

OCTOBER
2009

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

Hickory Grove Church Fall Bazaar and Lunch Saturday, October 17th, 2009

From

10:00AM-2:00PM

Home made crafts and baked goods.

**Lunch will be soup, a sandwich, desert
and drink for \$5.**

All located in the basement of the church!

Homecoming Sunday

October 4th is Homecoming at Hickory Grove. We will have special music provided by "The Eternals" of Tipton, Indiana. They are a mixed trio with a rich full sound. They continue to grow as one of the Midwest's most sought after groups. The Worship Service will be followed with a carry-in dinner and plenty of good fellowship.



Upcoming Events

October 1 – 7 pm – Quarterly Business Meeting.

October 4th is Homecoming at Hickory Grove.

October 7 – 7 pm – Women's Fellowship-
Stephanie Felz

October 11 – after church - Youth Outing (at Brenda's house) Hosted by Shawn Cain and Brenda Johns .

October 17 - 10:00-2:00 Fall Bazaar

"Did you know..."

The Mission & Outreach committee tithes 10% of the Church plate collections. In 2009 this will be approximately \$12,000.

It is a fun job to give money to such worthwhile organizations such as food pantries, local and worldwide ministries!

Hickory Switch



Check out our website at www.hickorygrove.info

Where Do Deacons Come From?

In the last Hickory Switch Letter the statement was made: "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." Some may be wondering why do we have Deacons and what do they do? How did they become Deacons? The answer is Deacons are nominated by the Nominating Committee and approved for the next two years at the Business Meeting. Our church has 6 Deacons and they are elected two per year for a two-year term. That way there is never a complete replacement of Deacons. In scripture we find the mention of a Deaconess (Rom 16:1; Phil 4:2-3; I Tim 3:11), which is a lady filling the position. Many times it is more suitable for a lady to call on a lady than to have a man call on a lady. The word Deacon comes from the Greek word "diaconos" which means "servant"

The appointment of servants goes back as far as the life of Moses. In Exodus 18:13-27 we find that Moses was the leader God appointed. Moses as the leader would spend all day ministering to the affairs of the people "from the morning to the evening". Moses' Father-in-law saw what was happening and told Moses "You will only wear yourself out.... Select capable men from all the people - men who fear God and are trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain, and appoint them as officials....That will make your load lighter because they will share it with you." Later in Acts 6:1-4, the Apostles were not able to keep up with the teaching and visiting. "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the Word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and of wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over unto them and give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word".

In I Timothy 3 we find the qualifications given for Overseers (Elders) and Deacons. Some churches have both Elders and Deacons. Some have one set and call them Elders, others Deacons. The main need is a desire to assist the Pastor to serve the people

Regardless of the title, they are elected or appointed to assist the Pastor in the work of the ministry. The work of the ministry includes a very large portfolio. As the number of people in a church grows, the needs of the people grow. Without sincere Deacons and Deaconesses, the Pastor will eventually wear himself out. In many churches the fulfilling of that position has been reduced to simply helping to serve communion. A church that continues in that practice is soon to fall behind and fall short of what God intended the church to be. Our church Constitution on page 4 states: "Deacons: The six (6) elected deacons (two elected each year) shall seek to promote the spiritual interest of the church. The members of this board shall take heed to the high calling of their office, guarding and looking after the spiritual interest of the church. The deacons together with the pastor shall minister the spiritual interests of the church and community. They shall assist in caring for the poor, the sick, the sorrowing, the shut-ins, the indifferent and the stranger. The deacons shall visit the members, the sick, and especially care for those of the church and community who have special needs. They shall prepare and maintain the altar and sanctuary for all services including making arrangements for flowers for each Sunday. They shall organize, schedule and train all Acolytes. They shall make regular reports at the quarterly business meetings regarding the spiritual welfare of the church." Hence, being active in the affairs of the church and attending the business meetings is a prerequisite.

The work of the Deacon is critical to the ministry of the church. The Pastor needs men and women that will assist in this work. What is seen on Sunday morning should only be the tip of the iceberg to what the Deacon does throughout the week, ministering to the people. From time to time I give our Deacons a list of names and ask them to call them or visit

them to encourage them. Often I ask their opinion on how to handle a certain situation. At Deacon Meetings we discuss what needs there might be in the body and how to meet those needs. The Pastor alone cannot meet all the needs of a church. He must rely on the Deacons and Deaconesses. I Timothy 3:1 says: "If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task." Do you desire to be a Deacon, a servant, someone who can assist the Pastor and serve the people? Why not read I Timothy Chapter 3 where the scriptural qualifications are listed. God may need you in one of these positions.

And, oh yes, see you at the Business Meeting!

Construction Continues!



God is good!

Photo provided by Jo White



October 2009

Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service				1 Shirleen Dimmitt Kitty Bargeron 7:00 Business Meeting	2	3
4 Homecoming Sunday Carry-in lunch following worship service	5 7:00 Haiti Team Meeting	6 Sara Felz	7 Brad & Jan Clemons 7:00 Women's	8	9 Brice Crowel	10
11 Ron & Lonetta Felz Ralph Davis Youth Outing Following Church at Brenda Johns home	12 Jo White	13 Jan Clemons	14 Maxine White 7:00 Bible Study	15 Sue Armstrong	16	17 10:00-2:00 Fall Bazaar and Luncheon
18 Cleo & Shirleen Dimmitt	19	20 7:00 Deacon's Meeting	21 Shelly Davis 7:00 Bible Study	22	23	24 5:00-7:00 Fall Party- Community Welcome
25 Bryan & Stephanie Felz Judy Crowel	26	27	28 Bud & Arleen Stangle Paul Cotner Candice Kelly Mason Reese 7:00 Bible Study	29 Amy Spitzer Brenda Johns Ben & Amanda Anderson Jim & Donna Hufford	30 Brad & Heather Dimmitt	31 Happy Halloween
1 Lindsay Hanna	2	3	4 Ashley Striegel 7:00 Women's Fellowship	5	6 Elliot Kelly	7

November

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Golden Agers

~Submitted by Della Dill

Debbie Schultz was a visitor with her father, Jonah Peterson, at the September Golden Age lunch held at USA Family Restaurant in Monticello. Arleen Stangle offered prayer before the meal. Her birthday was the following Saturday, the 12th. Dieter Hantschel had devotions from Luke 15:1-7 with concluding verse, "Joy

shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over the ninety-nine righteous persons, who need no repentance." (or as the Living Bible translates, "Heaven will be happier over one lost sinner who returns to God than over ninety-nine others who have not strayed away!") His animal story illustrated this and a brief prayer was added. Dieter called attention to the fact that this date was the ninth day

of the ninth month of 2009. He also added a poem about our medicine that made all the Golden Agers smile with understanding. October 14th is the next lunch meeting, also at USA Family Restaurant. Della Dill read, "Each Day Brings a Chance to do Better" and she will provide devotions next time. Mark your calendar. Come join us then!

Each Day Brings A Chance To Do Better

How often we wish for another chance to make a fresh beginning.

A chance to blot out our mistakes and change failure into winning—

And it does not take a special time to make a brand-new start,

It only take the deep desire to try with all your heart to live a little better and to always be forgiving And to add a little "sunshine" to the world in which we're living—

So never give up in despair and think that you are through,

For there's always a tomorrow and a chance to start anew.

—Helen Steiner Rice

*F*AITH sees what your physical eyes can never see;

*F*AITH knows what your natural mind can never comprehend;

*F*AITH possesses what your physical arms can never hold.

Thank You!

The youth would like to thank everyone who supported their luncheon on Sept. 13th.

We are so grateful for the support all year round. Without your support we would not be able to do many of the events during the year.

This past year your support has helped us:

1. Attend church camp
2. Do a lock in at the church
3. Go on an overnight trip (we slept in a church basement) to Holiday World
4. Never two young retreat and/or Fusion

Thank you again!

The Youth

Women's Fellowship-September '09

Women's Fellowship met at the home of Lonetta Felz on September 9, 2009. The ladies enjoyed FELLOWSHIP over their sack lunches they had brought to exchange.

Cards were passed to be signed for several people. We were also reminded to do acts of kindness for others with prayer, card, visit or a gift.

Stephanie Felz gave devotions. Mark 4:19, II Tim. 2:4, & John 10:10 were read. Simplify your life. Spend time in prayer. God wants you to enjoy life. Balance your life. Seek God early each morning. Stephanie then gave the history of the song, Sing of My Redeemer.

Roll Call was answered with what is your hobby. We learned things about each other that had we not been at Women's Fellowship we would not know. Join us next month at the home of Stephanie Felz on October 7 at 7:00 so that you will get to know the ladies in the church through FELLOWSHIP.

Secretary and Treasurers reports were read. Our balance is very low and we talked about ways we might raise some money before our October 17th Bazaar & Luncheon. Committees reports: Material Aid: Asked us to think about doing a party at the Veterans Home.

Bridal Shower: On November 1st with carry-in after church for Jamie & Melanie Campbell.

Mother Daughter Friend Banquet was talked about. We would like to continue with the men preparing and serving the banquet. We were asked to think about changes we might like to make.

Join us next month to FELLOWSHIP and to hear what Janet Hildreth has to share with us about her work on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. We are to bring women's personal items or diapers for Pine Ridge.

Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, But faith looks up!

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in our Creator who loves us.

For the Young at Heart



The Woodpecker Might Have To Go!

Everything we need to know about life, can be learned from Noah's Ark .

One : Don't miss the boat.

Two : Remember that we are all in this together.

Three : Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four : Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five : Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six : Build your future on high ground.

Seven : For safety sake, travel in pairs.

Eight : Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

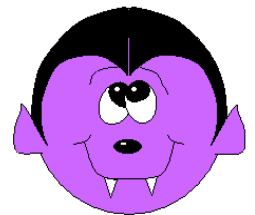
Nine : When you're stressed, relax and float a while.



Ten : The Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

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black	ghost	pumpkin
broom	ghoul	spider
candy	monster	spooky
carving	moon	treats
children	mummy	vampire
costume	October	witch
Frankenstein	orange	




The Fall Party will be on Saturday, October 24th, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. We'll have activities, games, nacho's and cheese will be served, and there will be a treat bag for the kids to take home. Any dessert treats would be welcomed. If you have any questions, see Stephanie Felz.


Youth Holiday Word Trip

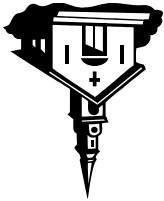
-Shannon Kelly

On Friday July 31st, we headed off for an overnight trip to Holiday World. 9 Youth Members and 5 adult chaperones traveled to Santa Claus Indiana. To the great efforts of the youth counsel leader, Danielle Kelly, we were able to spend the evening in the Santa Claus United Methodist Church. The kids quickly adopted the teen room as ours for the evening. We unwound by playing some games before lights out.

Bright and early Saturday morning, we awoke to the sounds of the Church's praise band. We then prepared for our day ahead, and made our way across the street to Holiday World. Everyone agreed to ride the Pilgrim's Plunge together, however it wasn't open just yet, so we made our way over to "The Voyage" for the start of our day. Luckily, Kenny Hill was able to repair his glasses after the ride. Be wary though, taking a trip like this, and make sure one of the teens doesn't wait until you are completely fastened in to a roller coaster to tell you this is the first roller coaster they had ever ridden. (Of course we started with the biggest one first!) We then traveled to the Pilgrim's Plunge, and learned that the warning was correct "**You will get wet!**" Then after lunch, everyone enjoyed some of the water slides and the wave pool.

As an adult without any teens at home, I can say I was nervous about spending a weekend with "teens only" but they were wonderful to spend some time with and get to know better! I guess I'll let my own kids grow up after all!

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:

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Mae Ferrier
Monticello Healthcare
Center
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Monticello IN 47960
(Judy Crowel's mother)

Mary Rishel
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Delphi, IN 46923
(Marlene Joseph's
mother)

Tad Walkup
Indiana Veterans Home
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302
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James Bailey
Whispering Pines, 410
Tioga Road, Room D-3

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(Amy Spitzer and
Brenda Johns grandfa-
ther)

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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. 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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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!

