

Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Switch

May 2011



Upcoming Events

May

4th-7:00 Women's Fellowship
7th- 6:00 Mother~ Daughter~Friend Banquet
8th- Mother's Day
9th-6:30 VBS Call-Out Meeting 6:30
11th-7:00 Bible Study
11th-11:30 Golden Agers - Sportsman Inn
16th- 7:00 Deacon Meeting
18th-7:00 Bible Study
25th-7:00 Bible Study
29- Sunday School Promotion Day

Did you know...
Monday, May 9th at 6:30 there is a meeting for volunteers for VBS! Come join the fun!

Hickory Grove VBS 2011

Come join us on our adventure through Psalms 139.

When: June 12th-16th
from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Hickory Grove Church

Who: Children ages 3 years old to 5th grade

Contact Shannon Kelly 765-564-6800 with questions!



EASTER PARTY FUN

We had 21 children and just as many adults attend the annual Easter Party! It was a beautiful spring day. God allowed a pause in the daily rains for us to enjoy perfect weather conditions for our egg hunt in the Church park. The refreshments donated by our generous volunteers in the Church were consumed quickly. The kids enjoyed crafts and games too! Thank you to everyone who attended, participated and donated! Couldn't happen without you!



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!



MOTHER~ DAUGHTER~ FRIEND BANQUET



Ron & Anita Ledbetter will be guest musician for program. Music for all ages. \$5.00 for the dinner was due to Lonetta Felz by April 30th. There is only room for 120 people. Check with Lonetta to see if space is still available! Don't miss out on this great night of being served by the men of the church and the chef and his crew.

PASTOR'S PEN

Sunday School: It's Not Jus For Kids!!!

I remember when I finally got done with school. I thought I would never have to go to school or classes again. However, I soon realized I was not as smart as I needed to be, or wanted to be, and it was back to the books. I had more classes to attend.

That is how some think about Sunday School. "Sunday School? I thought I was done with School! What's the point? Well, I'm glad you asked that question. I remember a poster that I had as a boy, it read:

"It's What You Learn
After You Think
You Know It All
That Really Counts."

I have found that to be true. I am never done with learning about something. God's Word is one of those in particular. I have exciting news for you. Sunday School isn't just for kids. It is for all ages. We have 9 classes. They are: Nursery (3 and under), 4 years thru Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades, 3rd 4th and 5th grades, 6th 7th and 8th grades, High School, Dreamers (mostly parents of young children), Hickory Helpers (mostly parents and grandparents), Win a Couple (mostly grandparents and great grandparents). Each class has a teacher. Many have two or more teachers that rotate teaching schedules. If each class has two teachers, that means we need 18 teachers on board at all times. Thank you teachers for your dedication.

So what is the advantage of going to Sunday School? Why do people go? You are so good; again you asked the right question.

Reasons for Going to Sunday School:

- 1) We study the Bible and learn how to apply it to our daily lives. It is not just a matter of knowing what the Word says; we must learn how to apply it to our daily lives.
- 2) We get to know people better. During Worship Service, there is not much time to interact with each other. It is in Sunday School we really get to know each other. We see that we all have difficulties and differences, and we share and care about each other.
- 3) We get to ask questions about the Bible and share different viewpoints. When someone else shares, they can open up an avenue of thought someone else may never have had.
- 4) We learn how to have different opinions and yet still love each other. We don't always agree, but we agree to disagree. We learn together.
- 5) We get to have some pleasant conversation; we are all here for the same reason, growing in Christ.

Frequently asked questions:

- 1) Do they take up an offering? There is an offering basket in each class if anyone wants to donate. That is used to buy Study Materials and also to support various needs that come up.
 - 2) Will I have to join in the conversation? No, but before long you might want to.
 - 3) Will I have to lead in prayer? No, but before long you might want to.
 - 4) Is there anything to drink? Yes, Coffee is always ready along with Hot Water for Hot Chocolate and Tea.
 - 5) Is there ever anything to eat? Depends on what you bring.
- See You Sunday! Sunday School; It's Not Just For Kids!!!

Blessings,

Pastor Ken



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Josh & Ashley White	3	4 7:00 Women's Fellowship	5 Terry Dill	6 Nathan Sparks Carol Tarver Darin Bishop	7 Bob Tobey 6:00 Mother~ Daughter~ Friend Banquet
8  Mother's Day	9 6:30 VBS Call Out Mtg.	10	11 Mary Blount 11:30 Golden Agers - Sportsman Inn 7:00 Bible Study	12	13	14 Joe & Carolynn Clothier
15 Chip White	16	17	18 Jade Wharff 7:00 Bible Study	19	20	21 John Bailey
22	23	24 Jared Miller Skip & Jean Barnes	25 Brian & Shawn Cain Tom Armstrong 7:00 Bible Study	26	27	28
29 Sunday School Promotion Day	30 TJ Barrett	31	1 7:00 Women's Fellowship	2 Chelsie Frazier	3 Jordan Campbell	4

June

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ~ APRIL 6TH, 2011

The Women's Fellowship held their April meeting at the home of Lonetta Felz. The meeting was opened with Judy Crowel sharing "The Tale of Three Trees." Devotions were given by Donna Lewellen, she shared the definitions of flowers and how they pertain to our walk in faith. She also shared with everyone bookmarks that she made with the "Son" Flower on them. Clara Hill Passed cards to be signed for the sick, shut-ins, & college students.

Roll call was shared, "What is your most despised household chore?" Secretary's report was read and Treasurer's report was read with a balance on hand 4/1/11 of \$1192.71. Both reports were approved as read.

Committee reports were as follows: Lonetta Felz reported that Material Aide was continuing meals for Bill & Vera Chanley. Ruth Crown brought up that she would collect gently used purses that would be taken to Riley Hospital for Children to be sold to raise money for the Hospital.

Library report was given by Donna Lewellen. She shared with the group Francine Rivers. Francine started writing romance novels in 1976. Later in 1986 she became saved and started writing Christian Fiction. Donna shared the book "Redeeming Love" with the group. It is based on Hosea & Gomer.

Old Business: It was decided that since no one has picked up the old microwave from the kitchen

that Sherry Hantschel would take it to be recycled. An additional 36 place settings of silverware was purchased. Mother, Daughter, Friend Banquet will be opening for registration. It was decided that the money needs to be put in an envelope with the number of guests for Lonetta to manage easier.

New Business: Sara McManus asked again if Women's Fellowship would be willing to pay for the booth at the Monticello fair for the Literacy Volunteers. Pat Cotner made the motion that Women's Fellowship sponsor the booth again this year at \$35. Danielle Wharff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Donna Lewellen asked that at the May meeting everyone would bring some kind of plant to have a plant swap. Everyone agreed this sounded like fun!

The meeting was then concluded by reading the Collect, and then everyone watched the video provided by Yeoman Telephone Company "Distracted: The true story of Ashley Umscheid" This was the true story of a young lady that had an automobile accident while texting her sister and ended up losing her life. This is a very serious matter these days that affects teens and adults alike!

Refreshments were then shared by all. Our next meeting will be May 4, 2011 at the home of Donna Lewellen.

Golden Agers

by Dieter Hantschel

After Ruth Crown invoked blessings for the luncheon at Cazadores Restaurant on April 13, she and Don Dill, Helen Hanna, Dieter and Sherry Hantschel, Jean Marion, first timer Linda Nape, Jonah Peterson, Gary & Martha Reedy, Bud & Arleen Stangle, Bob Tobey and Brian Winterberg came together to celebrate fellowship in Jesus' name. Daring as the venue was, several ventured toward the "foreign" menu choices and most survived. "Normal" fare was also available for tender palates. Devotions were given by Bob Tobey. He did historic research into the origins of the Easter celebration as we know it today and how it evolved from its early beginnings around 1700 years ago. Tobey's presentation included a discussion of the symbols of Easter and stressed the multi-faceted message of rebirth. Everyone reading this notice is invited to join the Golden Agers on May 11, 11:30 at the Sportsman Inn on Lake Freeman.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

FUSION TRIP

5 hours of sleep. 4 hours in the church van. 3 great bands. 2 days of worship. 1 amazing experience. That is FUSION.

The Hickory Grove delegation this year consisted of three chaperones (including a first-timer!) and seven of our fabulous youth. Indiana Wesleyan Student Ministries, the organizing force behind this event, does an incredible job lining up entertainment, speakers, seminars, meals, recreation, and housing. But here's the thing - even with all those events to attend, FUSION isn't about what you do while you're there. It's about how you feel while you're there. And, more importantly, how you feel when you go back to your real world. The event is for the kids, but the chaperones are the lucky ones. We get to watch our youth experience the love and power of God and each other in a setting in which they can forget about homework, chores, and teenage drama. The most intense part of FUSION happens on opening night during the rally. Hundreds of kids join hands and get honest with themselves about who they are and who they want to be. Everyone cries. Everyone talks to God. Everyone hugs. And no one judges. No one laughs. No one thinks you're uncool.

Dodgeball tournaments, late night pizza parties, new friends, singing along to loud rock bands. This is what the kids look forward to and what makes FUSION so special. It becomes clear very quickly that you don't have to be in a pew or have a Bible in your lap to be the person God wants you to be. Really, all you need is to love God and know that He loves you in return. If you do those things with an open and honest heart, then the rest will fall into place. Take the time to praise these kids for making smart decisions and encourage them to be faithful in their own ways, even if those ways don't make a lot of sense to you. Open up to them and I promise, they will open up to you. Thank you FUSION for bringing out the very best in our youth and for reminding the adults that we can learn so much from worshipping with these kids.

~Melanie Campbell, One Very Lucky Chaperone

DELLA

Submitted by Teresa Alexander

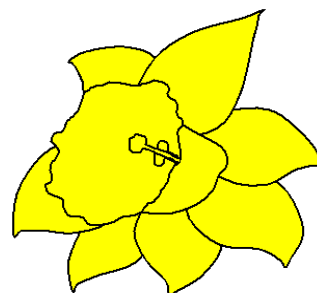
*I always think of Della
When I see a Daffodil
She was beautiful in Yella
She never walked uphill
Her sunny disposition
Her more than giving Spirit
Ever the Teacher
Never the Preacher
I miss you Della
and Always will*



Spring Word Search

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gardening
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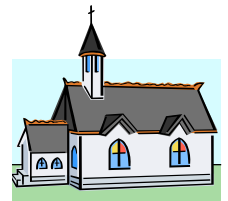
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side of the road!

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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...

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!

