

MAY
2009

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

Getting to Know You

Rob and Leisha Hill

Once upon a time there was a boy named Rob and a girl named Leisha who fell in "LOVE" and married at a young age. Along came our first baby girl Shawna, three years later our second baby girl Trisha, and then three years later our third baby girl Erica. We have lived in rural Delphi for 20-years and still have a home full of furry family. Our first baby girl fell in "LOVE" with a boy named Brandon and married him and they have our granddaughter Mairi who is 15-months old. Our second baby girl Trisha fell in "LOVE" and married Travis and they have our granddaughter Bailee who is 4 1/2 years old and in May 2009 is expecting our first grandson. The boys in the family are trying real hard to get their numbers up! Our third baby girl who is currently single and in college part time and very busy with life. So as you can see after 29-years of marital bliss our family is still growing. Rob has worked at Carroll County Tire in Flora for 9-years. His hobbies are mushroom hunting, golfing, fishing, yard work, and most of all spending time with family and friends. Leisha has worked at St Elizabeth Regional Health for 8-years. Her hobbies are scrap booking, gardening, photography, sewing, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.



Ok, we were on the search for a church home and family after the many deaths that our family endured. We met Pastor Ken and Trina at a family funeral and felt comfortable with their gentleness and kindness. We currently have family that attends Hickory Grove and they spoke of the great things that were happening and most of all the "LOVE" they felt from the church family. We were looking for that same "LOVE", gentleness, and kindness. Rob and I do believe we have found the best option for our church home and family. This is where the fairy tale is currently.

Mother~Daughter~Friend Banquet

The Mother~Daughter~Friend Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations must be made with Jo White or Ruth Crown no later than May 3rd. Cost per reservation is \$1.00.

The evening meal will be prepared by Chef Gary Lantz and Staff.

The program will be given by "Smiles Unlimited Clown Ministry", a Christian-based group from the Lafayette Chapter.

Please come and enjoy the evening!

Upcoming Events

- May 3rd-Potato Bar-After church, free will offering-Money goes to youth camping expenses
- May 6th-7:00 Women's Fellowship
- May 13th-7:00 Bible Study
- May 20th-7:00 Bible Study
- May 27th-7:00 Bible Study
- May 30th-11:00-2:00 Street Fair-community welcome

"Did you know....?"

Our Church is 141 years old this year! It was organized in 1868 and was called the Union Christian Church on Rattlesnake. A fire destroyed the original structure and was rebuilt in 1915.

*Helen Hanna became a great-grandmother again!
Seven pound 2 ounce, Hanna Williams
was born to
Brian and Elizabeth Williams of
Charleston, SC.*

Hickory Switch



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When Things Don't Go Right

Each one of us goes through times when things just don't seem to be going right. We are living in a difficult time right now in America. It is good news, however, that we are still better off than most of the rest of the world. As you read this paragraph, some of you can probably relate to some of the difficulties that people are experiencing. Many people have been laid off from their jobs, retirement accounts have dropped as much as 50% or more, people that were going to retire cannot afford to do so now, people who were going on vacation are not financially able to now. Financial problems can escalate marriage and family problems. While the government spending has bailed many out, some of us are paying the tab for it. What to do now? What are we suppose to think?

The 1st thing that usually happens is that people get discouraged. That, I am afraid, is a natural response. Perhaps I should say a natural response of the flesh. It is not a new response; we find it throughout the Bible. People became discouraged then and people still become discouraged with their jobs, their families and even with God.

You can tell when Christians are discouraged. See if any of these symptoms sound familiar to you. There are several signs that usually follow discouragement. I am not talking in the home but in the church.

1) The first thing that most all Pastors notice happening is that a discouraged person's church attendance starts dropping. It is a dead give away. That person just doesn't "feel" like going to worship. They think that something else might cheer them up like a Sunday drive or staying home and watching movies all day.

2) Another thing is that our tithes and offerings get reduced. We begin to feel like we better take control of our finances back from God.

3) Also our Christian Service gets cut short. We no longer have time to donate to activities that might be going on like work days, Bible Study, Sunday School, fellowship times, carry-in dinners and yes, even prayer.

4) Sometimes falling away is actually a cry for attention. "I will stay away to see if anyone even notices that I am gone". If they come running to me I will feel better. If they don't I have a good excuse not to go back. (Answer for this one: Grow up.)

5) You fill in the blank here with what you do when you are discouraged.

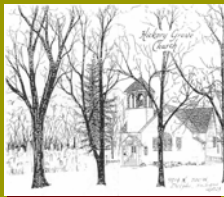
Let me help you with a better solution. I once talked with a Pastor friend and said: "I have done everything that I know to do and am seeing no results. I just don't know what to do now!" His answer was: "Be Faithful to the calling that God has given you". You see, when things aren't going right we begin to fall away from God, as if that is going to help. We need to understand that when things aren't going right we shouldn't run from the cross, but run to the cross. An old saying is: "Don't cut off your nose to spite your face." Another is: "Don't bite the hand that feeds you." We have this underlying feeling that if we fall away from God, He will come running to kiss our owies and boo-boos and do something special and make things all right again.

The truth is: "God is a rewarder of those that earnestly seek Him." (Not those that run from Him or shirk their responsibilities.) Faithfulness means I will serve Him no matter what. I will go, I will give, I will help no matter what. God is faithful. He always has been and always will be. These trying times will either draw us closer to God or drive us farther away. What happens to you is up to you. Be Faithful! Don't exercise your feelings, exercise on your faith! Get up right now and start shouting: "Praise God!!!!" (A Good Book for the discouraged: "Disappointment With God" – by Phillip Yancey)

Don Dill Honored

On the evening of Thursday, April 23rd, the Monticello Health Care Center held their Volunteer Banquet. Don Dill was awarded a plaque naming him as Volunteer of the Year.

Don helps usually three times a week: pushing wheelchairs, making popcorn, assisting with Bingo or what ever is needed to be done.



May 2009

Hickory Grove Church

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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Potato Bar Immediately following Church-Free will donation | 4 | 5 Terry Dill | 6 Carol Tarver Anastasia Hughes 7:00 Women's Fellowship | 7 Bob Tobey | 8 | 9 Matt Wise |
| 10 Jim Gunther | 11 Mary Blount | 12 | 13 Matt & Julie Wise 7:00 Bible Study | 14 Joe & Carolyn Clothier | 15 Sam Anderson Grace Robb | 16 |
| 17 Jeremy & Kelly Miller | 18 Jade Wharff Brett Striegel Rich & Eva Gould | 19 | 20 7:00 Bible Study | 21 John Bailey | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Jared Miller Jesse Miller Skip & Jean Barnes | 25 Tom Armstrong Brian & Shawn Cain Memorial Day | 26 | 27 7:00 Bible Study | 28 | 29 Brannen Bargeron | 30 TJ Barrett 11:00-2:00 Street Fair Community Welcome |
| 31 Sara Sickler | 1 | 2 Paula Striegel | 3 Jonathan Lantz Jordan Campbell 7:00 Women's Fellowship | 4 Chris Robb Chris and Cheryl Robb | 5 | 6 |

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Women's Fellowship ~ April 1st, 2009

~Submitted by Judy Crowel

On April 1st, the Women's Fellowship met at the home of Trina Smith with 9 present. Clara Hill shared the list of names that cards are to be sent to.

Stephanie Felz gave a report on the song "Change My Heart Oh God". It was written in middle of traffic in California by Eddie Espinosa.

Devotions was given by Jo White. "Pray About everything and worry about nothing", by Joyce Meyer.

Judy Crowel read the secretary report for Vickie Criswell. Lonetta Felz read the treasurer's report. April balance on hand, \$591.21.

There is to be a bridal shower for Josh White & Ashley Shomaker on April 26th after church with a carry in meal.

Book report was given by Helen Hanna on "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn".

Judy Crowel reported that the program for up coming Mother, Daughter & Friend banquet, scheduled for Saturday, May 9th at 6:00PM will be Judy Conner with Clowns Unlimited. Vote was made to give her \$100.

Everyone attending needs to give their \$1 per person and number of guest child or adult for the meal to Jo White or Ruth Crawn.

Trina read "The Good Truths Little Children Have Learned" Pat Cotner closed with Pray.

The May 6th meeting will be held at the home of Judy Crowel with Pam Simmons co-host.

Golden Agers

~Submitted by Della Dill

Just before Easter week end, 14 Golden Agers had their monthly lunch at USA Family Restaurant in Monticello.

Announcements and prayers were given by Ruth Crawn. After lunch, Arleen Stangle passed decorated sugar cookies for all. Phyllis Wise read, "Life Begins at Eighty." She also shared selections from the Carroll County REMC pamphlet, "You know you are old when_____."

Jean Marion had a poem, "I know That My Redeemer Lives." Arleen Stangle read scripture from Genesis about the creation and three poems, "In Harmony With Nature", "Flowers of Love" and "Daffodils." Ruth Crawn selected an Easter meditation from Psalms 46:10. "Be Still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Dieter Hantschel has volunteered for devotions for next month on Wednesday, May 13th.

SHARE THE SAVIOR
with someone you know!

Coral Sparks Nominated for Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow

The statewide program, Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow, sponsored by Embarq, The Carroll County Comet and the Herald Journal, honors area youth in grades 9-12 for their leadership and community volunteerism. Coral Sparks, daughter of Shawn and Brian Cain, is one of 3000 students from around the state to have been nominated for this program.



Josh White And Ashley Shomaker Wedding Shower

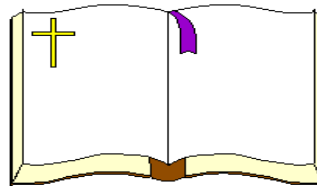
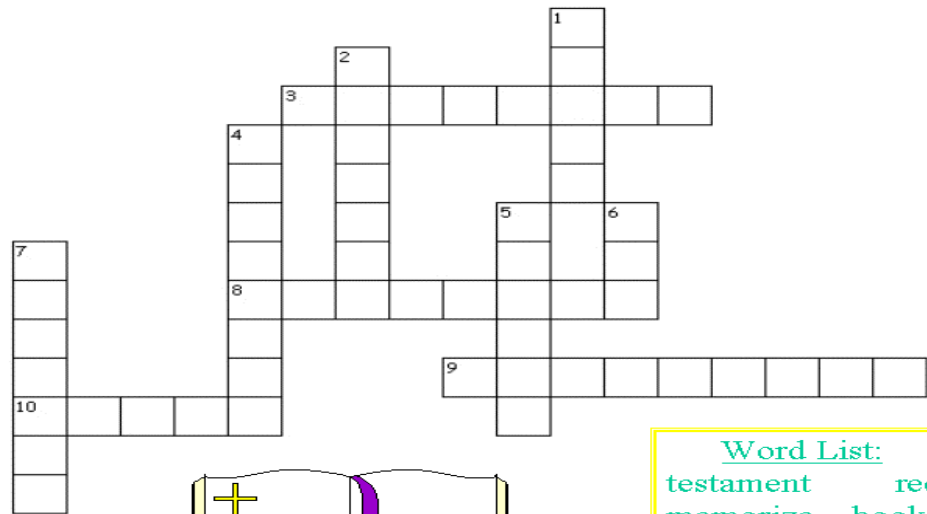
Many people stayed after church for a carry in luncheon and wedding shower for Josh White and Ashley Shomaker.

The young couple will be married on May 2nd, 2009.

We wish them nothing but many happy years to come!

Today, immediately following church there will be a Potato Bar hosted by the Dreamers Class. Free will donations will be accepted to assist the Church Camp Fund.

Bible Crossword



Word List:
 testament red
 memorize books
 inspired guide
 promises letters
 parable verses

Across

3. The best way to keep the Word of God in you heart is to ____ it.
8. Every word in the Bible (no matter who wrote it) is ____ by God.
9. The Bible is separated into the old and new ____.
10. There are 66 of these in the Bible.

Down

1. The Bible is our biggest ____ in helping us know how to live.
2. Some of the books of the Bible are ____ written to help and encourage others.
4. The Bible is full of these just for you.
5. Each chapter has a number of these in it.
6. In some Bibles Jesus' words are printed in this color.
7. Jesus' favorite way to teach and tell stories was by telling these.

Daily Rules From God

~Submitted by Pat Cotner

1. Wake Up!! Decide to have a good day. 'Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.' Psalms 118:24

2. Dress Up!! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. 'The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart.' I Samuel 16:7

3.... Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. 'He who guards his lips guards his soul.' Proverbs 13:3

4 .. Stand Up!!... For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.. 'Let us not be

wearry in doing good ; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...' Galatians 6:9-10

5. Look Up!!... To the Lord.

'I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.' Phillipians 4:13

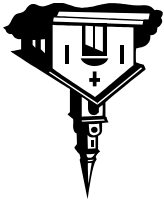
6. Reach Up!!... For something higher. 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, And He will direct your path.'

Proverbs 3:5-6

7. Lift Up!!... Your Prayers.

'Do not worry about anything; instead **PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.**' Phillipians 4:6

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side of the road!



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Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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(Judy Crowel's mother)

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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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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!

