

SEPTEMBER
2009

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

Construction Continues!

Hickory Switch



As you can see the basement walls have been completed and the exterior walls of the sanctuary walls are going up! God is good!

Photos provided by Jo White

Upcoming Events

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"Did you know..."

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!



Check out our website at www.hickorygrove.info

What Happens at a Business Meeting ?

If you wanted to know what is going on in our church; if you want to know how much money has come in and what is being done with what came in, the Business Meeting is the place to be. If you ever wanted to ask what all committees are in a church and what they do, the Business Meeting is the place to be. If you ever wanted to express a concern about the church, but didn't know who to express it to, you guessed it, the Business Meeting is where to come. You see, while the church is a spiritual entity, operating the church takes some business decisions based on Spiritual values.

If you are interested in being involved or more involved in the leadership of the church, or would aspire to hold a position in the church, the Business Meeting is a great place to begin. You see people that are involved in the workings of the church are the people that make the best leaders in a church. It is hard to lead when you aren't already involved and can see the whole picture.

Our Business Meetings are the 1st Thursday of each quarter at 7:00pm and will be announced from the pulpit and/or in the bulletin. There is always coffee and hot water for tea and, on occasion, someone brings some treats to eat. We may open with a worship hymn and then devotions are given and a prayer is offered asking for God's guidance. The Moderator chairs the meeting. How did he/she get to be the moderator? The Nominating Committee nominated that person who became approved of by vote at: (are you setting down?), surprise, the Business Meeting. Reports that have been prepared by various departments are reviewed and opportunity given for questions to be asked. (This isn't a secret, but if you wondered how much the Ice Cream cost for the Ice Cream Social, you can find out at the Business Meeting. If you wonder what the phone bill is or how much is spent heating the church, the truth is that it is revealed here.) After reports are covered, the Moderator asks if there is any Old Business; things that were discussed but not decided at the last meeting. After that we move on to New Business. Sometimes things are voted, and those present make the decision for the entire body. Hey, wait a minute, you may say: "I don't want someone else to decide for me." Great! See you at the next Business Meeting.

You see someone has to make decisions, because if it were all left up to one person it would be a Dictatorship. But we are a body and function as a body. We need all of the head and shoulders and knees and toes we can to be present. Without a good turnout of the body, those present are making the decisions for people that may not agree with the decision but since they didn't come, their opinion can't be honored. The more people that come gives a more rounded opinion. The more people that come, the more ideas we come up with. Every opinion is appreciated and respected at the Business Meeting. Voting is the only restriction. You need to be a member to vote (that is another Switch letter to come).

A lot is discussed about finances. But then these meetings only happen 4 times a year. In order to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us financially, we, of necessity, need to spend much time on it. But it is not all about money. It is about what is happening and what needs to be happening in the church. How do we determine who can use the facilities? Also, for what purposes can it be used? Should someone be financially charged to hold a wedding here? Where do we draw the line? I know, lets decide at the next Business Meeting. Someone thinks the walls need painted or the carpeting needs replaced, someone is concerned about our parking lot; hey, bring it up at the Business Meeting. Can't we just ask the Pastor? Well, the truth is, the Pastor doesn't make all of the decisions. In fact most decisions he makes are run through a Business Meeting or past the Deacon Board (that is another Switch letter to come). Do we continue to have a Sunday Bulletin, or should we have a bulletin board in the Sanctuary, should we have more dinners or can we do a special outing? So many questions! Here's an idea, lets decide at the Business Meeting. See you there!

~Pastor Ken



September 2009

Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service		1	2 6:30 Women's Fellowship-L. Felz Hostess~ Bring Sack	3	4 Justin Wharff	5 Jim & Mitzi Gunther
6 Joyce Fouts	7 Roger Stewart Mason Barrett Mitzi Gunther Labor Day	8 Lillain Clothier Sam & Brenda Johns	9 7:00 PM Bible Study	10 Amanda Anderson	11 Rodney Dimmitt Brett and Paula Striegel	12 Arleen Stangle
13 Youth Cook Out-Luncheon After Church	14 Bill and Vera Chanley Ken Smith	15 Marvin and Judy Harker	16 7:00 PM Bible Study	17	18 Marvin Harker	19 Eric and Kim Criswell
20 Dick Marion	21 Tami Veach Jeff Williams Rick & Teresa Alexander	22	23 7:00 PM Bible Study	24 Jim Mikesell Helen Hanna Ralph and Dee Davis	25	26 Tanna Lewellen Joshua Pearl
27	28	29 Brice and Judy Crowel	30 Kevin Lashbrook Isaac Lashbrook 7:00 PM Bible Study	1 Shirleen Dimmitt Kitty Barger	2 <i>October</i>	3

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Golden Agers

~Submitted by Della Dill

A card was passed and signed for Don Dill's birthday. Golden Agers had lunch at USA Family Restaurant in Monticello on Aug. 12th. Ruth Crawn had announcements and prayer before the meal.

Afterward Arleen Stangle read a Fourth of July poem on Freedom. "Take Courage. Do not be afraid." She also shared several little stories for fun.

Sherry Hanschel had a Bible quiz. The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalms 117. The longest one is Psalms 119 and the center verse is Psalms 118:8. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men."

Arleen will be the host of the September 9th lunch meeting, also held at USA Family Restaurant. Dieter Hanschel will give devotions.

~Submitted by Della Dill

Give Lavishly! Live Abundantly!

The more you give, the more you get
The more you laugh, the less you fret
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you live abundantly.

The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare
The more you love, the more you'll find
That life is good and friends are kind.

For only what we give away,
Enriches us from day to day.

~Helen Steiner Rice



SHARE THE SAVIOR
With someone you know!

The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value. I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death. By Thomas Paine.

~Submitted by Vicki Sickler

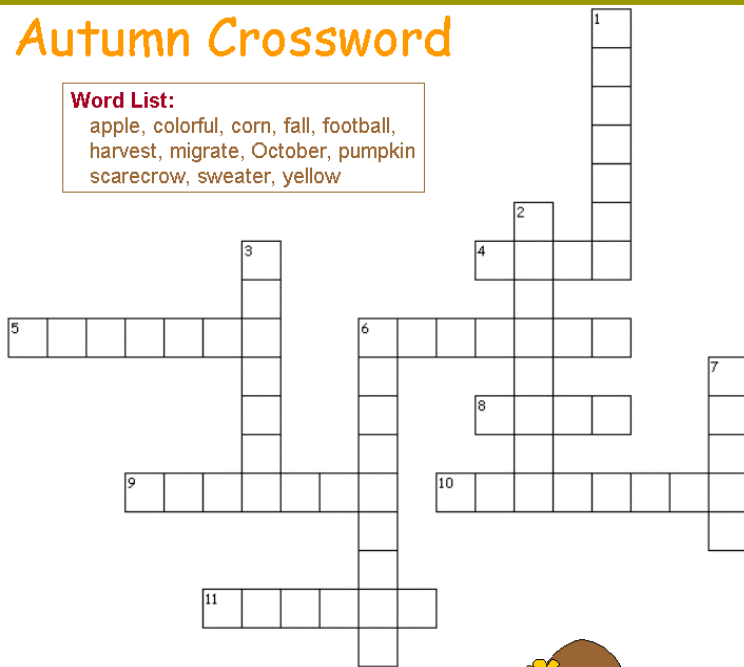
High School Youth Meeting

The youth meet after church on August 16th. They were told to bring a satchel of adventure, and old clothes and creek shoes. They were divided into two teams and given a list of clues to start them on their journey. When they figured out their clues there was a color coded paper they picked up and continued on. After a short intro to how they were to play. Where would Billy Goat Gruff be? (under the bridge) Jesus died here for our sins? (the cross) Jesus prayed here. (prayer garden) Where you would find good news? (mail box) They proceeded South and found clues in Vernie's yard as well as Ruth Crawn's from this point they had to follow their color coded trail to the creek. After a time of wondering down stream instead of up stream as their instructions told them they were guided back the right direction. All clues could only be reached from the water at this point. After looking for all 18 clues (they were a little short) they returned to the church. They had a group discussion on what they didn't like, why it was important to read all instructions, the importance of the team. They were reminded to always use the Bible for their instruction booklet to live by, count on fellow Christians to help them through tough times, or times of doubt, and to look to God and know they are never alone. This was followed by the group doing a trivia challenge on the Bible. Everyone seemed to have a great time and dried off in time to go home.

Autumn Crossword

Word List:

apple, colorful, corn, fall, football, harvest, migrate, October, pumpkin scarecrow, sweater, yellow



Across

4. A tasty yellow vegetable with kernels.
5. Another word for gathering crops before winter.
6. Something people wear during autumn.
8. Another word for autumn.
9. Many animals do this in the autumn.
10. The way trees look during autumn.
11. One of the colors leaves turn in autumn.

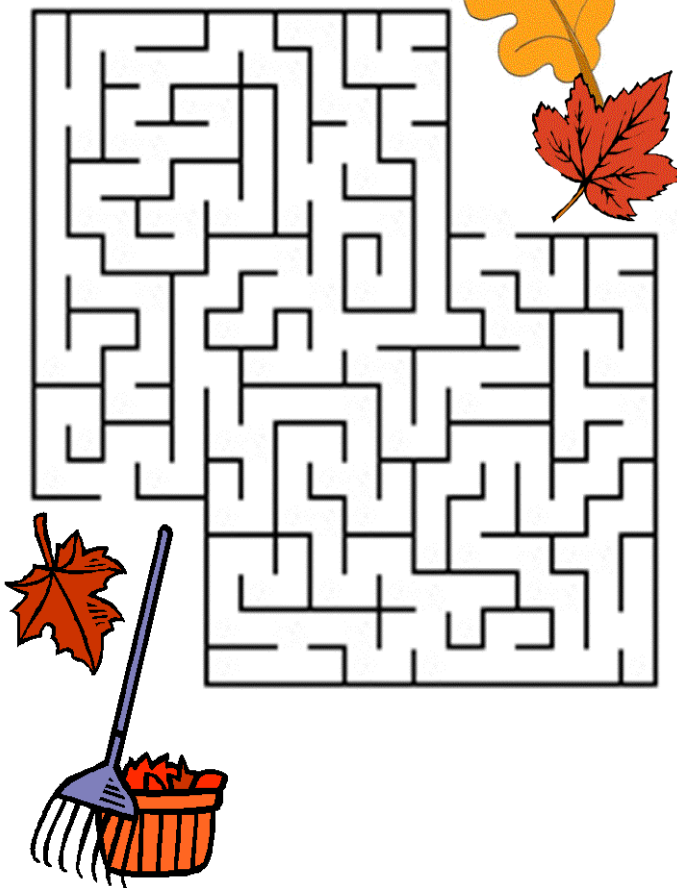
Down

1. A large orange squash that people carve faces into.
2. A sport that starts in autumn.
3. The middle month of autumn.
6. Used to scare birds away from the corn.
7. A crisp, red fruit.



Autumn Maze

Help get the leaves into the basket.



From the Kitchen of Trina Smith

SAUSAGE BEEF CASSEROLE

1 lb. sweet Italian sausages
 1 ½ lb. beef chuck, cut in 1-in. cubes
 1 large onion, chopped
 2 medium cloves of garlic, minced
 2 medium green pepper, cut in eighths
 4 medium potatoes, peeled & quartered
 2 - 1 lb. cans red kidney beans, drained & rinsed
 1 t. basil
 ½ t. salt
 ½ t. pepper
 1 t. fennel seed
 2 beef bouillon cubes, dissolved in 1 C boiling water

well. Cut into 18 to 20 pieces & place in a 3- quart casserole. Drain fat from skillet, reserving 2 T. Brown beef in 1 T. of the drippings, turn out into casserole. Cook onion & garlic in 1 T. of drippings until tender; add green pepper & cook 1 minute longer, stirring; turn out into casserole. Add potatoes & beans. Sprinkle with seasonings & mix lightly. Add bouillon; cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1 ½ hours or until beef and potatoes are tender. This is very good served with crusty bread and a salad.

YEILDS: 6 TO 8 SERVINGS

In heavy skillet over medium heat brown sausages

CHILI CORN BREAD SALAD

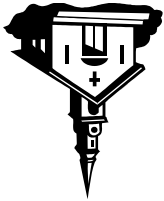
1 pkg. (8 ½ oz.) Corn bread/muffin mix
 1 can (4 oz) chopped green chilies, undrained
 ½ t. ground cumin
 1/8 t. dried oregano
 1/8 t. rubbed sage
 1 C. mayonnaise
 1 ½ C. sour cream
 1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix
 1 t. cumin
 2 cans (15 oz. each) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
 2 cans (15 oz. each) whole kernel corn, drained
 3 medium tomatoes, chopped
 1 C chopped green pepper
 1 C. chopped green onions
 10 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
 2 C. (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
 Prepare corn bread batter ac-

ording to package directions. Stir in the chilies, ½ t. cumin, oregano, & sage. Spread in a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 min., or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack.


In a small bowl, combine the mayo, sour cream, dressing mix, & 1 t. cumin; set aside. Crumble half of the corn bread into a 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. dish. Layer with half of the beans, mayo mixture, corn, tomatoes, green pepper, onions, bacon, & cheese. Repeat layers (dish will be very full & you may need to "press" the ingredients down in to the dish.) Cover & refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight.

YEILD: 12 SERVINGS

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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)

Mary Rishel
Carroll Manor
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(Marlene Joseph's
mother)

Tad Walkup
Indiana Veterans Home
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MacArthur 3-AB-Room
302
West Lafayette, IN
47906

James Bailey
Whispering Pines, 410
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.

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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!

