

JULY
2009

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

Vacation Bible School

Crocodile Dock ~ Fear Not!!!

This year's VBS program was Crocodile Dock- where fearless kids shine God's light! We had an awesome time exploring the hokey bad jokey swamp. We learned about the hard jobs that Moses had to perform for God.

We even had a special visit from pharaoh on night 2!

This was a growing time for all the kids and adults involved. We had an average of 45 kids per day, our biggest day had 48 kids Plus 27 adult volunteers! If you missed out on the fun this year, don't worry, VBS will come around next summer, and it is never too early to plan! I've already seen next year's theme, let's just say you better have your sea legs about ya!



We collected money to buy uniforms for children in Costa Rica to allow them to go to school. It costs \$40 per uniform. I didn't make a goal and then on the first night two girls said we ought to shoot for 10 uniforms. and we ended up collecting \$450 enough for 11 uniforms!

Thanks to all the volunteers and children, and parents who lent us your children for VBS. We had a wonderful time!



"Did you know....?"

" by the time you receive this newsletter, our building expansion project will have started! What a blessing to be a growing Church!"

Upcoming Events

- July 2 - Business Meeting 7:00
- July 4 - Car Wash 10:00-2:00 at Fairnet
- July 5 - "Resurrection"
- July 6 - Haiti Team Meeting 7:00
- July 11 - Emmaus Work Day 9:00-???
- July 21 - Deacon Meeting 7:00
- July 23 - Sewing for Haiti 9:00-1:30
- July 26 - Ice Cream Social 4:00-6:00
- July 31 - Holiday World Trip



Hickory Switch



Check out our website at www.hickorygrove.info

A Work in Progress

Wet weather and the legal process has delayed the beginning of our construction. By the time this edition of the Hickory Switch is printed we will hopefully have broken ground. It will be what is called "a work in progress". First, the sod will be torn up. Then cement trucks will be pouring. Blocks will be stacked up and finally a floor will be down. Then it will begin to have some structure. Walls will go up and then we will wonder: "Is it ever going to be finished?" Then one day the wall will be knocked out between the old and the new. There are going to be some inconveniences for a while. We will need to use different entrances and exits than we normally would. There will be times when we may have to come in and dust our seats off a little. Volunteers may be needed on some days. There will be setbacks and problems arise that will have to be solved. But, hey, that is a work in progress.

So it is with our spiritual lives. When we come to Jesus, we are a construction site; a work in progress. When we start out, God needs to dig down into the fiber of our being and make room for the new. Some things have to go. Digging is uncomfortable. We often don't know what God will uncover and need to remove from us. For some of us trucks are sometimes needed to haul off the extra baggage. That makes room for a pouring in of the Holy Spirit. We must have a solid foundation on which to build. Then comes the building process. We add spiritual building blocks to our faith daily as we grow in Him. We learn the lessons from the scriptures and apply them to our life. We finally begin to look like we have some structure in our life. People can observe us and realize that yes, we too, are a work in progress. We begin in ourselves to wonder if we will ever get to where God wants us to be. It is a long process, a lifetime actually. And yes, there are walls that have remained in tack that will eventually be knocked out to make way for God's love to flow through us. There will be some inconveniences we will have to learn to deal with to cope with our everyday lives, we may find ourselves getting a little dusty and needing for us to brush up a little. There are days that we will need some volunteer help along the new path of life that we have chosen. And just like in any work in progress, there will be setbacks. We will fall short of the goal and need to go back to the drawing board to see where we went wrong.

Being a Christian is being truly a work in progress. Paul said it well to the Philippians in chapter 3 verses 12-14. "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

As we grow together physically, a work in progress, let us continue to grow together spiritually, a work in progress.

Church Camp at Merom

Hickory Grove helped send 13 of our youngsters to camp at Merom this last week. Evan and Owen Crowel, TJ Spitzer, Melanie and Jackie Johns, Haley and Sidney Wharff, Coral Sparks, Nicole and Josh Cain, Jordan Campbell, Kerrigan Dimmitt and Destiny Gunter. They would like to thank everyone who supported their money making efforts to allow them to go!





July 2009

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Chad & Danielle Wharff 7:00 Business Meeting	3	4  Andy & Danielle Kelly 10:00-2:00 Car Wash at Fairnet
5 John Crowel "Resurrection"	6 7:00 Haiti Team Meet-	7 Shirley Inman	8 Dieter & Shirley Hantschel	9	10	11 Jonah Peterson Evan Crowel 9:00-Emmas Work Day
12 Gary Reedy Bob & Mary Blount	13	14 Jesse Kelly	15 Della Dill	16	17	18
19 Bob & Jo White	20	21 7:00 Deacon Meeting	22 Gary & Martha Reedy Joan Elston	23 9:00-1:30 Sewing for Haiti	24 Martha Reedy	25 Sherry Hantschel
26 4:00-6:00 Ice Cream So-	27	28	29 Kenny Hill	30	31 Pat Cotner Youth Holiday World Trip	1
2 Brian Felz	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Golden Agers

Submitted by Della Dill

Fourteen Golden Agers enjoyed their monthly lunch at Solomon's Grille in Delphi on Wednesday, June 10th.

Della Dill had announcements and read a poem, "Make Your Day Bright By Thinking Right." Phyllis Wise and Clara Hill were recognized for their birthdays; also Don and Della Dill were married 63 years this month.

After the meal, Bob Tobey provided a poem about "The Dash." On a tombstone is the year of birth, then a dash or hyphen, with the year of death, making that little dash the time of our life hereon earth. Then each one told what they are doing and enjoying in their retirement years now.

Dieter Hantschel shared some one-liners he had collected for our listening pleasure.

Reservations have been made at Sublette's on Sixth Street in Monticello for July 8th at 11:30. Arleen Stangle has volunteered to do devotions then.

Make Your Day Bright by Thinking Right

Don't start your day by supposin' that trouble is just ahead,
It is better to stop supposin' and start with a prayer instead,
And make it a prayer of Thanksgiving for the wonderful things
God has wrought.
Like a beautiful sunrise or sunset, "God's gifts" that are free and
not bought-
For what is the use of supposin' the dire things
That could happen to you
And worry about some misfortune that seldom if ever comes true-
But instead of just idle supposin' step forward to meet each new
day
Secure in the knowledge God's near you to lead you each step of
the way-
For supposin' the worst things will happen only helps to make
them come true
And you darken the bright, happy moments that the dear Lord
has given to you -
So if you desire to be happy and get rid of the misery of dread
Just give up supposin' the worst things and look for the best
things instead.

-Helen Steiner Rice

SHARE THE SAVIOR
With someone you know!

**"Many of our Youth participate in
Carroll and White County 4-H. Please check
out their projects at the local fairs".**

4H

Street Fair Photos



Fourth of July Word Ladder

Make your way from FLAG to FOUR by changing just one letter on each step to make a new word!

F L A G Cloth symbol.

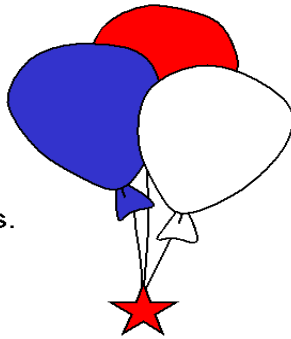
Smelted leftovers.

Slimy garden nuisance.

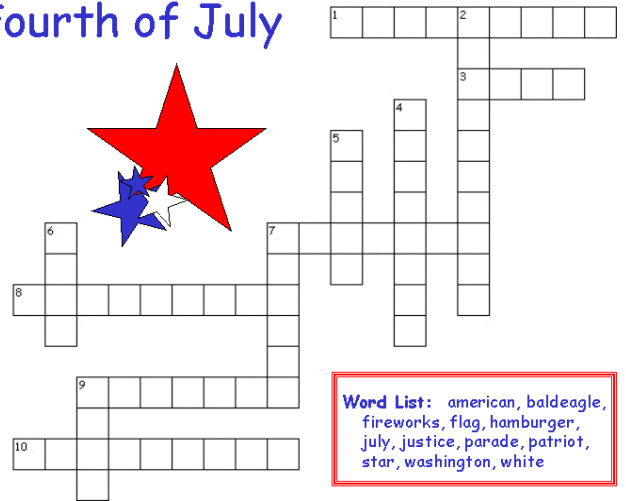
Unclear speech.

Rancid taste.

F O U R Two plus two.



Fourth of July



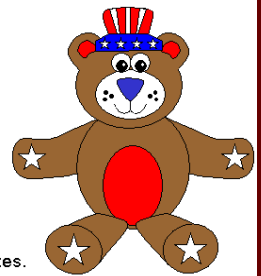
Word List: american, baldeagle, fireworks, flag, hamburger, july, justice, parade, patriot, star, washington, white

Across

- Exploding nighttime show.
- Geometric shape found on the American flag
- Someone who is devoted to their country.
- BBQ treat in a bun.
- Truth, _____, and the American way.
- National bird of the United States.

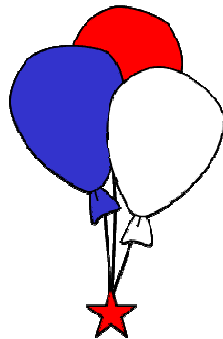
Down

- George or D.C.
- Common name for a citizen of the United States.
- Red, _____ and blue.
- flag I wave in the wind.
- Marching bands and costumed people in the streets.
- A patriotic summer month.



W S E S S S D N E B G E R D F
 Q A Z T U B A R F A C U T E J
 C J S M I C P I L L I L S M D
 A Z M H I H R F T D T B T E R
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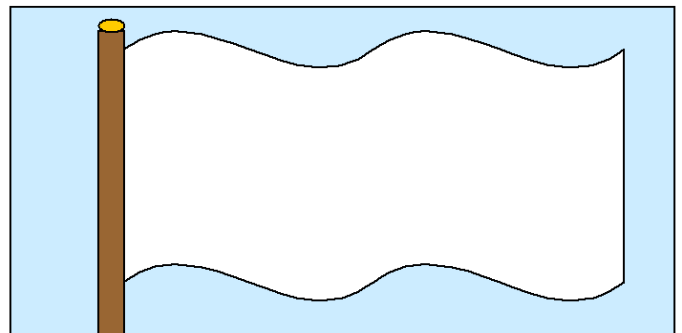
american
 bald eagle
 blue
 fireworks
 flag
 fourth
 july
 parade



patriotic
 red
 states
 summer
 united
 washington
 white

How many WORDS can you make from the words God Bless America!

Design what you think the American flag should look like. Think of American animals, American plants and places in the United States that you could draw onto your flag. Have fun!!!!



Happy 4th of July!



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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
1120 North Main
Room 127
Monticello IN 47960
(Judy Crowel's mother)

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.

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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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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!

