

Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Switch

June 2011



Upcoming Events

JUNE

12th-16th - 6:00-8:00 Vacation Bible School

19th-Father's Day

19th - VBS Program (during Worship service)

20th - 6:00 Trustee Meeting

20th - 7:00 Deacon Meeting

July 3rd - Communion Sunday



Just one more thing to thank God for!

Hickory Grove Cemetery Association

As with most things, the cost of maintaining the cemetery has increased over the years. The lower interest rates and minimal lot sales in recent years has caused a need to reevaluate our funding resources. This, in addition to gas prices, has made it harder to cover the expense of annual lawn maintenance.

We are in hopes of making those who have an interest in the cemetery and its upkeep aware of the need for additional funding. You may wish to consider the following:

- 1) Make a one time donation to the cemetery association.
- 2) Make an annual donation to the cemetery association.
- 3) If you are going to be buried at Hickory Grove, you may wish to consider the Hickory Grove Cemetery Association when choosing a Memorial recipient. Please make your family or funeral director aware of your wishes.

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Memorial Day Salute

The Delphi American Legion men will be going around to the local Carroll County cemeteries and doing the 21 gun salute on Memorial Day morning. They usually start around 9 and arrive at Hickory Grove cemetery about 9:30.

Happy Father's Day

By Mary Frances Bogle

Over the years
As we grow old,
We remember our father
So brave and bold.

In the garden,
Leaning on the plow,
He would listen to me;
I see him now.

He would give advice
And understand;
He was always there
To lend a hand.

God made fathers
Strong and firm,
For he knew our lives
Would have great concerns.

So he gave us fathers
To teach us to pray,
And guide our lives,
And show us the way.

So on his day
Let's take the time
To say "Thanks, dad.
I'm so glad you're mine."

PASTOR'S PEN

The Ministry of the Towel

In the Gospel of John, Chapter 13, verses 1-12 we find an interesting story. John alone writes about this incident. It is how Jesus, thru an act of humility, got down and washed all of His disciple's feet. Foot washing was a custom of the day; the disciples all knew about it, they all knew it needed to be done, but only Jesus humbled Himself to do it. He alone took off His outer garment and willingly did the most humbling job. Perhaps every body there assumed "somebody else would or should do it". We must wonder, if Jesus didn't do it, would it even have been done? Would they have tromped thru the room all night with dirty feet? Would one of them cleaned up the mess later or would they just have assumed "somebody else would or should do it"?

In every church, there is always the assumption or expectation that somebody else would or should do things. Let me dispel that myth. It goes along with the myth about the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Because everybody assumes that somebody will, often nobody does. You might assume that with 150 people in attendance, 30-40 people would show up for spring and/or fall cleanup day. No, actually it is usually the same dozen people that came last time. You might assume that 10-20 people go to Anderson to help our Missionaries pack their supplies for Haiti. Suffice it to say everyone could have ridden on one scooter to save on gas. You may see limbs or branches lying on the parking lot and assume there is a group of stick-pickers to get them regularly. Nice idea, but group yet to form. You may assume that Business Meetings are swarmed with people each time. No, there again, usually the same 20-25 people. It is hard to get fresh ideas out of old wineskins (Well it goes something like that). After any kitchen function, there are always dirty dishcloths from the event. You might assume that there is a washing machine somewhere hidden in the deep caverns of the church and somebody is assigned to run them thru a cycle and put them away. No, reality is...."someone" picks them up and takes them home, launders and returns them and yes, even puts them away (hopefully).

I hope you are surprised at this news, shocked, mesmerized even. Here is where you enter into the equation. You are somebody, anybody and everybody all sown into one. Often people that are new to a church assume everything is covered and they are not needed. Congratulations!!! You are needed!!! Would you like to pick up the towel and jump in? Each person has a constantly changing life, things happen, schedules get shipwrecked. It takes many people picking up towels to get jobs done. Vacation Bible School is soon approaching; June 12-16 to be exact. One might think there will be oodles of help. Well actually....NOT! Teachers are needed and assistants are needed. Yes, sometimes referees are needed. I do not believe I have ever gotten the report back that there was too much help. Ready to pick up the towel? Call Shannon 574-564-6800.

There is never a waiting list of people wanting to be Sunday School Teachers. Most people feel they are not qualified. Is that you? Here is the test: If you feel you are not qualified, you are probably qualified for the job. If you feel you are over qualified, sorry you are not qualified at all. Only humble people need apply. You might not be smarter than a 5th grader, but you ought to be able to sit down with 1st graders and tell them how much Jesus means to you.

Life with Jesus is a commitment. Ecclesiastes 9:10 says: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom". In other words, when you find something you can do, do it before it's too late; don't assume someone else will do it.

Well there you have it, it is now up to you. Are you going to pick up the towel or wait till someone else does it? If you are still debating, let me help you.....Jesus would have picked up the towel.

Pastor Ken



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	30 Memorial Day	31	1 Katelyn Evans	2 Chelsie Frazier	3 Jordan Campbell	4
5 Alexis Kelly	6	7	8 Shawn Cain Chad Wharff Sidney Wharff	9 Tom & Roxann White	10 Kenny & Susan Hill	11
12	13	14 Ken & Trina Smith	15	16 Alan & Vicki Sickler Alan Sickler Jacob Park	17 Ian Wharff	18
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						
19 Dorothy Elston VBS Program Father's Day	20 Jeff Crowel 6:00 Trustee Meeting 7:00 Deacon Meeting	21 Judy Miller	22 Micah Harker	23 Sam Johns	24	25 Kamille Bird
26	27	28	29 Clara Hill Angela Altman	30 Jackie Johns	1	2 Chad & Danielle Wharff
3 Carrie Bishop Communion Sunday	4 Andy & Danielle Kelly	5 John Crowel	6	7 Shirley Inman Scott & Beth Jones	8 Dieter & Sherry Hantschel	9
<i>July</i>						

Check out our website at www.hickorygrove.info

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ~ MAY 4TH, 2011

President Judy Crowel opened our meeting with Prayer for the Memories of May. Shannon read devotions by Melanie Chitwood – "How did I get to this place?" 17 women answered roll call of "Do you believe there is a reason for everything?"

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved with a balance on hand May 1, 2011 of \$1138.40. Lonetta reported that 120 people had signed up for Mother, Daughter, Friend Banquet. Ruth reported that she received 25 bags last month to go to Riley. Donna Lewellen gave library report on one of her favorite authors, Beth Moore who wrote books such as *Breaking Free*, *David*, *A Heart Like His*. Sherry Hantschel announced that instead of recycling the old microwave, Emmaus Missions was able to put it to use so we gave it to them.

Judy Crowel asked that we vote on monetary donation

for our Mother Daughter Friend entertainment, Ron and Anita Ledbetter. Vicki Criswell motioned we give them \$100, Sherry Hantschel 2nd motion and it passed.

Donna had asked that we each bring a plant for a "plant swap". We had a good time picking a plant and hearing a little about each of them.

We closed the meeting with reading of the collect. Donna provided wonderful refreshments as we shared in fellowship.

June 1 meeting is at Pat Cotner's. Sherry will have refreshment and Pat will provide the drinks. Roll call will be "Where would you go if you could go anywhere in the world?"

Hickory Grove Cemetery Association-con't.

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Thank you for taking the time to read this. We appreciate your interest in the future of the cemetery. If you are interested in making a contribution, please mail check to:

Hickory Grove Cemetery Association
c/o Robert J. White, Treasurer
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Delphi, IN 46923

Respectfully,

Cleo Dimmitt, President
Amy Spitzer, Vice President
Robert J. White, Treasurer
Brice Crowel, Secretary

Golden Agers

by Dieter Hantschel

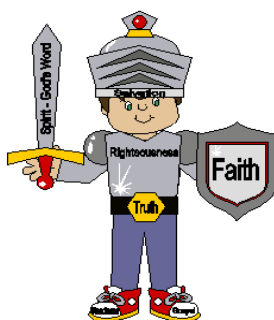
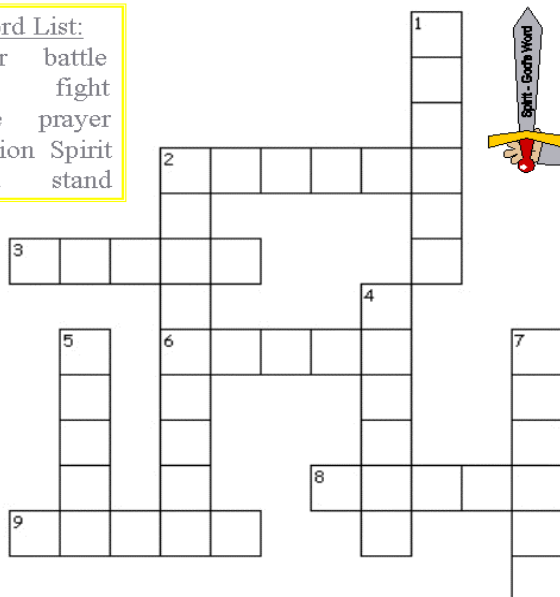
With Lake Freeman sparkling outside of the Sportsman Inn, 10 Golden Agers gathered in the name of Jesus for the May 11 luncheon. Before the meal there was a great variety of subjects on the table, ranging from gardening to farming by way of the nuances found in various lawn mowers. Then Ruth Crawn called for quiet and gave the blessing for the gathering and the food. In keeping with the current planting season, Dieter Hantschel read a portion of Psalm 95. As food was served, the table became noticeably quiet. Following the meal, Arleen Stangle shared several in-

spiring messages from *A Mother's Letter to the World* - wisdom for life: "Teach him gently but don't cuddle him because only the test of fire makes fine steel;" *Daily Splashes of Joy*; and *The Thought for the Day* - "When we listen, we will hear God speak;" and offered the closing prayer for a wonderful gathering, also attended by Bud Stangle, Martha and Gary Reedy, Jonah Peterson, Don Dill, Jean Marion and Sherry Hantschel. The next meeting will be on June 8, 11:30 a.m. at the USA Family Restaurant in Monticello. There are no membership requirements, so everyone who cares to join this fellowship is cordially invited. No reservations are needed - we know how to add more tables and will be glad to do it.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Armor of God Crossword

- Word List:**
 armor battle
 Bible fight
 peace prayer
 salvation Spirit
 shield stand



Across

2. With the sword of the _____ we have a special part of God work in us.
3. It is important to fill our minds with the words of this book.
6. This is invisible to others but each piece will protect us in a special way.
8. Sandals of _____ help us ask for forgiveness and get along with others.
9. With the armor we can _____ strong and know we are protected from evil.

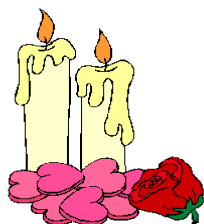
Down

1. There is a constant _____ between good and evil and we should be ready.
2. The helmet of _____ protects our minds so we make good decisions.
4. This holds all the armor together and makes it work.
5. We win the _____ when we wear the armor of God.
7. This piece of armor we hold and it protects us against temptations and doubt.

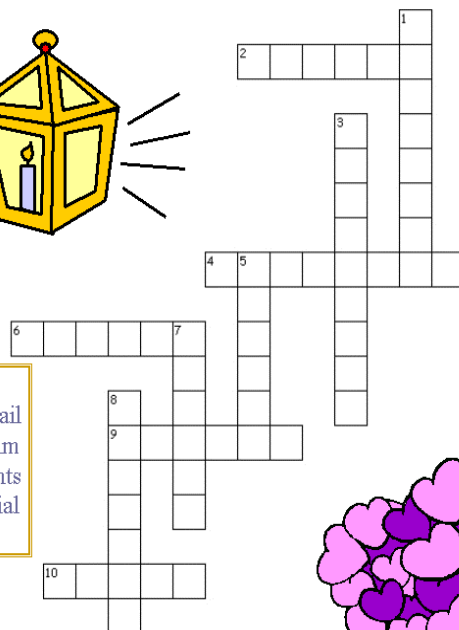
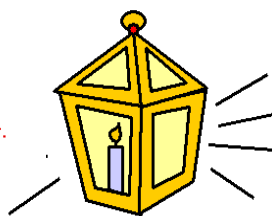
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- always
 beginning
 child
 create
 darkness
 David
 detail
 illuminate

- knowledge
 light
 planned
 powerful
 praising
 psalm
 search



- Word List:**
 darkness detail
 beginning psalm
 search thoughts
 wicked special
 praise always



Across

2. David asks God to do this to know his thoughts and desires and challenge him.
4. God is light, so if you hide in this God can still find you.
6. David gets upset when he thinks about these people.
9. David wrote his thoughts as a way to _____ God for all He's done.
10. This is the book in the Bible where David's songs/poems are kept.

Down

1. God has more of these than all the grains of sand.
3. God knew you from the very _____, way before you were born.
5. We can't get away from God. He is _____ with us!
7. God was involved in every _____ of who you are inside and out.
8. You were planned and made by God who made you _____ and unique.



Come join us on our adventure through Psalms 139.

When: June 12-16 6pm-8pm
Where: Hickory Grove Church
Who: Children ages 3-5th grade
Contact: Shannon Kelly
 (765) 564-6800 with questions!



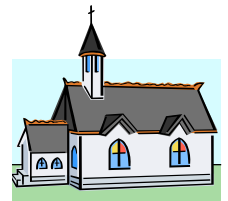
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side of the road!*

Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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Mary Rishel

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(Marlene Joseph's
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Irma Jenni

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Monticello IN 47960

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106 W Vine Street
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In Your Moment of Need...



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

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!

