

Hickory Grove Church

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August 2011



Upcoming Events

August

10 – 11:30 Golden Ager's Luncheon-White Oaks RV Resort

11 – 7:00 am DCSC Superintendent's Prayer Breakfast

15 – 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

21 – Indianapolis Indians Baseball Game

22 – 7:00 pm Youth Council Meeting



Congratulations 4-Her's

We would like to congratulate all of our 4-Her's on a job well done. Each year brings bigger and better projects...and there were many champion ribbons earned!

Horse shows, rabbit shows, goat and pig shows! Scrapbooking, gardening, hide tanning...the list goes on and on!

Congratulations to all!

We would also like to thank those who turned out to support the 4-Her's in their many different projects. Seeing you there means so much to our youth as well as their parents.



HE IS THERE

He is there, when problems surround your life...

He is there, when your troubles bring worry and strife...

He is there, in the darkest hour of need...

He is there, when all seem lost, if only you'll heed...

He is there, just listen for His word, feel His touch...

He is there, just because He loves you so much...

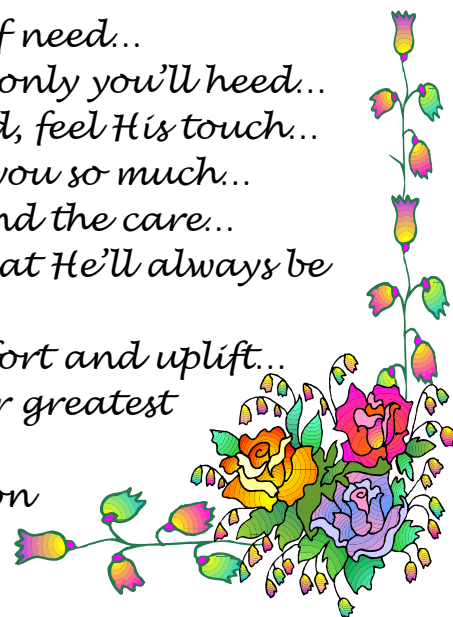
He is there to calm all the fear and the care...

He is there, and you can know that He'll always be there...

He is there, in your heart to comfort and uplift...

He is there, now and always, your greatest gift.

~Susan E. Muldoon



PASTOR'S PEN

Where Are We Going From Here?

{ The below letter is what I presented at the July 14th Business Meeting. I hope it will help motivate us all to be proactive in reaching people for Jesus. }

The Pastor's Letter at the Business Meeting is sometimes called the "State of the Church Report". I think that means the Pastor's letter is a look back at the last Quarter to see where we've been and where we are now; kind of looking backwards to see what all we have accomplished.

My goal with this letter for July is to prompt you not to look back ... but to look forward. There will be another Quarterly Business Meeting on September 8th. The question is: "Where will we be then"? What can we going to accomplish in the next 3 months for the Kingdom's sake that will have an impact on the Kingdom of God, our church body or our community. You have 5 days to think and pray on this letter prior to the Meeting at 7:00 on Thursday night. Will we come together to eat popcorn and drink coffee and have a great time together? Will we talk about the stains in the carpet or the temperature of the room? How about those noisy kids? How about the accuracy of the reports? Typos?

No. The Pastor hasn't flipped his lid. He is not going thru a mid-life crisis. However, the cloud, the cloud of God, is moving. Some may not have noticed it, but I know that some have. We can either go with the crowd or go with the cloud. We must all face the reality that our country and society are failing morally and economically at dramatic rates. Many Christians are so busy with the "things of this world" that they no longer have time for the "things of God". They're just too busy. Churches are closing at astounding rates. Not because they have no money or faith, but because the people aren't investing them in the Kingdom's work. I doubt that God is pleased. I believe time is short. And if I "am" wrong, I would still rather spend the rest of my life trying to make a difference that playing canasta every afternoon or sitting in my office.

We have the resources. We have the people that need led, need direction, need someone to follow. For the 1st time in a long time we even have the Sunday School Teacher positions all filled; unless someone suddenly becomes too busy. If you look at the rest of the reports, you will see we have financial resources. We have land, and perhaps stuff that even I don't know about. What will we look back to on September 8th? Are we going to follow the cloud or follow the crowd? What are we going to do with our stuff? What are we going to do with our money, our facility?

The crowd says store up, sit tight, just wait till everything settles down. The Bible says move with the cloud. I recently finished a sermon series I thank God for leading me in titled "Sharing Your Faith." The Message "The Hidden Manna" (6/26) kept me up late. Are we going to treasure our bread ... or the bread maker? God has proven to us His blessings when we reach out to others and invest in Him.

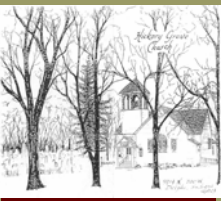
I do not believe we have reached the end of what God wants to do here. I do believe some people have reached the end of where they want God to take them. Please do not quit on God. Press on for the prize. Where are we going from here? We will know on September 14. Let's plan now.

Pastor Ken

Golden Agers

Summer being a time when many have conflicting commitments, only five Golden Agers came together for Christian fellowship on July 13: Ruth Crown, Martha and Gary Reedy and Arleen and Bud Stangle. Arleen offered devotions. She did a follow-up on the Independence Day message on patriotism. Her presentations included a poem about our glorious flag and tied the message together with "God and Country." The Golden Agers would like to welcome ANYone, regardless of age, to join in this once-a-month fellowship. The next meeting will be a CARRY-IN at the White Oaks RV Resort (off US421, near Carroll County 1000 N) on August 10 at 11:30 a.m. The Stangle's will furnish burgers, tube steaks, buns and condiments. Desserts and salads will be your contribution. Please coordinate with Arleen what you'll bring. Heaven forbid that there would be too many dessert!!!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Bryan Felz Gwenyth Cole	3	4	5	6 Jeanne Potts
7	8	9 Kevin & Patti Lashbrook	10 Ruth Crowel 11:30 Golden Ager's Lunch- eon-White Oaks RV Resort	11 7:00AM DCSC Superinten- dent's Prayer Breakfast	12 Don Dill	13 Vicki Criswell Jean Barnes
14 Back to school!	15 7:00PM Deacon's Meeting	16 Jean Marion Walter Potts	17 Donna Mikesell Sharon Lantz	18 Danielle Wharff Skip Barnes	19	20
21 Dick & Jean Marion Larry Jenkins Indianapolis Indians Game	22 7:00 Youth Council Meeting	23	24	25	26 Vicki Sickler TJ & Megan Barrett	27 Maci White
28 Vernie & Vicki Criswell Paula Foster	29 Ivan Veach	30	31	1	2 Rusty & Rachelle Bird	3
4 Justin Wharff	5	6	7 Roger Stewart Mason Barrett	8 Lillian Clothier Sam & Brenda Johns	9	10
<i>September</i>						

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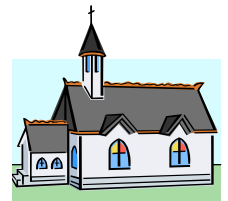
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Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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In Your Moment of Need...



In your moment of
need please feel free to
call:

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Or one of our Deacons:

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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!

