

Hickory Switch



Upcoming Events

- Jan 4 – Haiti Team Meeting
- Jan 6 – WF
- Jan 7 – Business Meeting 7:00
- Jan 13 - Bible Study
- Jan 19 – Deacon Meeting
- Jan 20 – Bible Study
- Jan 25 – Haiti Team Departs
- Jan 27 – Bible Study

“Did you know...”

Did you know that there are many committees within the Church that **You** would be perfect to serve on? If you want to start small, try the Christmas Party committee or the Christmas Decorating committee. Just takes a few hours of your time once a year but is very important!!

B~I~N~G~O WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP STYLE

The Women’s Fellowship hosted a Christmas Dinner and Bingo night at Emmaus Missions on December 12th. There was a great turnout of men, women and children to share the meal and fellowship. All the participants really seemed to enjoy the bingo games and, of course, the prizes! Thank you to everyone who made items for the meal and to Pat for the wonderful prizes.



Residents from Emmaus Mission enjoy a wonderful Christmas dinner and a round of BINGO!

MEN’S GROUP NEWS FOR JANUARY

Actually there is no news to report this month since we don’t have a men’s group. Ever think about having a group of men gather early one Saturday a month for coffee and to take on tasks and challenges needing done here at the church or at someone’s home? The needs are there, or here. Working together is a great way to build fellowship and camaraderie. If you feel led to lead such a venture, please contact the Pastor.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

The drywall work has begun in the basement and in the sanctuary the drywall is completed and painting is nearly done. Things are really taking shape! God is GOOD!



PASTOR'S PEN

APPROACHING 2010 WITH A PASSION

Have you ever thought about being vigilant in your faith. By that, I mean taking it so seriously that you would fear failing if not aggressively pursuing Jesus. Throughout the years we can become lackadaisical. After all we are saved by grace, so we don't need to worry about salvation. Right? But salvation through Christ is not a license to sit back and coast through life. Below is an excerpt from "The Bravehearted Gospel" by Eric Ludy.

"We have wholeheartedly embraced the sentiment, watercolor Jesus that seems to spend most of His time holding lambs and patting children on the head with some faraway, glazed-over, dreamy look in His eye. And we tend to shy away from, or altogether ignore, that man who spoke the truth of God so boldly that conspiracies were hatched, witnesses were bribed, and politicians were entreated to bring about His painful and public execution.

What do we do with this? What do we do with that side of Christ's message that brings about such a violent response from the culture and quite often from the church itself? What do we do with that Christ who puts down the lamb, mounts the temple steps with whip clenched in white-knuckled fists, and insists, as He turns over the tables of the moneychangers, that when it was written "My house shall be called a house of prayer" it was not a suggestion that was to be interpreted in the historical context of culture to which it was first written, but that it was the eternal command and declaration of the will of almighty God and it was to be obeyed? What do we do with This Jesus?"

Throughout the years have some have been pacified to the extent they believe that showing up at church once a month is reasonable Christian service? Just be good the rest of the time and grace will cover a multitude of sins? Many in the churches have been lulled to sleep. Being all we can be for Christ is hard work. Christianity is a life of service. The song says: Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun." Laboring together is the best way to get to know someone. You may think you know someone in church and find you get to know them better when one is washing dishes and the other is drying them. You get to know one better when you are holding the board in place while the other drives the nail.

Today's culture and many forms of government are constantly trying to push the message of Christ under the rug. No more public prayer "in Jesus name" or be subject to prosecution. No more Nativity Scenes on Courthouse lawns. Schools are beginning to label "Christmas Vacation" as "Winter Break". Cashiers are required to say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas". Some Denominations are changing the pronoun form of God to "Her" instead of "Him". Instead of Christ coming "to save us from our sins", some change it to "save us from our faults, failures and short-comings".

Does this anger you a little? I hope so. It is called righteous indignation. I hope you will be upset enough this year to take a stand for Christ. I pray many Fathers reading this will say: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." I hope we all will look into the future, just a little vigilant, and say: "This year I am going to make a difference for Christ". We take for granted that our church doors are and will always be open. That will happen as long as men and women of God keep them open. You say: "That could never happen here." Do you want to take the chance? Please join me this year in aggressively pursuing Christ. Make Sunday mornings a priority, not an option. Put the Bible on your "must read list". Come at 8:30 on Sunday mornings as we pray for our Worship Service. Please don't let it become one of those: "Looking back I guess I should have....."

~Pastor Ken







CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Approximately 25 people split up in 2 groups with 1/2 going to Delphi then cross country to Lake Cicott and the other 1/2 heading for Monticello. We all gathered back at Helen Hanna's house for a wonderful soup meal with all the trimmings!



January 2010

Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service					1 A HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Nick Spitzer
3 Jeremy Lantz 	4 Bryce Miller 7:00 Haiti Team Meeting	5 Dieter Hantschel	6 Rick Alexander 7:00 Women's Fellowship	7 7:00 Business Meeting	8	9 Shannon Kelly
10	11	12 Diana Bailey	13 Golden Ager's Luncheon- USA Family Restaurant 7:00 Bible Study	14	15 Susan Hill	16 
17 John Harvey	18 	19 7:00 Deacon's Meeting	20 Bud Stangle 7:00 Bible Study	21 Terry & Jo Dill	22 Bob White	23 Brian Clevenger Johnny Spencer
24 Melanie Campbell	25 Tom & Sue Armstrong Becky Sheets Haiti Team Departs	26	27 7:00 Bible Study	28	29 	30
31 	1 Andy Kelly	2 Leisha Hill	3 Marlita Joseph	4	5	6 Mike Spencer David Veach <i>February</i> Savannah Dill

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP-DECEMBER 2009

Women's FELLOWSHIP met at the home of Vicki Criswell's on December 2, 2009 with 15 present.

Devotions were given by Jo White from Chicken Soup from the Soul titled A Doll from Santa.

Stephanie Felz told the history of the song Away in a Manger. It was written in a Lutheran hymnal in 1885. The third verse was not written added until 1900 by a Methodist minister. She shared a CD of the song with us.

Cards were passed to be signed for a number of people. We enjoy staying in touch with these people. Roll call was answered with are you a wrapper or bagger. Most were baggers.

Secretary & Treasures reports were read and approved.

We will be going to Emmaus Mission on December 12 to serve dinner and play bingo. This is always a very enjoyable evening.

Brenda Johns volunteered to be secretary in 2009.

Trina Smith read the list of things that had been brought for the Haiti Mission Team in Nov. Thank

you to everyone who donates to the Haiti Mission Team .

Vick Criswell made a motion to donate \$500 to each White County & Carroll Count Food Pantry. Motion 2nd by Pam Simons. Motion passed. Helen Hanna made a motion to donate \$300 to the program Women Behind Bars Kids. There are 50 children with Mothers behind bars. This program will buy Christmas gifts for 50 children that have Mothers behind bars. Jo White 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

January hostess is Trina Smith place will be announced later depending on the weather. The meeting will be on January 6 at 7:00. Plan to start the New Year off with FELLOWSHIP.

Trina shared the story Before I Was A Mom and thanked us for our act of kindness and encouraged us to continue our acts of kindness.

Fifteen different kinds of cookies were enjoyed by all for refreshments. Everyone went home with a plateful of cookies for the holidays.

GOLDEN AGERS

By Della Dill

Sixteen Golden Agers met at noon, December 9th at the home of Bud and Arleen Stangle across from the City Park in Monticello fro their carry-in Christmas Dinner.

Arleen read from the Bible, Luke 2:1 to 20. From a children's book she read "The Animals on Christmas Eve" and from the Red Hat Society there was a poem.

LUKE 2:1 TO 20

"And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

So all went to be registered, everyone in his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night, And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Then the angel said to them "Do not be afraid, for behold,

Altogether the group sang "Silent Night".

There was a game of passing the gifts which had been brought for exchange.

In conclusion, deserts were enjoyed—a large apple pie made by Jonah Peterson with many cookies and candies furnished by others. Each one received a Christmas card from Stangle's as hosts of this gay event which celebrates the birth of our Savior.

I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

"For there is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this will be the sign to you: You will find the Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

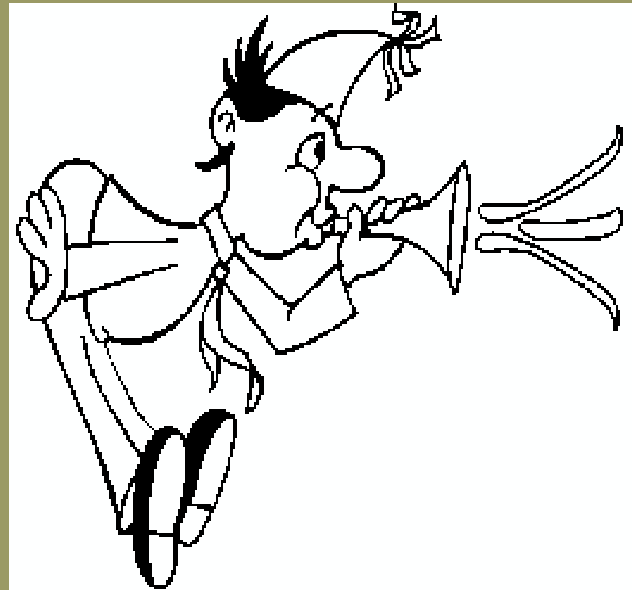
And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told to them.

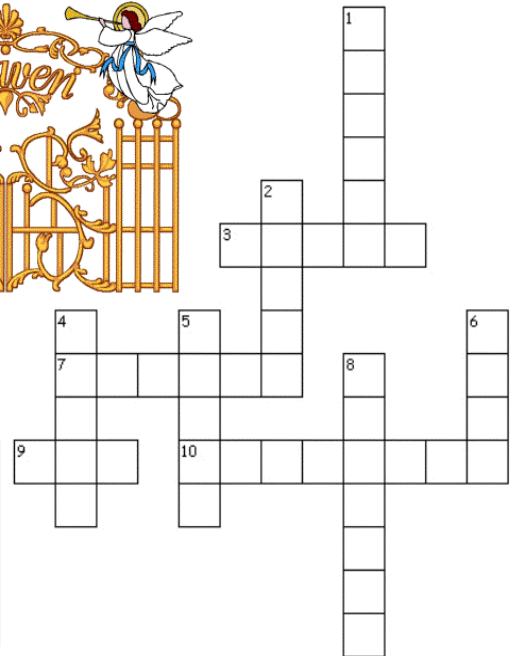
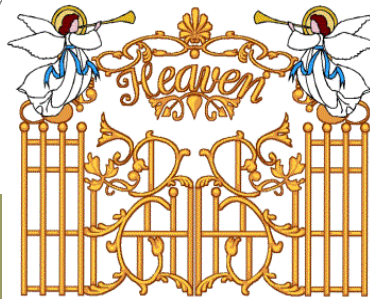
FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

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| Amazing | Night |
| Angels | Rewarded |
| Believe | Sadness |
| Church | Stones |
| Crown | Streets |
| Forever | Sin |
| Gates | Tears |
| Gold | Twelve |
| Light | Walls |
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Happy New Year!



- Word List:**
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 forever night
 tears gold

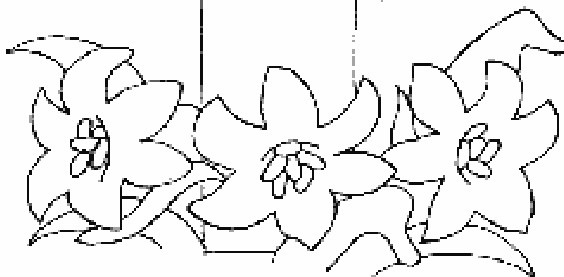
Across:

- No need for sleep which means only day and no more ____.
- The only way you can go to heaven is if you believe and ____ Jesus into your life.
- The old will be gone and everything will be made ____ again.
- By living like Christ wants us to on earth we will be ____ in heaven.

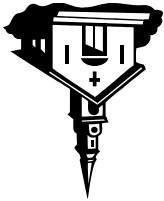
Down:

- This building won't exist in heaven because we won't need it.
- We won't need to turn on this because God will provide all we need to see.
- There will be twelve of these made of huge pearls.
- Without these we won't be able to cry because there is no crying in heaven.
- The streets will be made of pure ____.
- We will live ____ in heaven (a long long time).

JESUS
 LOVES ME



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Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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Mary Rishel
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(Marlene Joseph's
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(Amy Spitzer and
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In Your Moment of Need...



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Or one of our Deacons:
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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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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!

