

Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Switch

April
2010



Upcoming Events

- * April 1 – 7:00
Maundy-Thursday
Service
- * April 2 – Good Friday
- * April 3 – 2:00-3:30
Easter Party
- * April 4 – Easter Sun-
day/Communion
- * April 7 – 7:00
Women's Fellowship
- * April 8 – 7:00 Busi-
ness Meeting
- * April 10 – Packing
Trip to Anderson
- * April 11 – Davis Zach-
ary
- * April 14 – 7:00 Bible
Study
- * April 18 – Dedication
Service
- * April 21 – 7:00 Bible
Study
- * April 28 - 7:00 Bible
Study

"Did you know..."

our youth are providing the program for the Easter Sunrise service followed by a wonderful breakfast by the Hickory Helpers class. What a way to start such a blessed day of Celebration!

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Each of us has tools in our possession to build and shape the stuff in our lives. Come explore the hammers and screwdrivers God has given you!

Submitted By Della Dill

"Peek into my Pink Toolbox" was the title given the talk by Char Binkly at the Women's Retreat at the Monticello Christian Church on Saturday morning, March 6th.

It began with fruit, pastries and beverages provided by the committee there. Potted pansies decorated the tables. Each guest chose one to take home afterward. Four from Hickory Grove attended this delightful program—Wanda Gayer, Della Dill, Ruth Crown and Vicki Criswell.

The speaker talked about our "Expectations" in life; but then what really happens. I Corinthians 13:11 "When I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I became a woman my thoughts grew far beyond those of my childhood, and now I have put away my childish things." Jesus came to earth so that God of Heaven could come to earth and live through you and me.

In the second hour session she talked about "Handling Life's Hassles" and she used scripture from James 1:2-4 "Is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Count it all joy when you fall into various trials. Knowing this, that the testing of your faith works patience, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, lacking nothing."

She used two chairs to illustrate that we can sit and have conversation with God any time, and in conclusion was assurance that Jesus holds our hand through it all!

DEDICATION CEREMONY SCHEDULED

ON SUNDAY APRIL 18TH IN OUR 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE, OUR FOCUS WILL BE ON GIVING GOD THE THANKS AND PRAISE FOR THE BUILDING HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO US FOR HIS EDIFICATION AND GLORY. WE BELIEVE THIS ADDITION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH MORE PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL MESSAGE THAT JESUS LOVES THEM AND DIED ON A CROSS TO BRING THEM FORGIVENESS AND THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE.

“They that go down to the sea in ships...see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep. Psalms 107:23-24

PASTOR'S PEN

WE SERVE A RISEN SAVIOR

It is surely no coincidence, but part of God's plan, that Easter comes in the spring. It is a beautiful time of year. People gain renewed strength and energy. Those who felt like doing nothing suddenly feel like getting outside and doing things. Spring comes upon us suddenly. It seems like we just get up one day and the trees are budded. All of a sudden, without previous notice, there are flowers sticking out of the ground that weren't there the day before. We use the term spring has *broken forth*. *Breaking forth* has an emerging connotation. It is without previous notice.

Imagine on that 1st Easter morning, very early in the morning and the sun is just ready to sneak thru. The stone is still in front of the tomb and God works the greatest miracle known to man, the raising of Jesus from the dead to bring salvation to mankind. There are two pictures I would like to paint of this dramatic event (compare John 20:1-10 and Matthew 28:1-10). One, the stone slowly began to move, just in case someone was out there, Jesus peeks out the crack and decides: "It's safe now". He then tiptoes out so as not to make a sound. The second is the one I prefer to picture. The stone moves with such a force that the guards are scared to death, almost literally, and Jesus steps out with a shout of: "GLORY". God's plan of salvation to those who choose to repent of their sins and receive God's forgiveness through the atoning work of Jesus on the Cross is complete, finished, done, once and for all!!

That *breaking forth* of Salvation still comes to us when we take a good look at ourselves and realize that we are, in fact, miserable sinners. The advertisements today encourage us to get everything "we deserve". We deserve a new car, we deserve a good job, we deserve good health. Why? What did we ever do to deserve anything? When I look deeply into myself, the only thing I deserve is punishment for my sins. I really do deserve that. But because of what Jesus has done I receive forgiveness. I don't deserve it. It is a gift from God that came as a Baby in a Manger with a Mission on a Cross.

Throughout the Bible the words *break forth* are found repeatedly. Isaiah 44:23: "Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains..." Isaiah 49:13 "'Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing..." There are many people that walk around as if they just can't wait for this life to be over. A theme song from "Hee-Haw" always on their lips: "Gloom despair and agony on me, deep dark depression, excessive misery, if it weren't for bad luck I'd have no luck at all, gloom despair and agony on me."

Wherein is the answer? It is found in none other than Jesus Christ. When we open our hearts to Jesus and the Holy Spirit comes in, He brings joy. (Galatians 5:22). Listen to me Christian, joy is within you; sometimes we bury it deep under our trials and tribulations. The devil tries to suffocate our joy in despair. The answer is *break forth*. Just as spring *breaks forth* and we open the windows of our homes to the sunshine, we can open the doors of our hearts to God's sonshine. It is time to sing a new song. Psalm 96:1-2 tells us "O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; *show forth* His salvation from day to day".

Are you tired of singing the same old sad song? Then *break forth* into joy. No one can do it for you. The power to do so lies within you. It is a gift imparted by the Holy Spirit. Accept the gift. Be a tower of strength to your family and community and church. Don't think about it or wonder if the coast is clear. Don't be concerned if anyone can hear you. Go ahead, lift up your head, open your mouth and shout GLORY. You are probably thinking "I'd feel silly." Go ahead, do it, I double dog dare you! Rare back and shout GLORY! Break forth into joy! You won't find joy in a jar on a shelf or in a phone call, you will find it within you in the presence of God. GLORY!!!

~Pastor Ken



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7:00 Maundy- Thursday Service	2	3 2:00-3:00 Easter Party
4 Rob & Leisha Hill Easter (Communion)	5 Martha Robb	6	7 7:00 Women's Fellowship	8 7:00 Business Meeting	9	10 Erica Hill Packing trip to Anderson
11 Davis Zachary Brings the morning mes- sage Taco Bar Luncheon- immediately following Church	12	13 Coral Altman	14 Melanie Johns 7:00 Bible Study	15 Haley Wharff Kris Hanna	16	17 Emily Felz
18 Dedication Ser- vice	19	20 Lily Anderson	21 Ron Simons 7:00 Bible Study	22	23 Pam Simons	24 Rebecca Kelly
25 Owen Crowel	26 Patti Lashbrook	27	28 7:00 Bible Study	29	30 Coral Sparks	1
2	3	4	5 <i>May</i> Terry Dill 7:00 Women's Fellowship	6 Nathan Sparks Carol Tarver Darin Bishop	7 Bob Tobey	8

Check out our website at www.hickorygrove.info

"So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown." George Bennard 1912

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP-MARCH 2010

Women's Fellowship Met at Home of Judy Crowel on March 3, 2010

Judy Crowel, President, presided over the meeting. Judy opened with a reading from the book "Healthy Habits". Pam Simons gave devotions from the book "A Modern Mystic" by Frank Laubach. Frank's father said we must live life for God every moment of every minute of every day. 19 women answered roll call telling something about yourself that people at meeting might not know. It was very interesting.

Marlita Joseph, song leader, told us about the song "Jesus Never fails" written by Arthur A. Luther.

Clara Hill passed cards to be signed for the sick and shut-ins. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved with a March 1, 2010 balance in the treasury of \$981.49.

Marlita Joseph said that Carroll Manor really enjoyed getting the Valentine's last month to send to their family and friends.

Committee Reports were given. Material Aids stated that there will be a bake sale March 28th after church in the basement to raise money for the camp fund. Anyone may donate baked goods. There will be Sunshine Boxes for the next two Sundays for Teresa Alexander and Ann Conrad. A signup sheet was passed around for meals to be taken in the next two weeks for Teresa Alexander. They will be taken every other day. Sara McManus did library report on the book "Life of PI."

It was reported that family night will be at 6:00 p.m. not 5:00 p.m. as reported in bulletin and newsletter. The Veach children will be doing devotions.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Mother, Daughter, & Friends Banquet was discussed. It was decided to charge \$3.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child for meal this year. Gloria Wharff and Danielle Wharff will be in charge of the prizes. It was also decided that we will decorate the tables this year by a family or a group of friends being responsible for a table. They will then chose a theme and decorate the table for that theme. There will be a signup sheet posted for the different tables.

The kitchen will need to be totally cleaned after carpet is laid. A signup sheet was passed around to get started with the names and locations people wanted to clean.

Relay for Life was discussed. It was decided to sell books donated from the cancer society over the next few months to raise additional money for Relay for Life above and beyond the fee of \$10.00 per person. Judy Crowel and Diane Bailey are in charge of this committee. Diane Bailey told of the Gift of Hope project where daffodils are bought and given to in patients or patients with cancer. It was voted to give \$200 to the Gift of Hope.

Real Hope For Haiti has a site on the Wal-Mart site (go to Wal-Mart, then gift registry, Davis Zachary), and you will see a list of "wish" items they would like to have. If you would like to buy an item it will be sent to Haiti postage covered by another organization.

The next meeting will be at the home of Marilyn Crowel on April 7th.

There being no other business, Collect was read and refreshments were served by Judy Crowel and Jo White.

Submitted by Acting Secretary: Lonetta Felz

GOLDEN AGERS

Submitted by Della Dill

On a windy, spring-like day in March, ten Golden Agers met for lunch at USA Family Restaurant in Monticello.

After the meal, Ruth Crawn read an amusing poem about "Cold Feet in Bed." Della Dill read a list of "Capsule Sermons." Ruth quoted a Bible verse from Ecclesiastes 11:1 "Cast your bread upon the waters; for you shall find it after many days," or in the Living Bi-

ble it says, "Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later."

Then several who were there remembered examples from their own life and the reward that came to them afterward.

Golden Agers will meet April 14th at 11:30 at USA Restaurant again.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART



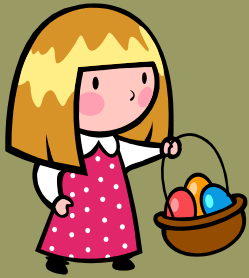
Fusion
High School Youth Conference
March 26-27, 2010

“FUSION is a campus movement dedicated to moving students closer to Christ. When we encounter God, He consumes us and we become more and more like Him.”

Jesse and Shannon Kelly chaperoned an overnight retreat with some of our high school youth this weekend. They attended Fusion, hosted by Indiana Wesleyan University. Their hope is that students will go and experience God's power at work and leave ready to live the transformation!

Easter Egg Hunt

2-3:30 April 3rd. Open to community, bring a friend. We will have games and refreshments in addition to the Egg Hunt. Questions contact Shannon or Brenda.



Taco Bar Luncheon

April 11th Dreamers Class is sponsoring Taco Bar luncheon fundraiser for camp fund. All campers will be expected to work and bring a desert per family.



Spring is a Gift

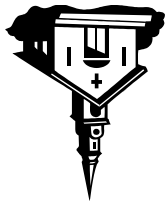
*What a delightful gift is spring
When flowers bloom and songbirds sing,
When the air is warm and fresh and sweet
And I feel promise beneath my feet.*

*Trees wear shades of bright green lace
And showers come to wash their face.
Each and every spring I see
I know is a gift from God to me.*

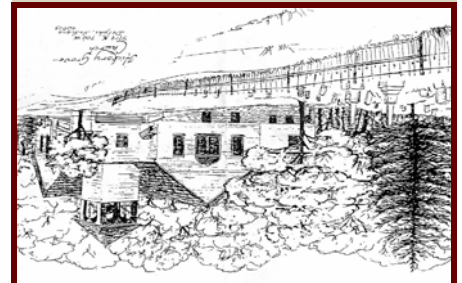
-Bernice Maddux



Haiti team members Pastor Ken Smith, Pat Cotner, Ron Holt and Jamie Campbell pose for one last picture before taking off for this year's trip to Haiti on March



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Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

Ralph and Dee Davis

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Mary Rishel

Carroll Manor
6409 W 100 N.
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(Marlene Joseph's
mother)

Tad Walkup

Indiana Veterans Home
3851 North River Road
MacArthur 3-AB-Room 302
West Lafayette, IN 47906

James Bailey

Whispering Pines, 410
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(Amy Spitzer and
Brenda Johns grandfather)

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In Your Moment of Need...



In your moment of
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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!

