

# Hickory Grove Church

## Hickory Switch

April  
2011



### Upcoming Events

#### April

- 1-2 Fusion
- 6 7:00 Women's Fellowship
- 13 11:30 Golden Agers-Cazadores Restaurant
- 13 7:00 Bible Study
- 14 7:00 Business Meeting
- 17 Palm Sunday
- 19 7:00 Deacon Meeting
- 20 7:00 Bible Study
- 21 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service
- 22 Distribute Nursing Home Gifts
- 23 2:00-4:00 Easter Egg Hunt
- 24 7:00 Sunrise Service
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast and Fellowship
- 8:30-8:45 Intercessory Prayer
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship

### Did you know...

Cemetery clean up is April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. This is done every spring to help with the upkeep of the cemetery. Bring shovels, rakes, etc. Many hands are much appreciated!

## MISSION AND OUTREACH



Mission and Outreach will be having a car wash in Monticello to benefit the White County Food

Pantry. We are looking at a Saturday in early June. More information will be announced as the event progresses!



## FAMILY NIGHT

As if the abundance of delicious and abundant food wasn't enough, Family Night, March 6, was crowned by the entertainment that followed.

MC Susan Hill had prepared a poem, "On the Eve of Family Night" to open the show and aptly made last minute changes to reflect happenings in the Fellowship Hall earlier, requiring some fancy pen work. Susan accomplished that in record time under immense pressure just before "curtain call."

Next followed the musical opening act of David and Ivan Veach. Decked out in contemporary garb, replete with hats askew, several tons of golden bling and oversized dark glasses, these two young stage veterans gave us boom boom vocal stylings, liberally peppered with well defined Christian messages in their rendition of "God's Ten Commandments." Generous applause reflected the wonderful job done.

For the main show we were blessed that Marilyn Crowel was able to secure the talents of Beth Sutton Cummins, a renowned Christian ventriloquist. Beth hails from nearby Francesville and started honing her craft at age 11. She came to us in the company of four friends who traveled in mysterious big black cases.

Beth called upon the vocal talents of those friends one after another, all the while not revealing one twitch of her own lips. The audience found it amazing that Beth's friends knew quite a bit about several of those in attendance. One might surmise that there was a lot of spying going on during the carry-in dinner earlier.

The entire presentation challenged many a belly muscle in the audience as one funny line outpaced the next. Many tissues were seen coming out of pockets to dry the tears of laughter, elicited by Ms. Sutton and "the Baby," "Aunt Hazel," "Fred" and a cute gorilla.

The beauty of this presentation was that it pivoted on Christian themes and values and proved that clean entertainment can be very funny. It was a great Family Night at Hickory Grove Church.

## ANNUAL EASTER PARTY

Easter party is Saturday April 23 from 2-4. There will be games and refreshments and weather permitting our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone welcome! There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church a couple of weeks prior to the party for donations of refreshments. If you'd like to help with this event, please contact Shannon or Brenda.



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## PASTOR'S PEN

### *How Does Everything Get Done Around Here?*

Often we come to church on Sundays and don't give a thought to the fact that the doors are open and everything is ready for us. The church is always here, week after week. So just how many people does it take to make a church function properly? The answer is *"lots"*. As we stated last month, the Pastor and the Custodian are the only paid positions. Everything else is done with volunteer help from our body. In no particular order, let's look at just how many are involved. I cannot list all of the functions each does; it would take months. So I will try to give a synopsis. We have 6 Deacons that look over the Spiritual care of the body and 3 Trustees that care for the physical needs (among other things) of the structure. There is a 1 Moderator that presides over the business meetings. The Women's Fellowship (7 Officers) consists of all ladies of the church wishing to participate. They have a large array of things they attend to. These ladies co-ordinate Funeral Dinners, Family Night, Mother, Daughter, & Friend Banquet, assist with meals to homes, and the list goes on and on. Approximately 18 people make up the Official Board that intercedes with decisions between Business Meetings. There is a Bible Memorial Committee (2), a Christmas Decorating Committee (4), an Easter Decorating Committee (4), a Financial Board (6), a Homecoming Committee (9), a Missions and Outreach Committee (5), a Publicity Committee {Hickory Switch and Web site} (2), a Social Activities Committee {Fall Party and Easter Egg Hunt} (2), a Sunday School Nominating Committee (3), and a Youth Council (6). There is a Committee that heads up the Vacation Bible School program each year (2). They rely on 20-30 people to orchestrate the events that week. We even have Auditors (2) that check the financial records for accuracy. Someone directs the Easter Sunrise Program and the Children's Christmas Program. Each Spring and Fall we have a clean up day outside to give a face-lift to the church grounds.

On any given Sunday morning, someone has been here to make sure the snow is cleared from the sidewalks by 8:15am. We are fortunate that one of our trustees has a tractor and plows the snow from the parking lot (sometimes several times each week). Someone collects information for the bulletin each week, and then on Friday or Saturday comes to the church to run copies and fold them. It requires 9 Sunday School Teachers to staff our classes each week. There are more teachers than that so some may rotate in and out of classes. Someone staffs the Nursery during Worship Service. The Praise Team (5) leading our Worship Service meets every Wednesday at 5:30 for practice in preparation and to learn new songs. There are Greeters at the door to welcome you. Ushers assist in receiving the tithes and offerings. There are people responsible for operating the Sound Board and others responsible for the Video Camera. Someone then delivers DVD's to shut-ins and Nursing Homes each week.

Do you get the idea that there are *"lots"* of behind the scene people that keep this organization running? They do it of their own free will and make time in their busy daily lives to see that it happens. I am not even mentioning the countless number of times I call on someone to ask him or her to do things at my request. They give me help with office work and visitation to others. People come and assist me with some physical chores here at the church. I call some from time to time to be a "sounding board" for me to bounce ideas off of.

Does our church need you to jump in and be involved? The obvious answer is *"Yes."* Where do you fit in? The answer is: "Where would you like to fit in?" Let me assure you there is plenty of room and need for your abilities. So jump in! If you don't know where to start or get involved, call your Pastor today.

I apologize in advance. I am sure to have left some areas out. This letter is a reminder to me of just how important each person is in the operation of this church. Thank you to each and every one that fills these positions and needs. There is an old song that goes: "There's room at the cross for you, though millions have come, there's still room for one. Yes, there's room at the cross for you". There is also room at Hickory Grove for you. Why not jump in with both feet today?

*Pastor Ken*

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# April 2011

## Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Fusion -High	2 School Trip
3	4 Rob & Leisha Hill	5	6 7:00 Women's Fellowship	7	8	9 Tom White
10 Erica Hill Avenell Johns	11	12	13 Coral Altman 7:00 Bible Study	14 Melanie Johns 7:00 Business Meeting	15 Haley Wharff Kris Hanna	16
17 Emily Felz	18	19 Brandon Cunningham 7:00 Deacon Meeting	20 Lily Anderson 7:00 Bible Study	21 Ron Simons 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	22 Distribute Nursing Home Gifts	23 Pam Simons 2:00 to 4:00 Easter Egg Hunt
24 Rebecca Kelly 7:00 Sunrise Serv. 7:30-8:30 Breakfast and Fellowship 8:30-8:45 Intercessory Prayer 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	25 Owen Crowel	26 Patti Lashbrook	27	28	29	30 Coral Sparks
1	2 Josh & Ashley White	3	4 <i>May</i>	5 Terry Dill	6 Nathan Sparks Carol Tarver Darin Bishop	7 Bob Tobey

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## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ~ MARCH 2011

The Women's Fellowship held their March meeting at the home of Vicki Criswell. The meeting was opened with Judy Crowel sharing a bit about "Satisfaction." Devotions were given by Trina Smith from the Max Lucado book "A Heart Like Jesus." Clara Hill Passed cards to be signed for the sick, shut-ins, & college students. A card was shared with the group from Dieter & Sherry Hantschel on behalf of Irma Jenni.

Roll call was shared, with a good laugh by all "What do the people in China call their good plates?" Secretary's report was read and Treasurer's report was read with a balance on hand 3/1/11 of \$1405.52. Both reports were approved as read.

Committee reports were as follows: Lonetta Felz reported that Material Aide was organizing meals for Bill & Vera Chanley. Library report was given by Donna Lewellen. She shared with the group about a book she had read called "The Noticer" by Andy Andrews. She shared that the main point of the book was on perspectives and how you see the things in your life.

Old Business: Family Night, Beth Sutton will provide our program. Officers are to arrive around 5:30 PM to set up the tables. The Veach boys will be sharing devotions again with us this year.

New Business: Mother, Daughter, Friend Banquet is scheduled for May 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM. Ron & Anita Ledbetter will be providing our program for the evening. We will be doing a decorate your own table contest again for this Banquet. Tickets will be sold once again for \$5.00, and we can accommodate up to 120 seats. Chef Kenny Hill will Wow us once again with his dinner fair!

Judy Crowel brought up the need for more silverware in the Kitchen. Lonetta will purchase more silverware from SAMS.

It was discussed that the microwave in the kitchen was getting older and not working as well as expected. Jo White will purchase a new microwave for the kitchen on behalf of Women's Fellowship.

Roxanne White brought up the need to have the ovens cleaned again. It was decided that she and Ruth Crawn would clean the ovens.

The meeting was then concluded by reading the Collect, and refreshments were shared by all. Our next meeting will be April 6, 2011 at the home of Lonetta Felz. Roll call will be "Most despised chore on your household chore list."

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## Golden Agers

by Dieter Hantschel

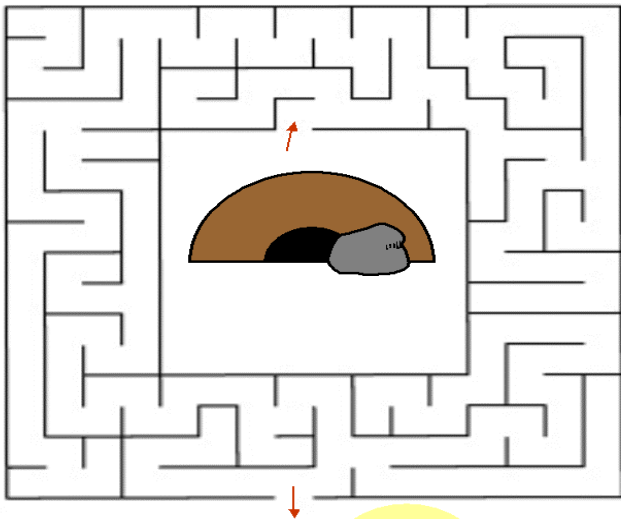
We're very blessed: we are growing! The "regulars" gathered on March 9th to welcome one another and were pleased to have Dick Marion and John Crowel join in, as well as Teresa Alexander who prevailed upon Ann Conrad to venture into the cold and damp of the day. Thus, 15 Golden Agers gathered in His Name. Gary Reedy had the stage for both the prayer before our meals as well as the devotions later. He read several passages from an inspiring book and left us with a number of life messages and questions, such as "What would Jesus say about how you treat others, drive your car, earn or spend money?" "Character is how you act when no one is looking." "To be mistaken for Jesus would be a great compliment." Of course, these have to be taken in the context of the messages that surrounded these quotes. As we have said in this space before, "you just had to be there" and we wish you were! Our prayers included Jonah Peterson's good friend, Betty Taske, whose cancer troubles have returned. We adjourned until next time: April 13, 11:30, at Cazadores, 111 N. Main St., Monticello, across from the Court House.

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# FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

## Easter Maze

Help Jesus find his way out of the tomb so he can tell the disciples He's Alive!



## Easter Word Search

T H O R N S W Y S M L A P N G  
 K R I S E N Y C E N O T S E C  
 R E T S O O R D R K H O T V R  
 B E L I E V E S E O N H B I U  
 Y T P M E Z D X S Y S O C G C  
 E C I F I R C A S E A S D R I  
 E V I L A L N B M O T R B O F  
 S I N U I N N A I L S C T F Y  
 W V G F A E N P I L A T E E S  
 B R E A D E Y A R P D I E D B

Alive  
 Believe  
 Betrayed  
 Bread  
 Cross  
 Crucify  
 Died  
 Donkey  
 Empty  
 Forgiveness



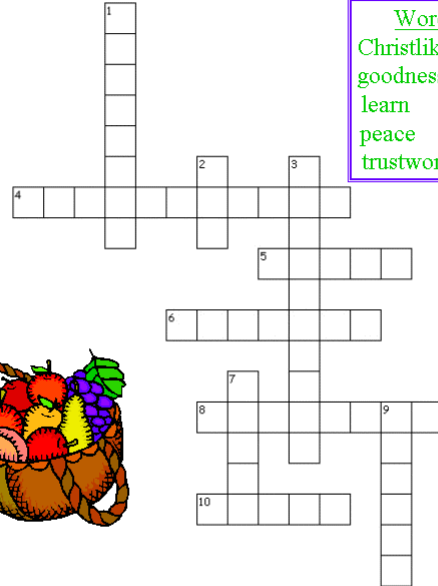
Gethsemane  
 Guards  
 Hosanna  
 Life  
 Mails  
 Palms  
 Pilate  
 Prayed  
 Risen  
 Rooster



Sacrifice  
 Sin  
 Son  
 Stone  
 Thorns  
 Tomb

## Fruit of the Spirit Crossword

Word List:  
 Christlike gifts  
 goodness healthy  
 learn meekness  
 peace Spirit  
 trustworthy joy



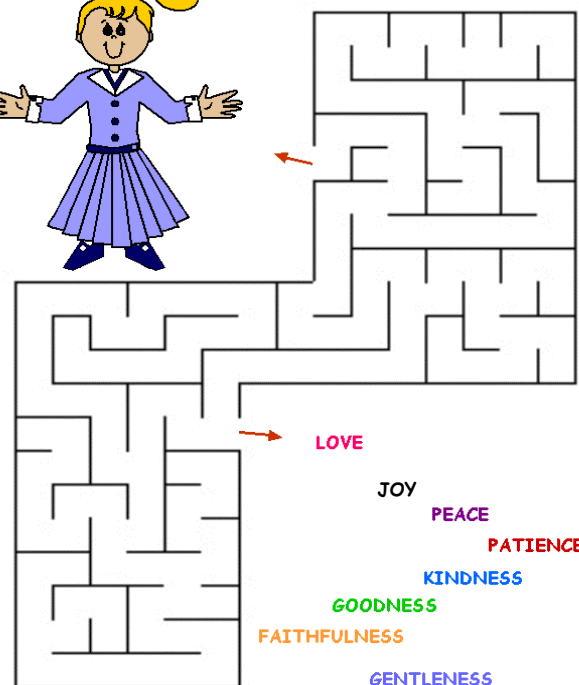
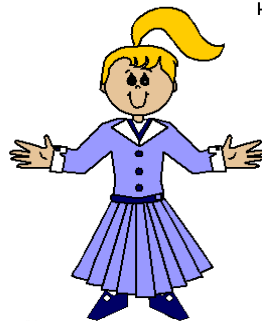
### Across

- This fruit of the spirit is a bit like faithfulness or being dependable.
- God will give us this fruit or \_\_\_\_\_ if we ask and work on it.
- Just like real fruit, the fruit of the Spirit also makes us this inside.
- This is another word for gentleness.
- If we try to \_\_\_\_\_ be reading the Bible we will understand how to become more fruitful.

### Down

- Having this fruit means you will turn away from bad choices.
- This fruit of the Spirit is about being more than just happy.
- When we have more fruit of the Spirit we become more \_\_\_\_.
- Being full of this means that you don't worry but believe God to take care of things.
- This part of God helps us develop the different fruit in our lives.

Help the girl find the different fruit of the Spirit.





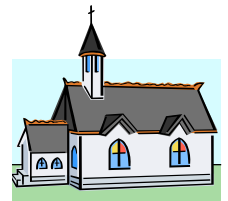
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side of the road!*

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## Cards and Visits

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People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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**Mary Rishel**

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**James Bailey**

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(Amy Spitzer and  
Brenda Johns grandfa-  
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## In Your Moment of Need...

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In your moment of  
need please feel free to  
call:

**Pastor Ken Smith**

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**Or one of our Deacons:**

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Judy Miller 574-943-3447  
Teresa Alexander 965-4573

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## Have something you want to share...

If you have any minutes to meetings, class party info or anything you think the rest of us might enjoy hearing about, please get it to Amy or Brenda. We can be reached at:

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Sundays in  
Review...

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Did you miss a Sunday recently? No problem, you can now borrow a taped copy of the Sunday service! Copies are made every Sunday to be distributed to Shut-ins or those who were absent for whatever reason. Just contact anyone from the church, and they can get you a copy!

