

**AUGUST  
2009**

# HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

## *Real Hope for Haiti*

### **A NEW TRUCK!!!!!!**

July 27, 2009 by haitirescuecenter

In Feb of 2008 we had a team here from Hickory Grove Church in Delphi, Indiana. This church helped us out so much that week with many different projects. They saw a need and filled it. They saw other needs and over and over again each day that week they were there to help us. On the way to the airport, the old truck was having some problems. The team members saw a need and again wanted to help fill this BIG need . They asked our permission to raise funds for a new truck for RHFH. How exciting that was for us! They began raising funds themselves and then sent out a letter from the team members to our mailing list. Through their effort and the many that donated the funds were raised to purchase the truck. To read more please visit: <http://haitirescuecenter.wordpress.com/>



## *Community Movie Night*



On Sunday, August 23rd Hickory Grove will be hosting another movie night. Facing the Giants will be the featured presentation! *Facing the Giants* is the story of Grant Taylor, a mediocre high school football coach. After several years of failing seasons, the Shiloh Eagles are considering replacing him as head coach. This is not the only problem Taylor is facing; his car is breaking down, fathers of his team players are trying to get him fired, and he finds out he is the reason that his wife cannot become pregnant. In order to get his life, and football team, back on track, he realizes he must cry out to God for help. He creates a new coaching philosophy – he needs to praise God when they win, and praise God when they lose. From that point on, they lose only one game, and go on to win the State Championship by defeating the champion team, the Giants.

Invite your friends! Nachos and cheese will be served for refreshments.

### *Upcoming Events*

- Aug. 3rd– 7:00 Haiti Meeting
- Aug. 5th–No Women's Fellowship
- Aug. 9th–Indians Baseball game
- Aug. 11th– Prayer Breakfast at Delphi High School 7:00-7:45 AM Program 7:45-8:30 Breakfast
- Aug. 16th–Matt and Brooke McClain, Missionaries to Costa Rica will be here to share their ministry during morning service.
- Aug. 18th–7:00 Deacon's Meeting
- Aug. 23rd–Movie Night

### *"Did you know..."*

The Hickory Switch is available on line in beautiful color pages. If you have access to the internet please visit the church website at [www.hickorygrove.info](http://www.hickorygrove.info).

If you are able to access the Switch in this way please let Brenda know so that she can take you off the mailing list.

Thank you to all of those who joined us for our Annual Ice Cream Social and fellowship! \$800 was raised to benefit the Idaville Fire Department! This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year that the Mission & Outreach committee of Hickory Grove has sponsored this event. We've been blessed with nice weather and great participation every year.



Hickory Switch



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### It Doesn't Just Happen

Did you ever wonder who decides who will be the next trustees and deacons or treasurer etc.? What about if we should get a new sound system or video system? And just who made the final decision as to whether we should do an expansion project? Who picked what person the church moderator should be? Who would decide if we should paint the church parking lot green? If you came in some Sunday and all of the pews and chairs were removed and we were sitting on pillows, would you wonder who decided that? Who decides how much will be spent on VBS, or whether to buy new carpeting, or what the weekly financial needs are of the church. Who decided that the church would tithe off the plate offerings to missions; local and abroad? Have I got your attention yet? If so, please read on. If not, please re-read this paragraph.

Most all of the major decisions for the church happen at the business meeting. And, yes, all of those decisions above happen at the church business meeting. Church Business Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each quarter. We had one July 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will have the next on October 1<sup>st</sup>. These meetings are always listed in the bulletin and announced from the pulpit. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. You do not need to be a member to attend, just to vote. Everyone's input, whether a member or not, is appreciated and respected.

**Now please listen carefully.** We have about 150 people that worship here regularly. By regularly I mean, they attend a service at least once a month. That 150 does not count those that attend occasionally. Now with that many people attending, how many do you think came to the last business meeting? How many people made it a point to be at the last business meeting to help make decisions affecting the whole 150 of us? Are you setting down? The answer is twenty-four (24)!!!! Good Night Irene that is only 16%. Twenty-four people made decisions that affect the whole 150! Am I exaggerating? No! The most that ever attends is about 35, that is when there is something really major in the works. These 24 are usually the same twenty four (24) that attend every business meeting. Perhaps everyone thinks everyone else is going and they aren't important. Well everyone else isn't going and you are important.

The people that attend these meetings fill most of the positions of church leadership. They did not become Moderators and Trustees and Deacons and Clerks to get them to come to the meetings; that doesn't work. They were chosen because they exhibited the interest and desire and ability to serve by being at these meetings.

We are living in a day and age when time is a priceless commodity. Many people would say they do not have time, others that it is not that important. Some just do not want to get involved. Well the future of church leadership hinges on the business meetings and more people are needed to get involved. Hello! Are you still reading? If you talk to the president of the Lions Club, Rotary, VFW, American Legion or other Community and Civic Organizations you will get the same story. People don't have time or don't want to get involved. **Now listen to this:** at the current rate of "not wanting to get involved", we will soon not fill all the positions of leadership of the church. It is a disservice to individuals and to God, to put someone into a leadership position that does not have the desire or abilities to fulfill the position. Years ago churches tried a new tactic. Put someone in a leadership position and maybe that person will come more. They ended up with churches with leaders that did not attend. When a problem arose they were stuck. That will not happen here at Hickory Grove; not on my watch.

Do you want Hickory Grove to continue to be a Spirit led church? Then spiritually led people are needed to get involved at the business meetings. Please go look in a mirror and see if you know someone that you might be able to convince that they need to get involved in church leadership. Oh yes, please mark this date on your calendar: October 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm. It will be here before we know it.

Thanks for listening;

Pastor Ken

### Church Expansion Work Continues



As you can see the basement walls are nearly complete. The cement floor has been poured and the old exterior wall has been removed from the dining area of the basement.

God is good! Photos provided by Jo White

### Suggestion Box

The Hickory Switch publishers are always looking for articles to run.



If you have articles on your recent gatherings, like Della does for the Golden Agers for example, and would like for us to run them, please submit them to Amy or Brenda no later than the 20th of the month.

We welcome any input or suggestions anyone may have!



# August 2009

## Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service						1 Kerrigan Dimmitt
2 Bryan Felz	3 7:00 Haiti Team Meeting Cleo Dimmitt Jennifer Dill	4 Bob Spear	5	6 Brennan & Kitty Bargeron	7	8 Jay & Debbie Blackburn Kym Stangle
9 Indians Baseball Game  Stephanie Spencer Kevin & Patti Lashbrook Heather Dimmitt	10 Ruth Crowel	11 7:00AM Prayer Breakfast at Delphi Community HS  Dianne Reagan	12 Don Dill	13 Vicki Criswell Jean Barnes	14	15
16 Matt and Brooke McClain bring the morning message Jean Marion Bob & Mary Spear	17 Donna Mikesell Sharon Lantz	18 7:00PM Deacon's Meeting  Danielle Wharff Skip Barnes	19	20	21 Larry Jenkins  Dick & Jean Marion	22
23 Movie Night	24	25	26 Vicki Sickler Denise Serpe  TJ & Megan Barrett	27	28 Vernie and Vicki Criswell Paula Foster	29 Ivan Veach
30	31 Mary Spear	1	2	3	4 Justin Wharff	5

*September*

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# Golden Agers

~Submitted by Della Dill

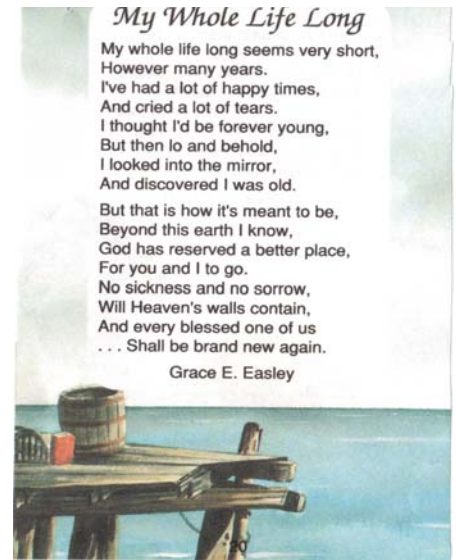
It was the 19th wedding anniversary of Dieter and Sherry Hantschel, when the Golden Agers had their regular monthly dinner together, on July 8th at Sublette's Restaurant on Sixth Street in Monticello.

Ruth Crown had announcements and prayer.

After the meal, each one shared a remembrance of the Fourth of July holiday. Fireworks and family picnics were favorite memories.

Then all held hands in a circle as Della Dill had a closing prayer of blessing.

On August 12th they will meet at the USA Family Restaurant in Monticello at 11:30. Arleen Stangle will give devotions.



## Holiday World ~ Youth Trip

The youth have enjoyed several fun filled activities this summer. Eight youth and 4 adults just returned home from an overnight visit to Holiday World and Splashin' Safari in Santa Clause Indiana!



They would like to thank Danielle Kelley, Vicki Sickler and the rest of the youth council for putting it all together, Jesse and Shannon Kelly and Kenny and Susan Hill for chaperoning the trip and the members of the church family for sponsoring them through the potato bar and youth work auction. Thanks again!

SHARE THE SAVIOR

*With someone you know!*

## August is Back to School Month

Say it isn't so...if the kids are going back to school, it can mean only one thing...summer is almost over! School starts around Aug. 18th for most of our children. Our college kids will be going back to school, too. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. (If you are the parent of a college student, please get your child's address to Brenda or Amy!)

~Submitted by Vicki Sickler

### AIN'T

He was just a little boy,  
On a week's first day.  
Wandering home from  
Bible school,  
And dawdling on the way.



He scuffed his shoes into the grass;  
He even found a caterpillar.  
He found a fluffy milkweed pod,  
And blew out all the 'filler.'  
A bird's nest in a tree overhead,  
So wisely placed up so high.  
Was just another wonder,  
That caught his eager eye.  
A neighbor watched his zig zag course,  
And hailed him from the lawn;  
Asked him where he'd been that day  
And what was going on.  
'I've been to Bible School,'  
He said and turned a piece of sod.  
He picked up a wiggly worm replying,  
'I've learned a lot about God.'  
'M'm very fine way,' the neighbor said,  
'for a boy to spend his time.'  
'If you'll tell me where God is,  
I'll give you a brand new dime.'  
Quick as a flash the answer came!  
Nor were his accents faint.  
'I'll give you a dollar, Mister,  
If you can tell me where God ain't.'

# For the Young at Heart

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Summertime Anagram

Hidden Word (circled letters):



a f n

a a b b e l l s

b e e f i r s

d g h o o t

h o r s s t

a c g i m n p

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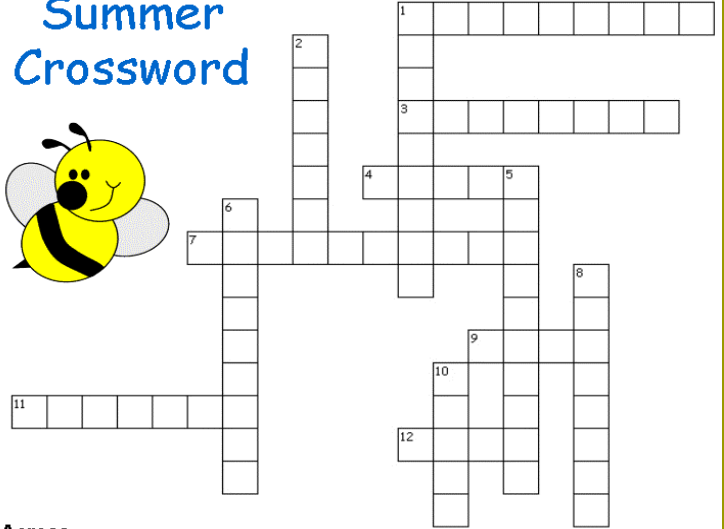
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## Summer Crossword



### Across

- From caterpillar to \_\_\_\_\_.
- dad's grill
- A gardener's worst enemy.
- pink juicy fruit
- In the summer, the weather is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have a rod and reel. Let's go \_\_\_\_\_.
- A long walk.

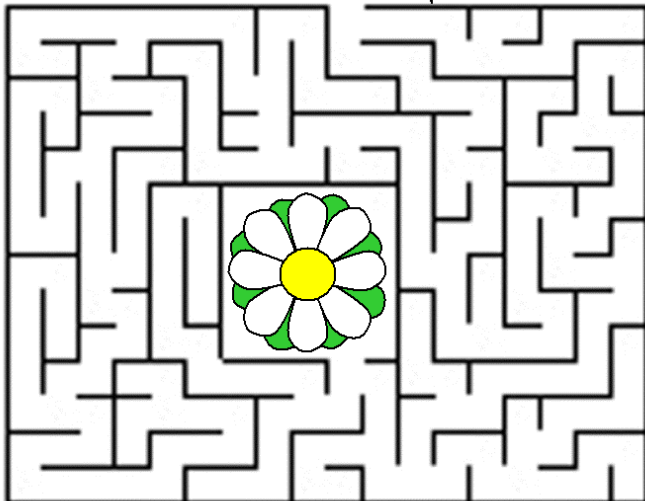
### Down

- Insect with yellow and black stripes.
- Healthy summertime transportation.
- Protective eyewear.
- A patty and a bun. Yum!
- Favorite drink of young salespeople.
- Playground toy you swoosh down.

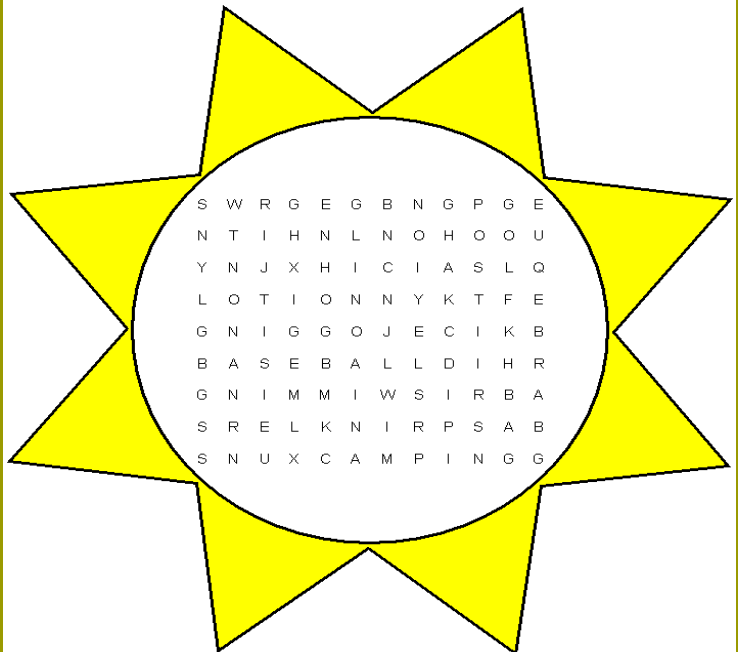
**Word List:** barbeque, bicycle, bumblebee, butterfly, fishing, hamburgers, hike, lemonade, slide, sunglasses, warm, watermelon, weeds

## Summer Maze

Help get the girl  
Find the daisy.



## Summer Sun Word Search



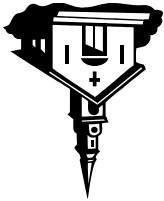
BARBEQUE  
BASEBALL  
BICYCLE

BOAT  
CAMPING  
GARDENING

GOLF  
HIKING  
JOGGING

LOTION  
SPRINKLERS  
SWIMMING

The friendly church at the  
side of the road!



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## Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

**Ralph and Dee Davis**  
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**Mae Ferrier**  
Monticello Healthcare  
Center  
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(Judy Crowel's mother)

**Mary Rishel**  
Carroll Manor  
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(Marlene Joseph's  
mother)

**Tad Walkup**  
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47906

**James Bailey**  
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Tioga Road, Room D-3  
Monticello, In 47960  
(Amy Spitzer and  
Brenda Johns grandfa-  
ther)

## 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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## 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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Alan Sickler 574-943-3236  
Judy Miller 574-943-3447  
Teresa Alexander 965-4573

## 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!

