



August Newsletter

Lord, sow Your will into our hearts.
Help Wheeler plant seeds and grow disciples.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS AUGUST 2026

Monetary Emphasis:

WRHS Care Closet

Hands-on Emphasis:

Laundry Detergent and Snacks for Care Closet

PRAYER EMPHASIS AUGUST 2026

Please pray for all teachers and students
returning to school this month!

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR 2026:

June 2026 Received: \$21850.87

YTD Received: \$137,727.94

June 2026 Expenses: \$23,249.27

YTD Expenses: \$154,100.64

We pray for God's blessing and protection over all students, teachers, school personell, and parents. May the Lord bless you and keep you, and may this school year be the best one yet!

Our new Director of Children and Youth, McKenzie, is excited to jump into a wonderful year with the youth after the summer hiatus. The youth group will be having a Back to School Celebration on August 2nd at 6pm to kick off the year. Meetings will be from 6pm-7:15pm every Sunday evening with the next break being on Labor day weekend.

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to support these evening meetings. Per our Safer Sanctuaries policy, we need to have two adults present for adequate supervision at events with children and youth. We would love to have a rotating list of volunteers who are willing to help with this so that no one is being over utilized. The only requirements are that you agree to our Safer Sanctuaries Policy and be willing to connect with the youth. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to McKenzie at wumc.childrenandyouth@gmail.com or let us know in the Connect Card on Sunday.



SATURDAY,
AUGUST 15, 1:15PM

JOY! Trip

"The Play that Went Wrong"
at the Renaissance
Theater in Kingsport

If you are interested in attending the August JOY trip, please RSVP to Peggy White aT (423) 360-1003 or check the box in the Connect Card on Sunday.

A colorful graphic for a 'Back to School Celebration'. At the top, it says 'YOU'RE INVITED' in a playful font. Below that is a circular logo for 'Wheeler Kids' featuring two stick figures. The main title 'BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION' is in large, bold, black letters inside a white cloud-like shape. Below the title, it says 'PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!' in bold black letters. At the bottom, a pink box contains the text 'SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH - 9 AM IN THE GYM BEFORE WORSHIP'. The background is yellow with various school-related icons like pencils, stars, and a pencil sharpener.

YOU'RE INVITED

Wheeler Kids

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH - 9 AM
IN THE GYM BEFORE WORSHIP

Celebrate your first week back to school with your friends at Wheeler! We will have pancakes, sausage, bacon, yogurt, fruit, and all kinds of sweet toppings. Please feel free to bring a friend and join us for crafts and yummy food! If you are interested in volunteering or supporting this event, please contact Jade Williams at jade.ministryassistant@gmail.com.

WEAR-YOUR-COLORS
SUNDAY AND
TAILGATE
LUNCH
AUGUST 30



Wear your most spirited fan-gear for a chance to win a gift card to an area restaurant. Also, bring you favorite tailgate fare for a Tailgate Lunch after worship.

A graphic for 'Wheeler... Beyond Sunday'. It features a green semi-circle at the top with a white microphone icon inside. Below the semi-circle, the text 'WHEELER...' is in large white letters, and 'BEYOND SUNDAY' is in large green letters. At the bottom right, there is a small logo for 'Wheeler' with a tree icon.

WHEELER...
BEYOND SUNDAY

After a hiatus, Wheeler. . . Beyond Sunday will be back in September, with discussion on complete sermon series rather than each sermon. This will allow for a more well-rounded discussion and also be less taxing on our podcasters. We'll see you next month!

Led by YOUTH, For YOUTH

YOUTH 2026 RALLY

Session #1 - Northern Region

When: September 12-13, 2026

Where: Camp Bays Mountain,
Kingsport, TN

Session #2 - Southern Region

When: October 24-25, 2026

Where: Camp Lookout,
Rising Fawn, GA

The Holston Conference Council on Youth Ministries is sponsoring a Youth Rally at Camp Bays Mountain September 12-13. The event will be entirely led by youth of Holston, including the preaching! It will be a great way for the youth to connect with God while in God's creation and also a great way to network with fellow youth seeking to grow in their faith! McKenzie will talk with the youth about going as a group at the first Wheeler Youth on August 2. Contact her at wumc.childrenandyouth@gmail.com to register your youth.



August 9th will be the last day to turn in Discipleship Group surveys in the tray in the office or via the digital link at the QR code below.

If you haven't had a chance to look at the survey, there are some pretty interesting ideas presented, such as hosting devotions alongside social groups such as Modern Lit Book Group, Creative Arts Group, Hands-on Service Group, or Outdoor Activity Group. There are also options for sermon discussion, spiritual formation, Bible Study, or Covenant Discipleship groups. If any of those sound interesting to you, please fill out the survey and let us know so we can ensure that the events we pour our time and effort into are the ones that benefit you the most and help you develop a sense of community and a stronger faith.

Favorite verse submissions are due by August 5th to add to the Bibles we are giving to our rising 3rd and 4th graders. Message your name and verse references to Ginger at (423) 278-6392.



*All laity and clergy are
invited to the*

Appalachian District Day with the Bishop

*Tuesday, September 15
6pm-8pm
at Asbury in Greeneville*



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

BAKED POTATO AND SALAD BAR LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for a lunch date with your friends at Wheeler on September 13 directly after worship. Missions is hosting a Baked Potato and Salad Bar Luncheon to raise money for Christmas Blessings, which is one of the most beloved ministries we do here at Wheeler. All proceeds from this luncheon help purchase Christmas gifts for low-income families in our community and show them the love of Christ!

Take some time this August to free up space and prepare donations for the United Women in Faith Fall Yard Sale on September 18 and 19 from 8am-3pm! The yard sale routinely raises between \$6,000-\$8,000 each time we host one, and it provides low-cost clothing, furniture, toys, and housewares to so many members of our community!

If you have items you would like to donate but cannot transport on your own, please contact Jade Williams, and she can arrange pickup assistance during the week of September 13.

