

Hickory Switch



Upcoming Events

September

Sept. 1st-Golden Ager's at White Oaks RV Resort

Sept 7th- 6:30 Women's Fellowship-**Bring a sack lunch to exchange**

Sept 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Jr-Sr Hi Youth Meeting

Sept 18th-6:00 County Wide Prayer Gathering - Canal Center

Sept 19th-6:00 Trustee Mtg

Sept. 19th-7:00 Deacon Mtg

Sept 27th-7:00 Youth Council Mtg

Sept 14th, 21st, 28th-7:00 Bible Study



Just one more thing to thank God for!

Take Me Out to The.....Ball Game!

Sunday, August 21st, two vans full of anxious baseball fans headed out just after church for the annual Indians baseball game!

The drive down to Indy was uneventful (just the way you like it!). We made it to the stadium, found our seats and settled in. Somewhere around the bottom of

the first or top of the second inning the rain came...it was amazing to watch them cover the field with the tarp. Everyone knew their job and was quick at it. The rain finally cleared off after about a half hour, the field was put back into playing condition and the game continued!

The Indians were victorious over the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs 3 to 2.

On the way home we stopped in Lebanon for ice cream and of course, a chance to play in park!

A special thanks for the Sickler's for planning this trip for us each year. It is always a GREAT time!



PASTOR'S PEN

“How Are You?”

“How are you?” It is one of those questions we ask each other as a greeting. The answers we give are usually pretty shallow. We respond with: “I’m O.K.!” “Oh, I’m fine.” “Couldn’t be better.” Often we are not really fine, that is just a saying we use because it is only a greeting. We don’t want to say: “I’m lousy.” “I’m Upset.” “I’m sick.” That would seem like complaining.

How would you answer if you were really truthful? I thought about that after prayer this morning. I asked myself: “Ken, how are you, really?” I came up with an answer for myself: “I am desperate!” “Desperate” in the sense of Webster’s dictionary: “Suffering extreme need or anxiety”. Well what am I desperate for? The answer is simple; “A move of God.” Desperate for a move of God in my life, in my church, in my family and community that only God can accomplish. I get the feeling that if God doesn’t move in a mighty and miraculous way soon that I am going to “pop”.

I see the way the world is going, the way the United States is going, the way society is going, the way finances are going, the way our churches are going and I cry: “God, Do Something!!!!” Move in such a mighty way to get the attention of your people. Move in such a way that your people once again make you a priority in their lives instead of an option. God move us to repentance for relying on our jobs, Social Security and the Stock Market. Do something that will again make You and Your church the center of Christians lives instead of the TV, or golf, or swimming, or fishing, or traveling, or farming, or boating, or mushroom hunting, or hunting, or building our earthly castles, or football, or baseball.

And, I believe God is moving, though not fast enough for me. So I cry: “I’m desperate God!” I believe God is tearing down strongholds: real estate, stock accounts, bank accounts, social security, governments and broken government systems. I believe He is tearing down those idols. Why? In order to get His people to repent and return to Him. God said we would have no other Gods before Him: “Things that keep us from Him”. Things that we depend on instead of Him.

I am desperate because I do not believe we are turning to Him; probably because we are not desperate enough. If you are not desperate, hang on God can get you there. I believe the falling away is in the process that Paul spoke about in II Thessalonians 2:3. So I cry out: “I’m desperate God!” Desperate for more of you, for a move of you to get people’s attention before it is too late. I think of how desperate Noah must have been as he stood at the door of the ark. He pleaded with people to turn from their sins and get on the ark. But they were too busy to take it to heart. Noah knew that any day, at any moment, God was going to close the door of the ark and it would be too late. Then all of a sudden: “BAM”, God closed the door.

I pray you will be desperate with me. That you too will cry out for God to do a work in our own lives, in our church, and in our community; a move of God that will wake us from our slumber before it is too late.

Please mark your calendars. On September 18 at 6:00pm at the Canal Center in Delphi, there will be a County-Wide Prayer Gathering that is being organized by Multi-Denominational Pastors to pull the Community and Christians together in prayer for a Godly change, a Godly healing and restoration of our people, our churches and our country. I pray you will be desperate with me.

Pastor Ken



September 2011

Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Golden Agers	2 Rusty & Rachelle Bird	3
4 Justin Wharff	5	6 Jr-Sr High Youth Meeting	7 Roger Stewart Mason Barrett 6:30 Women's Fellowship- Bring a sack lunch to exchange	8 Lillian Clothier Sam & Brenda Johns	9	10 Amanda Anderson
11 Rodney Dimmitt Cody Koedam Jessica Cole	12 Arleen Stangle	13 Ben Parker Jr-Sr High Youth Meeting	14 Ken Smith 7:00 Bible Study	15 Marvin & Judy Harker	16	17
18 Marvin Harker 6:00PM County Wide Prayer Canal Center-Delphi	19 6:00 Trustee Mtg 7:00 Deacon Mtg	20 Dick Marion Jr-Sr High Youth Meeting	21 Tammy Veach Rick & Teresa Alexander 7:00 Bible Study	22	23	24 Helen Hanna Jim Mikesell
25	26 Tanna Lewellen Joshua Cain	27 Jr-Sr High Youth Meeting 7:00 Youth Council Mtg	28 7:00 Bible Study	29 Brice & Judy Crowel Brandon & Shawna Cunningham	30 Kevin Lashbrook	1
2	3	4	5 7:00 Women's Fellowship	6 Sara Felz	7 Rusty Bird	8
<i>October</i>						

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THE ELEVENTH OF SEPTEMBER

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*We mourn their loss this day this year
Those now with God, no danger near
So many loved ones left do stand
Confronting loss throughout our land
My heart goes out to those who do
No one can fathom what they view
I firmly pray for peace of mind
Dear God please help each one to find
And to our soldiers now at war
God guide above, at sea, on shore
They are the best, I have no doubt
Our country's pride, complete, devout
The finest force you'll ever see
All freedom grown through liberty
One final thought comes clear to me
For what must live in infamy
Absolutely - We'll Remember
The Eleventh - Of September*

Golden Agers

White Oaks RV Resort
August 10th, 2011
Guests of Bud and Arleen Stangle

We had only nine of us. John Crowel, Bob Tobey, Bud & Arleen Stangle, Ruth Crown, Martha and Gary Reedy, Jonah Peterson and Betty Taskey.

John Crowel gave Grace and then we dug into a nice meal. Bud cooked hamburgers and hot-dogs and the rest was a carry-in.

We took care of one order of business. We have had trouble with attendance, so we voted to change the meeting to the 1st Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on September 1st, 2011, at the White Oaks RV Resort again. Bring a sandwich (cut in halves -- one for you, one to exchange) and a dessert or salad.

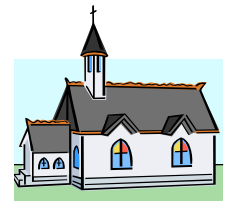
Arlene gave devotions-bits from Chicken Soup for the Soul and Chicken Soup for the Soul of America.



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side of the road!

Cards and Visits

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Basic Training.**
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In Your Moment of Need...



In your moment of
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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!

