

APRIL
2009

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

Getting to Know You

Mike and Sherry Spencer and Family

Mike and Sherry (Fultz) Spencer met in the spring of 1985 and were married on Valentine's Day, 1987 at the First Assembly of God in Logansport.

Mike and Sherry have two children at home. Johnny is 19 and works for E & B Paving and is a talented artist. Stephanie is 17 and a junior at Logansport High School. She is talented in the art field and loves reading and photography.

Mike is a superintendent for E & B Paving. He has taught Sunday School for many years and has a heart for soul winning. Mike loves old classic cars and Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Sherry is an instructional assistant with the Logansport Community School Corp at Franklin Elementary. She is the president of the PTSA at Logansport High School and tutors after school three days a week. She loves to read and loves their two poodles, Betty Boop and Partner.

Mike and Sherry love riding their Harley Davidson during warm weather. As a matter of fact, that's how they discovered Hickory Grove Church on a summer afternoon riding around the countryside!

Hickory Grove has been welcoming, making us feel right at home.



Hickory Switch



Upcoming Events

- April 1st-7:00-Women's Fellowship at the home of Trina Smith
- April 2nd-7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting
- April 5th-Palm Sunday-1st Quarter Communion Sunday
- April 9th-7:00 Maundy-Thursdays Service
- April 11th-2:00-4:00 Easter Egg Hunt
- April 12th- Easter Sunday
- April 18th & May 2nd-Packing Day in Anderson for Davis Zachary
- April 19th-Missionary Davis Zachary will bring the morning message

"Did you know....?"

Six people were baptized in the indoor baptism in the month of March!

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11th, 09

2:00-4:00 PM

Everyone welcome!



Cemetery Clean-up Scheduled

The Hickory Grove Cemetery Association have scheduled their annual clean-up day for Saturday, April 4th.

The cemetery clean-up will begin at 8:00AM. If you have decorations that you wish to keep, please have them removed prior to that time.

Check out our website at www.hickorygrove.info

Someday is Coming...

Spring is a beautiful time of the year. It brings the green back to the grass, the early flowers break forth in their beauty. All of a sudden the trees have leaves and new life from nature's fauna appear. Funny how all this just seems to happen overnight. It doesn't really, but it sure seems that way. It wasn't that long ago we were driving through snowdrifts wondering if school would be canceled. That is the beauty of spring, one day it is not and the next day it is.

It is very fitting that Easter is celebrated in the spring. Just as new life springs forth on the earth, one day long ago new life sprang forth from the earth. The resurrection power that God gave His Son brought Him forth from the grave of the earth, never to die again. That is the power over death that God gives us; a promise once to die but forever to live eternally with Him in heaven. Many of our loved ones have gone on to see that day. They are there around the throne worshipping God. They died on the earth but sprang forth into eternal life just as Jesus did. Wow!! What a journey!!!

God promises us that someday He is coming back. He said in Matthew 24:27 "For as the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even to the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Everyone will see that happen that is alive on the earth at that time. Verse 30 goes on to say: "they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." I Thessalonians 4: 13-18 tells us that the Christians still alive on the earth will be caught up together with our loved ones that have already died "to meet the Lord in the air". Wow!! What a ride!!!

Which will come 1st? Dying here on earth or flying solo with no plane to meet Jesus. The Bible tells us that no one knows the day or the hour, not even Jesus Himself. It always seemed to me that Easter morning would sure be a great day for Jesus to come back on. We're already anticipating a great day: Sunrise Service, Sunday School and Worship Service, singing all the Easter songs like "He Lives". Many may be dressed in new Easter outfits; going to Grandma's for lunch and a feast fit for a King. Wow!! What a day!!!

Will that some day be Easter 2009? I don't know. I hope so. I am sure looking forward to the day that He comes. The song goes: "O I want to see Him, look upon His face, there to sing forever, of His saving Grace." I wouldn't be disappointed if He came early, even Palm Sunday. Come to think of it Maundy Thursday wouldn't be bad either. Actually any day would be good. Someday IS coming. Are you ready? You see if He comes back today, those that have not turned to Him, asked forgiveness for their sins, and received Christ into their lives are going to be left behind. That won't be a pretty sight. If someday is today are you ready? Someday IS coming. Why not get with God right now and put your life in His hands? Wow!! What a Savior!!!

Ecumenical Women's Spring Mini-Retreat

Submitted by Vicki Criswell

Ecumenical Women's Spring Mini-Retreat was held March 7th, 2009
at Monticello United Methodist.

Attending from Hickory Grove were Della Dill, Pam Simons, Trina Smith & Vicki Criswell.

Do More Than Survive, Bloom & Thrive was presented by Cara Brovant. Cara was born and raised in Rossville, IN. She has had times of great rejoicing and times of great despair. In December of 2004 Cara's first husband was killed in a farming accident, leaving her widowed at 23 with 2 young girls. It was in this incident and the circumstances that followed that God's abundant, never-ending grace and His powerful ability to move in His people were demonstrated for all to behold.

She has a deep passion to declare that the will Of god will never take you where His grace and mercy are not. It is Cara's mission to make known the details of her testimony in order that God may be seen, lifted up, and glorified for His love, grace, mercy and sovereignty.

She and her seconded husband Joel co-founded JC Ministries, Inc to encourage the body of Christ through music.



April 2009

Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7:00 Women's Fellowship @Trina Smith's	2 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	3	4 Rob & Leisha Hill Gerald & Ann Hanna
5 Martha Robb Terry Dill Frank & Barb Smith Palm Sunday-1st Quarter Communion	6	7	8 11:30 Golden Agers 7:00 Bible Study	9 7:00 Maundy-Thursdays Service	10 Erica Hill	11 Jerry & Pearl Jenkins
12 Sherry Spencer Joan Mikesell Easter Sunday	13 Coral Altman	14 Melanie Johns 7:00 Deacon's Meeting	15 Haley Wharff Kris Hanna 7:00 Bible Study	16 Doug & Amy Spitzer	17 Emily Felz	18 Trip to Anderson to help "Zach" pack trailer for Cazale
19 Davis "Zach" Zachary will bring the morning mes-	20 Lily Anderson	21 Run Simons	22 7:00 Bible Study	23 Pam Simons	24 Rebecca Kelly	25 Owen Crowel
26 Patti Lashbrook	27	28	29 7:00 Bible Study	30 Coral Sparks	1 <i>Max</i>	2 Trip to Anderson to help "Zach" pack trailer for Cazale

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Women's Fellowship ~ March 4th, 2009

Submitted by Vicki Criswell

Women's Fellowship met March 4, 2009 with 12 answering the Roll Call: Are you the "quick shower" or the "long bath" type of lady. Will Novak entertained us with his guitar and voice. Will is son of Bill & Mary Ann Novak of Monticello. He is in the sixth grade and enjoys music, running & video games.

Ruth Crown gave devotions. Keep your mind young. We need to take care of ourselves so we can then care for others. Put God first, family & others second. Ps. 8:5 says we should take pleasure in our work.

Stephanie Felz gave the history of the song sing Praises to Your Name written by Terry Mac Almon. The bridal shower committee will contact Ashley Shoemaker & Josh White to see if they would like an all church shower or a gift.

Two books were reviewed. Pasadena Promises by Rachel Druten and dancing Under the Red Stars. Trina reminded us to continue to do acts of kindness to others throughout the year. We are doing this instead of having Secret sisters.

Drink supplies are running low. Vicki will purchase regular & decaf coffee and Lonetta will purchase cold drinks.

Cards were passed for everyone to sign to be sent to a number of people.

Mark your calendar for the Mother~Daughter~Friend banquet to be held Saturday May 9, 6:00 with Chef: Gary Lantz & assistants preparing and serving the meal. There is a dollar due when making your reservation with Jo White or Ruth Crown

The next meeting will be April 1 at Trina Smiths.

Golden Agers

Submitted by Della Dill

Fourteen Golden Agers sat close around the long table in USA Family Restaurant in Monticello on the 11th of March for lunch together.

Della Dill had announcements and prayer to begin. After the meal, Bob Tobey told about his dog "Tippy" and he reported bits from the book, "How to be as Terrific as Your Dog Thinks You Are" by Mort Crim. Then each one shared something about dogs remembered as favorite pets.

Arleen Stangle volunteered for devotions next month on Wednesday, April 8th at USA Family Restaurant at 11:30.

If people were one-half as faithful to God and obedient to his commands as a dog is faithful to his master and obedient to his commands, we would have a far better world to live in than we yet have found.

~R.B. Harris

SHARE THE SAVIOR
With someone you know!

Remembering the Beatitudes

Jesus "blesses" eight types of people in his Sermon on the Mount. You could memorize those eight in order — or you could learn this lovely pair of haikus.

***The poor old beggar
apologizes gently
for his loud stomach.***

***Good Samaritan
unmasks to stop the war
and is killed for it.***

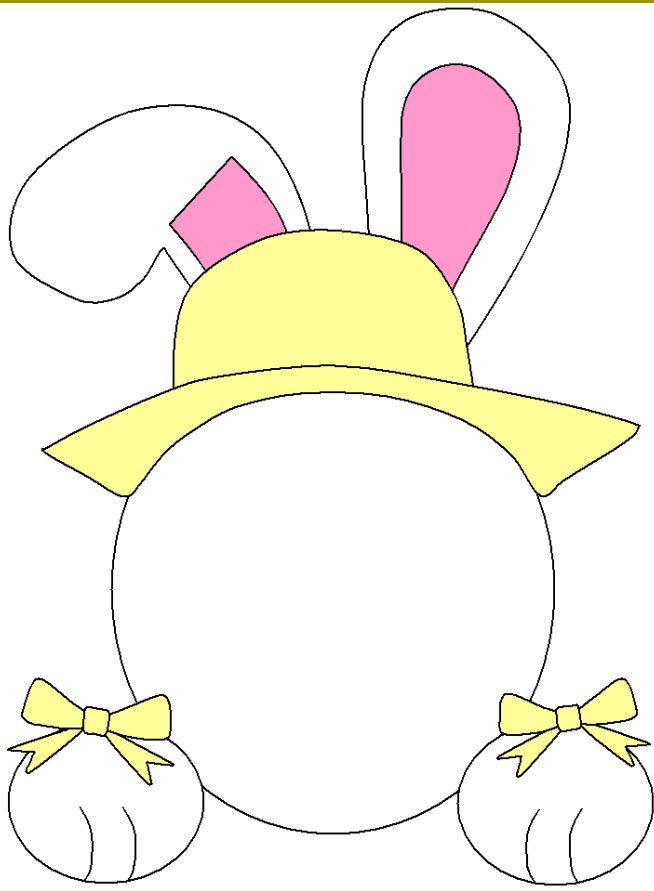
The first four beatitudes have to do with our relationship to God. The poor in spirit realize they are just poor old beggars before the Lord. Those who mourn

are deeply sorry for their sin. The meek are gentle souls, submitting to the Lord's will for them. The "loud stomach in the haiku should remind you of hungering and thirsting for God's righteousness. We are blessed when we eagerly desire God's purpose in our lives.

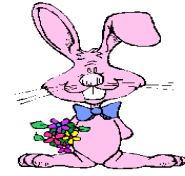
The last four beatitudes deal with our relationship to others. The merciful are "Good Samaritans," helping people in need. Being pure in heart is a matter of taking off our masks, being honest with others about who we are. Peacemakers take chances to stop wars of all kinds, bringing people together. But, of course, some are persecuted for righteousness' sake, even killed in the process.

(From the book "Bible Fun Stuff" by Randy Petersen)

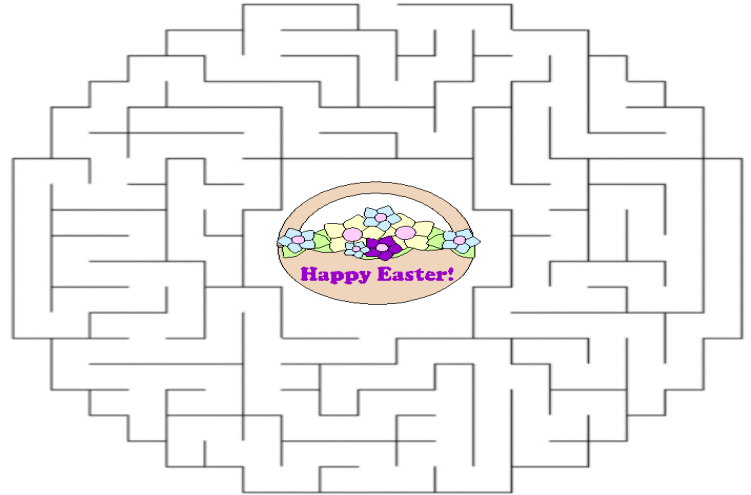
For the Young at Heart



Happy Easter!

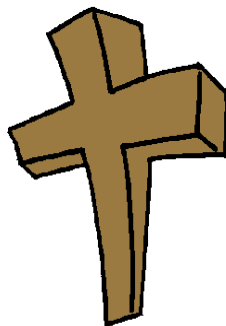


Help the Easter Bunny find his basket.

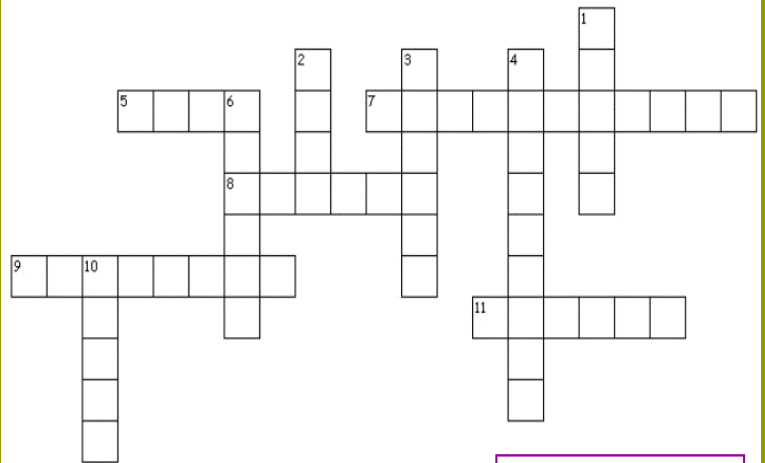


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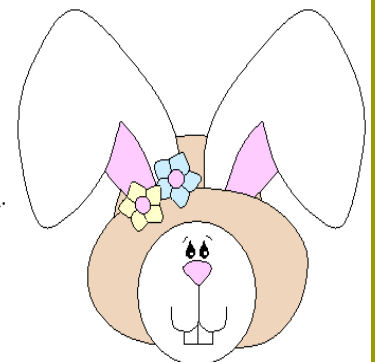
Across

- 5. Which came first? The chickens or the _____?
- 7. ooey, gooey goodness
- 8. Animal that brings treats and eats carrots.
- 9. baby duck
- 11. Container for collecting eggs at Easter.

Word List:
 basket, chick, chocolate,
 crack, duckling, eggs, lamb,
 marshmallow, pastel, rabbit,
 spring

Down

- 1. If you drop an Easter egg, it will _____.
- 2. baby sheep
- 3. Pale, light colors.
- 4. Tasty, decadent treat.
- 6. Easter's season
- 10. baby chicken




Happy Easter



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Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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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.

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In your Moment of Need...



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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!

