, we will spend the second and fourth Saturdays of August, September, and October examining, studying, and engaging through a variety of instruments, the disciplines, and biblical truths that contribute to an effective, righteous, and peaceful Christian marriage. God has shown Himself faithful to all who "study to show ourselves approved a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15) in all aspects of our preparations for marriage.

Before You Say I Do[®] spend 12 hours studying and preparing to become an effective, righteous Christian couple and honor our GOD as you do so. This time of fellowship and development presented by a fun loving and mature Christian couple has been well received by all who have participated.

"These sessions are recommended for any engaged couple and any couple who desires a solid biblical framework for marital effectiveness." Topics: *What is Marriage? Communication and Conflict, Fidelity, Intimacy and Sex, Expectations and Needs, Finance, and Love in Marriage.*

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STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

The Wheeler Avenue Stephen Ministry, Congregational Care, is actively seeking servants to serve brothers and sisters of the congregation who are recovering from illnesses, acute and chronic, those experiencing end-of-life and grief circumstances.

The Fifty Hours of Training

THE REFLECTION PATHWAY: 13 HOURS OF TRAINING

August 20, 2016—10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Orientation and the Person of the Caregiver

August 27, 2016—10:00 a.m.-2:00p.m. Feelings: Yours, Mine and Ours Maintaining Boundaries

September 8, 2016—6:00-9:00 p.m. *Confidentiality*

September 10, 2016—10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. The Art of Listening

CONTINUATION OF READINESS: 15 HOURS OF TRAINING

October 6, 2016—6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Journaling Visit Results

October 8, 2016—10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Using Spiritual Gifts in the Caring Ministry

October 13, 2016—6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Supervision: Part I

October 15, 2016 –8:00 a.m.-2:00p.m. Supervision: Part II Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close Follow Me

THE READINESS PATHWAY: 13 HOURS OF TRAINING

September 17, 2016—8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Distinctively Christian Caring: Part I Distinctively Christian Caring: Part II

September 24, 2016—6:00 - 9:00 p.m Wheeler Caring Models

Prayers and Petitions
 Worship
 Wisdom

October 1, 2016: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. How to Make A First Caring Visit

CARING RELATIONSHIP PATHWAY: 9 HOURS

October 20, 2016—6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Caring for People, Before, During/After Hospitalization

October 22, 2016—8:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. Ministering to the Dying and Family/Friends Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief

COURTESY CORPS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church Courtesy Corps Ministry is recruiting and reclaiming members to serve at one of our four services. Wheeler Avenue is currently facilitating services in two worship spaces, and we are excited to see how God will use you in this ministry. Please contact Brother Efrem Davis at <u>wabccourtesycorps@gmail.com</u>.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT MINISTRY

Do you have a loved one who now faces the challenge of living with Alzheimer's? If so, the Alzheimer's Support Ministry is available to you. Join with Sis. Deborah Davis and the Alzheimer's Support Ministry *every 3rd Saturday* in the William Alexander Lawson Christian Life Center at **10:00 a.m.**, as we seek to minister to the total person!

EPHPHATHA SIGNING CHOIR

Come learn signing through song. We will teach you everything you need to know. Rehearsals are held *every Monday, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.*, in the William A. Lawson Community Life Center, Room 215. If you are interested in ministering with the WABC Ephphatha Signing Choir, please contact Sis. Linda F. Weekly at <u>Linda.Weekly@cpa.Texas.gov</u> or 832-754-7956.

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YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH MINISTRY

PRAISE DANCERS

Rehearsals are held Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., in the William A. Lawson Community Life Center, Room 207. Please contact Sis. Erica Henderson at <u>edhenderson@uh.edu</u> if you're interested in ministering with the WABC Grace Praise Dancers.

YOUNG ADULTS AND ONEDERFUL LIFE SINGLES (40+)

2016 SUMMER SINGLES AND YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY SERIES: PLAYLIST Mondays, July 18 – August 15 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

TRANSFORMATION

It's that time of year again! Transformation is gearing up for another exciting year. If you know a middle school age young lady who would love to learn more about Christ, career awareness, self-esteem, history, public speaking and making life-long friends, Transformation is the ministry for her. Please contact Valencia Lewis at transformation@wheelerbc.org

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church services are held at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sis. Harlisha Homer at <u>hhomer@wheelerbc.org</u>.

Children's Church Drop-off 2 and 3 year olds: Christian Life Center, Room 117 4 and 5 year olds: Christian Life Center, Room 138 1st – 5th Grade: Fellowship Hall (Left)

KIDCHECK

KidCheck is available for Wheeler's children. In order to use the check-in system, you must register your child/children. Parents may do so by going to <u>go.kidcheck.com</u> or clicking on the KidCheck Link on the Wheeler Avenue website.

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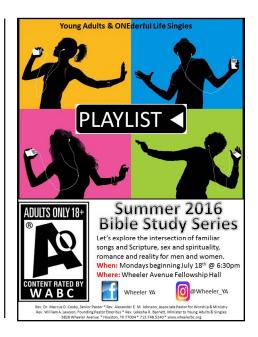
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