

NOVEMBER
2009

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

Getting to Know You...

Chuck and Sara McManus

Chuck and Sara met on line in 2005. After talking for three years, they decided to meet in person in Indiana. They were married on December 27th, 2008.

Chuck is the grandson of Leon Mc Manus. He has two children, Denise and Eric. Denise is married to Shane Spencer and they have a son, Landon. Eric is 18 and lives at home with Chuck and Sara. Chuck is a farmer.



Sara was born in Peru. When she was 16 she moved Argentina. She went to school and got a degree in Auctioneering and Real Estate. She worked in the cattle business for 14 years. She married and had 3 children. Luciana who is married with 2 children and lives in Argentina. Nadia who is married and lives in Los Angeles and Leonardo who lives in Peru. **THEY ARE A MULTICULTURAL FAMILY !!!!!**

In 1988 Sara went back to Peru where she worked as a clothing store manager for 12 years. It was at this time that she got divorced. She went back to college and got her degree in Tourism. She worked as hotel manager for 3 years during the summer time. She also worked as a real estate agent by Caldwell Banker until January 2009.

She has been a volunteer with American Field Service for 14 years in Peru. She loves to do social work and working with teenagers.

Their lives have changed a lot in the last year. They attend church regularly at Hickory Grove Church . They have a great family and their children get along very well. They have met great new friends at Church and at the Delphi Public Library book club. Thanks to Ruth Crown (who has adopted Sara) Sara is a member of the Carroll County Extension Homemakers. Sara likes to help people. If anyone is interested in learning to speak Spanish, learn about South America or just needs a new friend please, let her know!

Upcoming Events

- 2nd 7:00 Youth Council Mtg.
- 4th 7:00 Women's Fellowship-Helen Hanna's home
- 7th 4:30-7:00 Ham and Bean Supper to Benefit the Haiti Mission Team
- 8th After Church-Youth wrap shoe boxes
- 11th 7:00 Bible Study
- 15th After Church-Youth to Soldiers Home
- 17th 7:00 Deacon's Mtg.
- 18th 7:00 Bible Study
- 25th 7:00 Pie & Praise

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.

Hickory Switch



Check out our website at www.hickorygrove.info

Church Membership

When someone starts attending Hickory Grove, does that automatically make that person a member? What about when someone gets saved or baptized? Does that automatically make them a member? The answer to these questions is no. Membership is a separate act just as salvation and baptism are separate acts. Also, becoming a member does not guarantee salvation. Salvation is only afforded through the blood of Christ.

1) Why have membership? During the year, we have Quarterly Business Meetings. It is at these meetings that important decisions are made. Here it is voted on who is going to hold positions of leadership in the church, and other things such as how money is going to be spent (the budget). At times, special meetings are held to vote on things that come up unexpectedly. A vote of the membership is taken in securing of the Pastor. If there are not membership requirements, anyone, in essence, could walk in off the street and vote. Becoming a member gives a person the privilege to vote on these important decisions. There are even restrictions on the frequency of attendance of members to avoid “dropping in” just to vote on a certain issue.

2) What is necessary to become a member at Hickory Grove Church? This is out-lined in our Church Constitution last amended in October 2005 in Article V.

Article V – Membership

Section 1: Any person not a member of any church may become a member of this church by confession of faith and by publicly answering in the affirmative the following questions:

A. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Savior of the world?

B. Do you accept Him as your personal Savior and in all things earnestly strive to do His will?

C. Do you promise to support the Hickory Grove Church by your regular attendance at public worship and with your gifts and talents according to your abilities?

Section 2: Members in good standing in any church may become members of this church by subscribing to this constitution and reaffirming their faith.

Section 3: Before being received into membership, any person not previously baptized shall receive Christian baptism in any customary manner desired.

Section 4: Members are expected to be faithful in all of the spiritual duties essential to the Christian life, to attend regularly the services of the church, to pray for the church and its ministry, to give of time, talents, and/or tangible resources, and to be tolerant and accepting of those who carry out these duties to a lesser degree than themselves.

Section 5: Members of this church may receive letters of recommendation to any church to which they may desire a transfer of membership.

Section 6: Believing that the hope of the future depends upon the spiritual guidance of our children, the church admonishes its members to lead them in Christian living and urges parents to present them in dedication and or Christian baptism.

Constitutions are available on a rack in the foyer. In a nutshell, you must be a Christian; a born again believer. You must publicly pledge your promise to support the church through attendance, gifts and talents. You must be willing to profess that faith publicly. Also you must have been baptized or become baptized.

3) What are the steps to become a member? A good starting point is to contact the Pastor. Talking with the Pastor will help insure that all of your questions are answered before joining. This will help avoid any awkward moments later. Once these criteria have been established, a person can put in membership on any Sunday. It is a matter of coming to the front and answering the questions publicly as they are listed in the Constitution.

4) Why become a member? Greater than receiving the privilege to vote, you are making the statement that says: “I believe in what is going on here and I want to commit myself to the future of this church”. You are saying: “I want to be more involved in the church and the leadership of it.”

5) But what if someday I move away? It would be the desire of the church that if you move away you would find a new church home and commit yourself to that church. There are provisions made in the Constitution to transfer memberships to and from other churches. This helps to keep all church rolls accurate.

6) How can I find out if I am already a member? If you are not sure whether or not you are a member, contact Pat Cotner. She is the Clerk of the church. She has been entrusted with the official documents of the church that pertain in memberships, deaths, and other timely events. She will be able to check the church rolls for you.

7) Conclusion. Whether you are a member or not, you are a valuable part of the body of Christ here at Hickory Grove. You cannot be anymore loved than you already are. Our desire is that you feel welcomed and loved here.



November 2009

Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends Lindsey Hanna	2 7:00 Youth Council Mtg. Bill Chanley	3	4 7:00 Women's Fellowship-Helen Hanna's home Ashley Streigel	5	6 Elliott Kelly	7 4:30-7:00 Ham and Bean Supper to Benefit the Haiti Mission Team
8 After Church-Youth wrap shoe boxes	9	10 Veteran's Day	11 7:00 Bible Study Steve & Angie Altman Brad Dimmitt	12 	13	14 Jacob Barnes Katy Neal
15 After Church-Youth to Soldiers Home Teresa Alexander	16 Bob Blount Eric Criswell	17 7:00 Deacon's Mtg.	18 7:00 Bible Study	19 Brian Cain Steve Altman	20 Wanda Gayer	21 Rick & Teresa Alexander Dee Davis Angela Dill
22	23 Jim & Donna Mikesell	24 Ron & Deb Hivley Ralph & Dee Davis	25 7:00 Pie & Praise Chester & Dianne Reagan	26  Ruth Crown Phil Criswell Thanksgiving	27	28
29 Sherman & Becky Sheets	30	1	2 7:00 Women's Fellowship	3 Ann Hanna	4 Dreamer's Class – Christmas Dinner at Ken and Trina's Jo Dill	5 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

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Women's Fellowship-October 2009

Women's Fellowship met at the home of Stephanie Felz on October 7, 2009. We were pleased to have some new ladies join us this month. We hope you can fellowship with us next month at the home of Helen Hanna.

Cards were passed to be signed.

Jo White gave devotions on Plowing, Planting, Weeding and Harvesting. We must plant good seeds, be patient and trust God for a good harvest in all that we do in life.

Stephanie gave the history of the song *Thou Are Wor-thy*. Written by Pauline Mills taken from Revelations 4:11.

Secretary & Treasurers reports were read.

2010 officers were presented by the nominating committee of Jo White & Vicki Criswell.

President-Judy Crowl

Vice President & Publicity-Jo White

Secretary & Treasurer-Lonetta Felz

Asst. Secretary & Treasurer-Shannon Kelly

Chorister Stephanie Felz

Asst. Chorister-Helen Hanna.

Janet Hildreth was our guest speaker. She talked about her mission trips to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Life on the reservation of 3,468 sq. miles is difficult. Unemployment is 75%, temps are -35 to 115 degrees,

18" of rain per year. Most homes have no water, sewers or electric. The ladies do bead work and make quilts to sell. There are College Centers like Ivy Tec that any one on the reservation can attend. Janet and her husband have been going since 2000 along with 25 high school age children that pay \$400 to go. While there they do all any project that might need done.

Final plans were made for the upcoming Bazaar & Luncheon held on October 17th.

We have a new chef for the Mother~Daughter~Friend Banquet.

It was decided to have a Christmas dinner and party for Emmaus Mission in December. Plan to fellowship with us at the next meeting so you can get the details of the party.

There will be a bridal shower for Jamie & Melanie Campbell on November 1 with a carry-in after church. We hope you can join them.

Our next fellowship meeting will be on November 4th, 6:30 at Helen Hanna's home. We will be sharing a Thanksgiving dinner. We are to bring items for two service boxes so that they can be packed, sent and received by Christmas for Sam Anderson and Chad Smith.

Our Thank Offering will be collected.

Plan to join us for fellowship and a great meal.

Golden Agers

~By Della Dill

Maxine White had her 94th birthday celebration with the Golden Age group at USA Family Restaurant in Monticello on October 14th. Her daughter Carolyn Pearson, baked and brought an apple-nut cake to share with those who attended. Jerry Dill, son of Don and Della was a guest also. Gary Reedy led the 18 of us singing "Happy Birthday" to Maxine.

Ruth Crawn had announcements and prayer.

After the meal Della Dill had devotions.

Psalms 23, verse 5 says "The Lord prepares a table before me...and my cup over runs."

She read a poem, "I'm drinking from my saucer, because my cup has overflowed."

November 11th at 11:30 is the next monthly lunch at USA Family Restaurant.

Mark your calendar. Invite someone to come with you.

Thought to remember: Do what you can with what you have where you are.

SHARE THE
SAVIOR

With someone you
know!

Drinking From My Saucer

I've never made a fortune
And it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much,
I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed.

I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's tough.
But I've got loved ones around me,
And that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings.
And the mercies he's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong,
My faith wore sometimes thin.
But all at once dark clouds broke,



And the sun peeped through again.
So God, help me not to gripe
About the tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

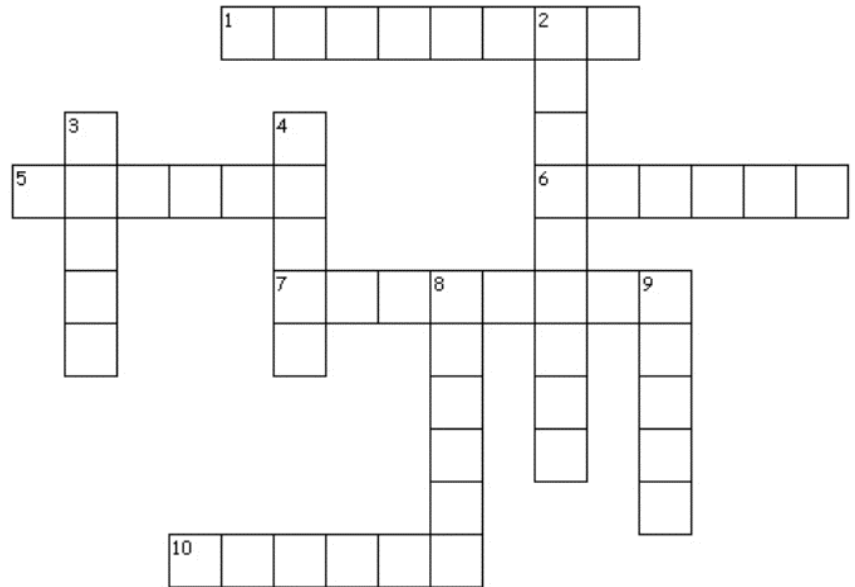
If God gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy
To help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

—John Paul Moore

The Holy Alphabet...

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
 Continue in thanks giving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
 Love imparts to thee
Move out of 'Camp Complaining'
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To 'thank' is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

Thanksgiving Crossword



Across

- 1. people who have migrated to a different land from where they were born
- 5. reddish growth that covers the throat and neck of a turkey
- 6. a Thanksgiving time of year
- 7. fills up the bird and then fills up the people
- 10. main course at Thanksgiving supper

Down

- 2. another word for family members
- 3. another name for corn
- 4. a celebration including large quantities of food
- 8. people we visit on Thanksgiving
- 9. yummy sauce to pour over turkey

Word List: autumn, family, feast, gravy, maize, relatives, settlers, stuffing, turkey, wattle



Construction Continues



The pocket doors have been dropped from the ceiling to close off the back section of the sanctuary and the old outside wall has been removed. The basement is taking shape. The new septic system has been installed.



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Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

Ralph and Dee Davis
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Monticello, IN 47960
574-583-7234

Mary Rishel
Carroll Manor
640 W 100 N
Delphi, IN 46923
(Marilyn Joseph's mother)

Tad Walkup
Indiana Veterans Home
3851 North River Road
Mitchell 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.

We can be reached at:

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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!



In your Moment of Need...



In your moment of need please feel free to call:

Pastor Ken Smith
Phone: 574-826-4307
Pager: 574-722-0173

Or one of our Deacons:
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