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2007

# HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

## Getting to Know You

### *Kenny and Susan Hill*



Susan is the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 6 children belonging to Tom and Jean Appleton. She grew up on a farm between Rockfield and Burrows. She attended the Burrows Church from the time she was 3 until last fall. While at the Burrows Church she was an Elder and served as the Christian Education Director for 6 years. Susan was married right out of high school to Tom Veach. They had four children Tami, Todd, Ivan and David. Todd died in an accident when he was 11 months old. Tom was diagnosed with leukemia just after their 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and died 3 weeks later. Susan and Kenny were married in 2000. Kenny is the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 8 children belonging Chuck and Clara Hill. He was raised right outside of Delphi. He was an Elder at the Burrows Church and the Building and Grounds Coordinator there. Susan works at Ready-Set-Go Pre-school in Delphi, where she also does daycare hours. Kenny works at Mike Raiser Ford in Lafayette. He is a huge colts fan. He coaches David's little league baseball team and he helps with the children's 4-H animals.

They both enjoy vacationing in Florida, playing euchre, watching their kid's sporting events, watching Colts games and spending time together with their large families and with God.

Church is such an important part of who they are and they so enjoy Hickory Grove. They want to thank everyone for making them feel so welcome!

## Getting to Know You ~ Our Youth

### *Tami, Ivan and David Veach*

David, Ivan and Tami Veach are the children of the late Tom Veach and Susan and Kenny Hill. They are the grandchildren of Tom and Jean Appleton and Roy and Roxie Veach.

David is 12 and in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Ivan is 13 and in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Delphi Middle School. David's favorite classes are Art, band and Gym. Ivan enjoys Social Studies, Gym and Art.

They boys are in the Holy Soldiers Sunday school class taught by Judy Crowel and Cindi Anderson.

David's favorite part of church is Sunday school, lighting candles and Church Camp.

Ivan's favorite part of church is Sunday school, lighting candles,

church camp and talking NASCAR with Bryan and Jesse!

Outside of church and school David enjoys working with his Grandpa Appleton, playing baseball, golf and basketball, working on his 4-H projects, working with his sheep, mowing the yard, Jr. FFA and doing magic tricks and skits. He is also part of the Student Council at school.

Outside of church Ivan likes to play his Game cube. He likes to look at and sort through the hundreds of baseball cards he has. He likes to play golf, basketball and baseball. He works on his 4-H projects which includes his 4-H pigs. He is part of the Jr. FFA program and likes to watch ESPN Sports Center and buying baseball cards!



Ivan



David

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Hickory Switch



### God is Always Right

There is something that is consistent in Scripture: God's Word is always right. It is always our authoritative rule. It is the standard that we can always come back to when we get off track. Hebrews says: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. In Malachi speaking thru the prophet, God said: I am the Lord; I change not. In II Timothy 3:1 Paul writes to Timothy "This know also, that in the last days perilous (dangerous) times shall come." He goes on to explain how men (mankind) would behave. It is ugly and it is scary when we see those things coming to pass. We usually throw up our hands and wonder: "What is the world coming to?" On April 16 one of those horrendous events happened at Virginia Tech. The tragic murder of 32 aspiring college students bears witness to the prophecy of the last days. As that story unfolds we realize that our spiritual enemy played a role in such a horrendous act. We must pray for those families that have been affected and also for the family of the shooter. They also lost a son. He, according to scripture, will be eternally lost. What might happen next? Will it be something that we cannot even fathom? So shocking, that like this event, no one would ever have imagined. We do not know. We only know that more events with greater tragedy will happen. Why? Because God said so; and God never lies.

Herein is good news. Since God has not lied about the end days, and since all of His promises about the bad things that are going to happen are coming true, we also have the assurance that all of the good things are going to come true. We usually focus on the bad, let us focus on the good. Jesus is coming back!! Now that is good news to those that love Him. Revelation 15:4 states that "all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed." Fulfillment of scripture proves that "God did so love the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have an eternal everlasting life (John 3:16)." One father paraphrased this to his small son: 'God loves you so much that He sent Jesus so that you can live forever'. Fulfillment of scripture means that as Paul told the Thessalonians in 4:16 that "the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God". Hallelujah!! Jesus is coming back!!

Recognizing that we are in the last of the last days we must come to the heart of the matter and ask ourselves (and others) a question? It has nothing to do with church. It has everything to do with eternity. What am I going to do with Jesus? Have I accepted Him at face value or do I have strings attached? Do I believe that the whole Bible is true or do I find myself saying: "I can't hardly believe this part." The truth is: If I cannot believe one part, I can't believe the rest of it. It is either all true or all false. The good news is it is all true. Will I be left behind if I am serving Jesus? No, because the Bible says so. Will I go to heaven if I am serving Jesus? Yes, because the Bible says so.

God loves us so much. He wants to be reconciled with us. God's Word always points to the fact that God allows some things to happen to turn our hearts back to Him. He always desires us to repent and turn to Him. When terrible tragedies like this one happen, let us not be dismayed but turned to God. Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not: For I am with you; be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness."

## Getting to Know You ~ Our Youth - con't.

David is the baby of the house and doesn't enjoy being bossed around by his brother and sister! School is okay but he would rather be outside doing something instead! He has had the biggest pig at the Carroll County Fair weighing in at 337 pounds! He is always eager to help anyone who needs it!



Tami

Ivan is a neat freak! He gets straight A's and studies a lot! He likes making posters for 4-H. He likes the Pacers, Chicago Cubs, St. Louis Rams and Jimmie Johnson. He wants to be rich and famous some day! He doesn't like pizza, mac and cheese, or French fries!

Tamara "Tami" is 17 years old and a junior at Delphi High School where she is ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in her class of 158. She is a member of the Honor Society. Her favorite things about school are reading novels, writing and History.

She is in the (High School) Sunday school class and Tammy Lewellen is her teacher. Her favorite part of church is working with Vicky S., Sunday school, church camp and singing overhead songs!

Outside of church and school Tami enjoys swimming, working on her 4-H projects, French Club, band, reading books, watching new York Yankee games, listening to music, going shopping, babysitting, spending time with her friends, participating in FFA, watching movies, and gardening with her grandma and grandpa Appleton!

Tami is a big Derek Jeter fan. She loves 4-H and has taken over 110 projects in 8 years! She is super creative! She is a member of the "Battle of the Books" team and they finish in the top 3 every year!

Tami, Ivan and David were 7, 3, and 2 respectively when their dad, Tom, passed away.

# May '07

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>9:00-10:00</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:00-11:00</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b>		1	2 <b>7:00</b> <b>Women's</b> <b>Fellowship</b> @ Church	3 Drake Rubeck	4 <b>Never Too</b> <b>Young '07-</b> In Marion  Leah Livingston	5 <b>Never Too</b> <b>Young '07-</b> In Marion
6 <b>Davis Zach-</b> <b>ary</b> (Haiti Missionary) will be here for Sunday Worship Ser- vice	7 Bob Tobey	8 Matt Wise	9 <b>7:00 Bible</b> <b>Study</b>	10	11 Mary Blount	12
13 Matt & Julie Wise  <b>Mother's Day</b>	14 <b>6:30</b> <b>Mother &amp;</b> <b>Daughter</b> <b>Banquet</b>  Jo & Carolyn	15 <b>7:00 Dea-</b> <b>con's Meet-</b> <b>ing</b> Sam Anderson Grace Robb	16 <b>7:00 Bible</b> <b>Study</b>	17 Jeremy & Kelly Miller  Adam Smith	18 Brett Striegel	19
20 Andrew Gould	21 John Bailey	22	23 <b>7:00 Bible</b> <b>Study</b>	24 Jared Miller Jesse Miller	25	26 <b>11:00-2:00</b> <b>Street Fair-</b> Community Welcome
27 Greg & Su- zette Rubeck	28  <b>Memorial</b> <b>Day</b>	29 Brannen Gar- geron	30 <b>7:00 Bible</b> <b>Study</b>  Cloyd & Ruth Crawn	31	1	2 Paula Striegel
3 Jonathan Lantz Jordan Campbell	4 Chris Robb Chris & Cheryl Robb	5	6 <b>7:00</b> <b>Women's</b> <b>Fellowship</b>	7 Carolyn Pear- son	8 Chad Wharff Sydney Wharff Abbie Moyer Jim & Joyce Fouts	9 Jennifer Blackburn

*June*

# Women's Fellowship April 4, 2007

President Trina Smith opened with prayer at the home of Ruth Crawn with Jo Dill as co-hostess. Cards were passed to be signed.

Ruth Crawn gave devotions from a book titled Where God Was Born and Psalm 91.

Roll call was answered by 10 ladies sharing their Easter traditions.

The song of the month was He Lives. Stephanie Felz gave the history of the song.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were read and approved. Balance on hand \$1,923.49.

Old Business: We will continue the slipper drive for children who are patients at Home Hospital. We are to think about the Harvest Supper and will discuss change we might make at our next meeting. Mother & daughter banquet program will be Emily Moore. Jo White and Amy Spitzer have volunteered to do the table decorations.

New Business: We will be having a bank baby shower for baby Kelly. Next month Kathy Brandon will be our speaker from the Monticello Crisis Pregnancy Cen-

ter.

Thank you to those who made our Spring Retreat a great success. A special thank you to Pat Cotner and our speakers Dr. Anderson and Sharon Preiser. We look forward to next years retreat.

Collect was repeated and we then enjoyed refreshments and coloring Easter eggs.



President: Trina Smith  
Secretary: Vicki Criswell

## Golden Agers~By Della Dill

Attendance on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Stone House in Delphi included Jo White, Jean Marion, Ruth Crawn, Don and Della Dill, Bud and Arlene Stangle and their three year old great granddaughter, Alexis Hettinger.



Ruth Crawn offered prayer before the meal.

For all of those wearing eyeglasses, Della Dill offered this: "My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn. My house isn't dirty-the cobwebs are gone. My garden

looks lovely, and so does my lawn. I think I might never put my glasses back on!"

These suggestions were added: "We are blessed to be a blessing. Celebrate every gorgeous moment. Send more cards, write more letters. Read every day. Take lots of naps. Smile and say hello to those you meet. Listen to those older than you are."

Next lunch meeting is Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the USA Family Restaurant on North Main Street in Monticello.

## Fun In the Sun~By Maxine White

My daughter Carolyn Pearson, grand daughters Tina Sandefur and Shelly Davis, and great granddaughter, Alix Davis motored to Hollywood, Florida over Spring Break in the Pearson van.



There were four generations of us!

We spent a week with one of my grandsons, Patrick Pearson who lives in Hollywood. He had a few days off to take us to see the sights. It was a wonderful vacation in the sun!

## Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to those people who ventured out in the cold weather to help clean up the cemetery and reset stones. It was a lot of hard work but it sure paid off, looks wonderful!



## Bathroom Facelift

Improvements come about because someone first had an idea to make things better.

In 1987 Hickory Grove did not

have a handicap accessible bathroom - so one was provided by using part of the upstairs hall and a part of a classroom. This was done by the late Charles Hanna in memory of his parents and the parents of Helen Hanna.

Today we have an improvement of this because Linda Smith Meyer of Brookston, Helen's niece,

wanted to use money from the estate of the late Louise Smith, for a specific project.

If you have not "checked this out", please do so and give thanks to Jim and Donna Mikesell for all their donated time and labor!

~Anonymous contributor

**Thanks Jim and Donna, and thank you to the late Louise Smith and her family for the generous donation!**

## 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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# For the Young at Heart

## Howdy, Friends!

Come to Avalanche Ranch, a wild ride through God's Word!

Get ready for an exciting celebration of God's love filled with stampeding cattle, yapping cattle dogs, soaring eagles, and a whole herd of friends.

You'll enjoy Crafts, and exciting games, experience thrilling Bible stories, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Classes available from Pre-school age to Teens.

LOCATION: Hickory Grove Church

AVALANCHE RANCH WILL LAST: June 17th—June 21st

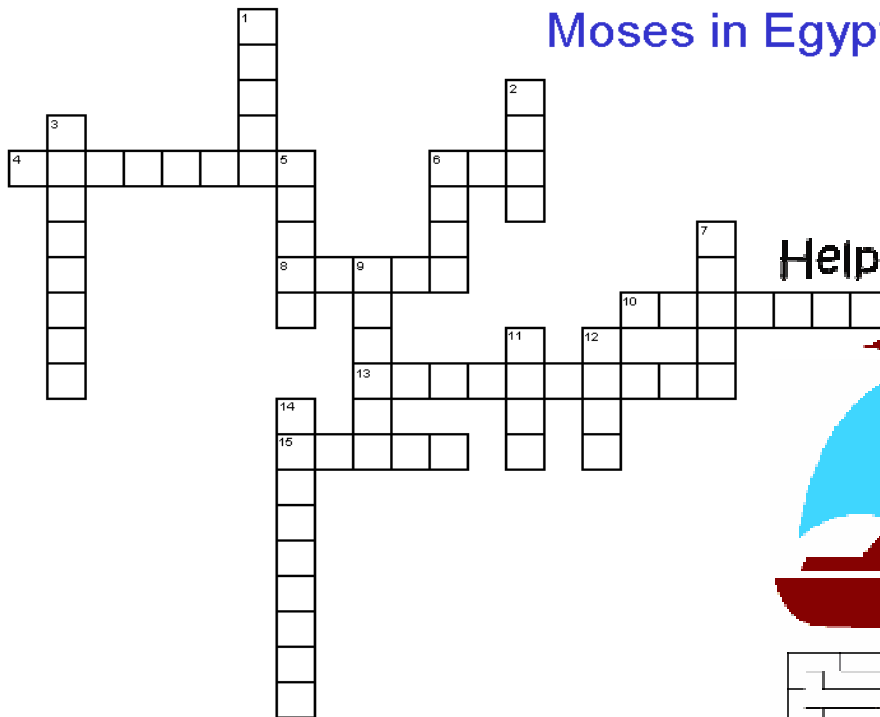
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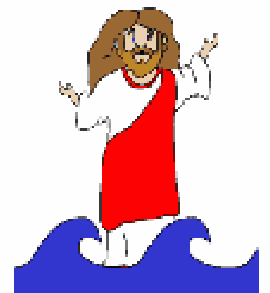
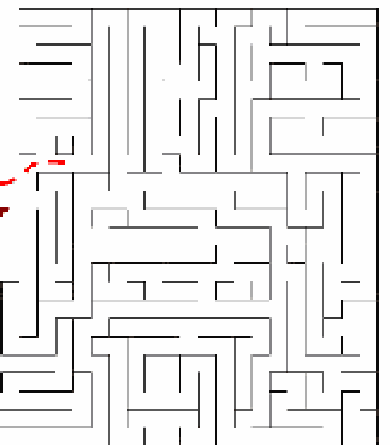
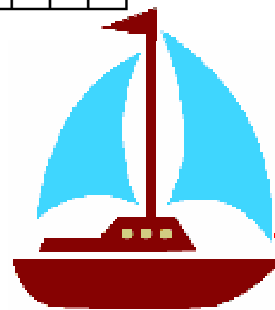
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## Moses in Egypt



Help the fishermen find their way to Jesus.



### Across

4. The Egyptians didn't need sunglasses during this plague.
6. How many plagues were there all together?
8. True or false - Pharaoh never had a chance to stop the plagues?
10. God promised he would do this for his people.
13. The Israelites had to make bread quickly, what is this flat bread called?
15. What turned to blood in all of Egypt?

### Down

1. The Egyptians had these jumping in their plates of food.
2. Pharaoh died because he kept changing his \_\_\_\_.
3. What is it still called when God saw the blood on the doors?
5. What did Moses use to separate the Red Sea?
6. True or false - the Israelites were safe from all the plagues?
7. What did the Israelites put over their doors to protect them?
9. This plague is very similar to the grasshopper.
11. Pharaoh's heart was like a rock - it was \_\_\_\_.
12. The magicians stopped this many plagues.
14. What did Moses' snake do to the magician's snakes?

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### What is a Mother?

A Mother has so many things to do,  
From washing, ironing, cleaning, to tying a shoe.  
She scrubs, she mends, she cooks and sews,  
She bathes the children and washes their clothes.  
When they forget to wash their faces clean,  
And their clothes are the muddiest you've ever  
seen,  
Who repairs the clothes and scrubs them like new?  
Of course, that is what a Mother will do.

Who becomes the doctor or the nurse when they  
are ill,  
Applying a bandage or giving them a pill?  
Who becomes a teacher when a child has home-  
work?

She must never her duty shirk.  
Who becomes a detective to find a toy or a  
book?  
For missing things she must look and look?  
Who becomes a listener to every heartache,  
To every accomplishment that a child  
makes?

Who scolds their children when they are  
naughty,  
Or remind them of God when they are to  
haughty?  
Who tends her family with love and pa-  
tience, too?  
Of course that is what a Mother will do.

~Author Unknown



### I Said a Mother's Day Prayer for You

I said a Mother's Day prayer for  
you to thank the Lord above,  
for blessing me with a lifetime  
of your tenderhearted love.  
I thanked God for the caring  
you've shown me through the  
years, for the closeness we've  
enjoyed in time of laughter and  
of tears.

And so, I thank you from the  
heart for all you've done for me  
and I bless the Lord for giving  
me the best mother there could  
be!

~ Author Unknown

### 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.  
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Or leave it in the "cubbie" at the back of  
the church marked "Hickory Switch" be-  
fore the last Wednesday of the month!

### Sundays in Review...

Did you miss a Sunday recently? No prob-  
lem, 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 con-  
tact anyone from the church,  
and they can get you a copy!

