

Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Switch

July
2011



Upcoming Events

July

July 9 – (Time TBA)
Haiti Team Car Wash-
Arby's Parking Lot

July 13 - 11:30 Golden
Agers—USA Restau-
rant

July 14 – 7:00 Business
Meeting

July 18 – 7:00 Deacon
Meeting

July 24 – 4:00-6:00 Ice
Cream Social

July 25 – 7:00 Youth
Council Meeting

Did you know...

the 7th annual Pop
Tab Drop in Down-
town Indianapolis is
August 5th to benefit
Riley Children's hospi-
tal. Jesse and Shannon
Kelly and family will be
attending. Please have
your pop tabs to them
by Sunday July 31st and
they will deliver them
to Indianapolis for
you!

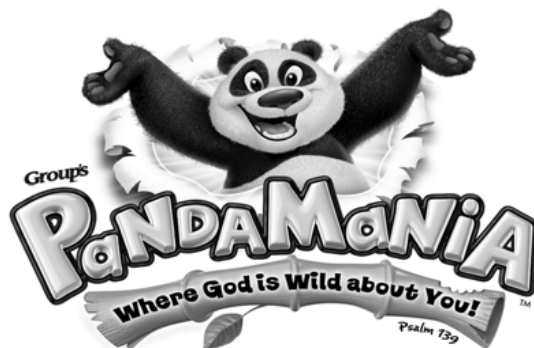
PANDAMANIA...THANK YOU GOD!!!

This year's VBS program was Panda-
mania— where God is wild about you!
We had an awesome time exploring
the Bamboo Forest. We explored
God's word from Psalm's to learn just
how wild God is about us!

This was a growing time for all the
kids and adults involved. We had an
average of 30 kids per day, our biggest
day had 33 kids, 17 teen helpers, plus
27 adult volunteers! If you missed out
on the fun this year, don't worry, VBS will come around next summer, and it is
never too early to plan!

We collected over \$100.00 to buy School Supplies for children in Costa Rica for
school. Then on top of that, the kids helped to tie dye 60 back packs that we will
send to be filled with those school supplies.

Thanks to all the volunteers and children, and parents who lent us your chil-
dren for VBS. We had a wonderful time! If you're really curious, just ask one of
the kids about our wild time, and don't forget to ask about the panda launcher!!!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Hickory Grove will host their
annual Ice Cream Social on
Sunday, July 24th from
4:00-6:00 PM.

All proceeds from the free will
offering will go to the Idaville
Volunteer Fire Department.

THANK YOU

The Hickory Grove Cemetery Association would like to
thank those who generously gave donations toward the
upkeep of the cemetery. There are many cemeteries
around that do not get kept up like ours does.

Thank you for helping it to continue!

Hickory Grove Cemetery Association



PASTOR'S PEN

VBS...A Mess?...I Guess!...Oh Well!...Thank You, Jesus!!

How is that for a title? As I write this we are getting ready for night 4 of our 5 night Vacation Bible School. If you walked in the church right now you might say: "This place is a mess". And yes, I guess, you would be right. It has been a week of fun, laughter, the challenge corralling kids, teaching, worship and prayer. One hundred years ago some parishioners would have thought it sacrilege to turn a church into a jungle full of pandas, treetop snack and wild singing. We call it VBS! (By the way, we are getting our monies worth out of that new septic system.)

Thursday night it will be over. Volunteers who stay will help transform the facilities back into a church setting. There are floors to vacuum, chairs to set up, tables to move back in place. The workers will go home tired, some exhausted, from spending all day at work and all night at VBS. In one week, most of the papers and crafts sent home will become history or broken. Many kids will not remember their teachers name or all the words to the songs.

So why all the time and effort, why all the mess, why all the fuss? It is because for some of the children this may be their first experience in a church. I have talked to many adults over the years about previous church experience. Often their only connection comes back to when they went to VBS as a child. That is why it is so important to make as big an impact as we can, while we can. Imagine, someone 3 years old may well have heard for the 1st time in their lives that Jesus loved them. It may be years before they hear it again. Most of us, if we were honest, heard those words long before we took them to heart. Imagine a child standing before God and He asks: "Where did you 1st hear about Jesus?" And that child responds: "Hickory Grove Church". Won't that make it all worth it?

I want to thank all that participated in VBS this year. Thank you!!! It takes a lot of volunteers. Maybe you organized it, helped organize it, taught, ran the sound system, helped with a class, worked with crafts or games, fixed snacks, directed traffic, cleaned up or just took some kids to the bathroom. You may have even done some things no one even knows about. Thank You!!!

It takes lots of people. The pay is the same every year; there have been no pay decreases or reductions in force. The pay is the same every year: A Thank You and an expectation to hear "Well done, thou good and faithful servant". I hope you will be impressed enough to volunteer again next year. We could not have done it without you. If you were not involved this year I want to invite you to choose to be involved next year.

A Mess?....I Guess!....Oh Well!....Thank you Jesus!!!

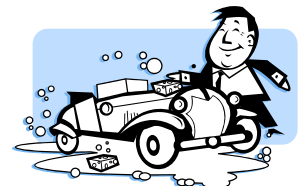
~ Pastor Ken

Haiti Team Fundraiser



The Haiti Team will be having a car wash in Monticello at the Arby's restaurant.

The car wash is scheduled for July 9th. Time TBA!





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Chad & Danielle Wharff
3 Carrie Bishop	4 Andy & Danielle Kelly  Independence Day	5 John Crowel	6	7 Shirley Inman Scott & Beth Jones	8 Dieter & Sherry Hantschel	9 Haiti Team Car Wash
10	11 Jonah Peterson Evan Crowel	12 Gary Reedy Bob & Mary Blount	13 11:30 Golden Agers—USA Restaurant	14 Jesse Kelly 7:00 Business Meeting	15	16
17	18 7:00 Deacon's Meeting	19 Bob & Jo White Mason Bishop	20	21	22 Martha & Gary Reedy Joan Elston	23
24 Martha Reedy Ice Cream Social	25 Sherry Hantschel 7:00 Youth Council Meeting	26	27	28	29 Kenny Hill	30
31 Pat Cotner	1	2 Bryan Felz Gwyneth Cole	3	4	5	6 Jeanne Potts
<i>August</i>						

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP JUNE 1ST, 2011

Submitted by Brenda Johns, Secretary

President Judy Crowel opened meeting by reading "Where are the Lamps?". A story about how each of us can brighten the world; with a smile, a kind word, a good deed.

Pam Simons gave devotional reading by Todd Wilson about Father's Day from a father's perspective. The story compared fathers to life guards. Pam challenged us to think of our heavenly father as a life guard as well. One who is always on duty. Pam also read John 15:16.

Clara Hill passed cards to be signed for the sick and shut in and read correspondence from fire victims Andy and Sarah Wright, thanking us for our donation.

Roll call was taken. 13 women answered "If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go". There were a variety of answers, some wanting to travel far, some content to stay close to home.

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved with June 1st balance of \$1155.43. President Judy Crowel asked that bazaar committee reports be available at September meeting. Library report given by Ruth Crawn on story about Joseph Chamberlain from the Civil War era and a book about Frank Lloyd Wright titled "Loving Frank". Ruth wanted to thank Jean Barnes for all the pictures she took at the Mother Daughter Friend Banquet.

GOLDEN AGERS

By Bob Tobey

John Crowel, Ruth Crawn, Bud and Arleen Stangle, Don Dill, Jonah Peterson, Gary and Martha Reedy, Teresa Alexander, Ann Conrad, Doris Pick and Bob Tobey comprised the Golden Agers on June 8 at the USA Family Restaurant.

The first order of the day was ordering our meals. While waiting for our orders to be served, we learned that John Crowel's beloved dog "Grace" had mysteriously disappeared and could not be found. Missing her and being in need of a canine companion, John had gone out and found another dog to fill the void left by "Grace." Then, by way of miraculous circumstances, "Grace" was found eight days later some five miles away. Now, the proud master of two almost identical border collies, John is happy as well.

After we ate, Teresa Alexander gave a book report on "Butterfly Effect" by Andy Andrews. There were so many meaningful messages - I couldn't capture them with my slow pen. I suggest that those with internet access go to www.butterflyeffectbook.com to see just a short clip and many of the messages from the book. One that stayed with me was, "You have been created in order that you might make a difference."

Arleen Stangle gave devotions, based on the topics of Father's Day and Flag Day and their deeper meanings. Arleen also offered the closing prayer, which was followed by Ruth Crawn asking us all to tell something about what we

Lonetta Felz announced that she would like to give up treasurer position after this year. Judy Crowel said this is her last year for President Position as well.

Shannon Kelly requested that we consider having a short women's bible study be part of our monthly meetings to provide some "food for the soul".

Roxann White passed list of items needed for snacks for VBS. Shannon mentioned that she has possibly exceeded her VBS budget so donations of snack items are very much appreciated.

Shannon Kelly motioned that we give \$100 to high school class if they proceed with mission trip to Missouri. Brenda Johns 2nd motion, vote taken and passed. Shannon mentioned doing a Ronald McDonald supply drive early fall. Discussion carried over into providing a meal to Riley Hospital or Ronald McDonald House. Judy Crowel is to contact regarding date, number of people, etc. Shannon and her family will be delivering any pop tabs that people have given her to Riley in August!

Meeting was closed with reading of the collect. Sherry Hantschel provided wonderful refreshments as we shared in fellowship.

We do not hold women's fellowship meetings in July or August!

remember best about our dads.

Once again, the Golden Agers invite everyone to join us at our next luncheon on July 13 at the USA Restaurant in Monticello at 11:30 a.m.

STRAWBERRY PRETZEL BARS

Submitted by Sherry Hantschel

Serves: 12

Cooking Time: 10 min

Ingredients

- 2 cups finely crushed pretzels
- 3/4 cup (1½ sticks) butter, melted
- 1 cup plus 3 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 2 (4-serving) packages strawberry-flavored gelatin
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 (16-ounce) package frozen strawberries (see Note)
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1 (12-ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Instructions

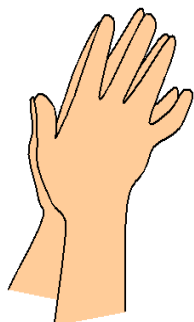
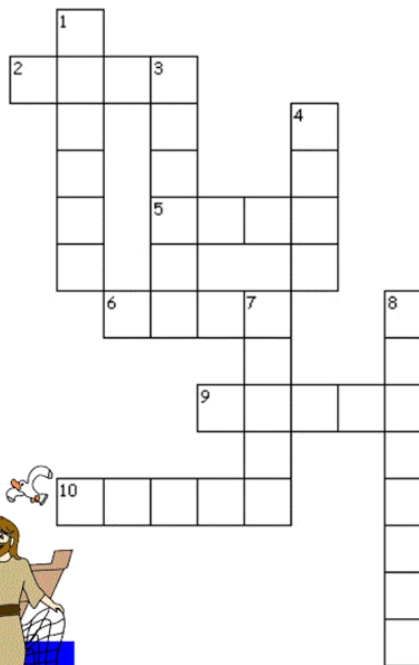


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FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Twelve Disciples Word Search

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 D E F L O Z N Z D S Z I M H O
 E K G V O A B G S C T F E L W
 S E M A J F T T W E L V E J D



Boat	Learn
Chosen	Left
Crowd	Life
Disciple	Love
Fishermen	Miracles
Follow	Nets
Friends	Preach
Galilee	Simon
Heal	Teaching
James	Twelve

Across

- 2. Jesus sometimes taught from inside this.
- 5. The disciples ____ everything and followed Jesus.
- 6. Jesus gave the disciples authority to drive out evil spirits and ____ every disease.
- 9. John's brothers' name.
- 10. From this disciple's boat Jesus taught and performed a miracle with fish.

Down

- 1. Jesus said, "____ me and I will make you fishers of men".
- 3. This is the number of disciples Jesus chose.
- 4. Jesus told the disciples to let down their ____ and suddenly were able to catch fish.
- 7. We can be Jesus' disciples by trying to ____ all we can about Him.
- 8. The name for follower of Jesus Christ.

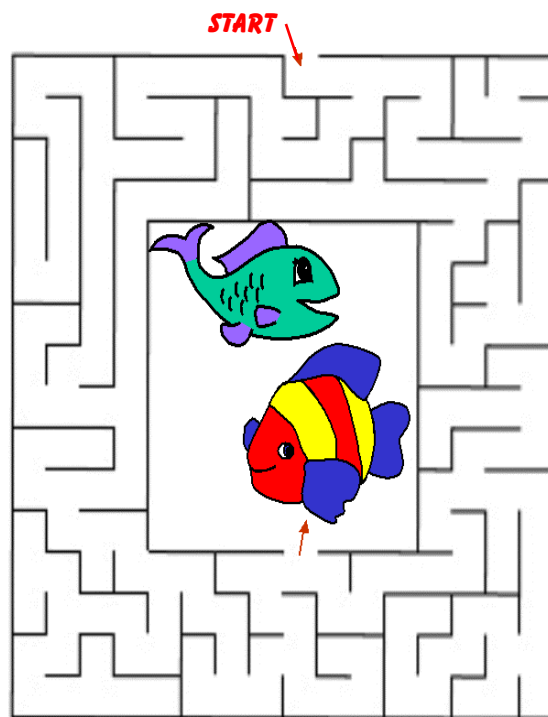
STRAWBERRY PRETZEL BARS-CONT.

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1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Coat a 9- x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. In a medium bowl, combine crushed pretzels, butter, and 3 table-
spoons sugar. Press mixture into bottom of baking dish. Bake 8 min-
utes; let cool.
3. In a large bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add strawberries
and chill until slightly thickened.
4. In another large bowl, with an electric beater on medium speed,
combine cream cheese and remaining 1 cup sugar until smooth and
creamy. Fold in whipped topping and spread evenly over pretzel
crust.
5. With an electric beater on low speed, beat gelatin and strawberries
until berries are broken up. Spread over cream
cheese layer. Cover and chill at least 4 hours, or
until firm.



**This recipe can be found on the
www.mrfood.com website!**



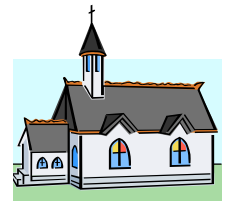


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Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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Mary Rishel

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In Your Moment of Need...

In your moment of need
please feel free to call:



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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!

