

Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Switch

August
2010



Upcoming Events

Aug 1 - Jr/Sr High School Pool Party
Aug 14 - Haiti Team serving Breakfast in Idaville
Aug 17 - 7:00 Deacon Mtg
Aug 21 - Packing in Anderson??
Aug 22 - Indians Baseball Game
Aug 28 - Packing in Anderson??

"Did you know..."

The *Heritage Nook* was taken down for the new building addition and was voted on at business meeting to put back up with some restrictions. The pictures and memorabilia will be limited to the "history" of the Church itself and former Pastors. Items not being returned to Heritage Nook are available in Fellowship Hall for people who would like them. Remaining photo's will be put in photo album and kept at the Church."

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Scott and Beth Jones And son, Cody Koedam

Scott was born and raised in Logansport, Indiana. Graduated from Logansport High School in 1983 and is employed by the City of Logansport Fire Dept.

Beth was born and raised in Northwest Iowa. Graduated from Boyden-Hull High School (Hull, Iowa) in 1990 and the University of Texas in Arlington (Fort Worth, TX). Beth and Cody moved to Indiana in 1996. She is employed by Republic Services-2nd largest solid waste company in the U.S.

Cody will be a senior at Logansport High School this coming fall. Cody enjoys kicking for the Logansport HS football team.

After a death in the family this past winter....we were blessed to meet Pastor Ken. Coming to Hickory Grove Church has been a blessing to our family. Everyone has made us feel very welcomed and we look forward to coming church each week. We really look forward to getting to know everyone. God has truly blessed us with a wonderful church family.

God Bless
Scott, Beth and Cody



DCSC Superintendent's Prayer Breakfast

Delphi Community School Corporation has held a prayer breakfast and program for the past couple of years. It has been well attended and we encourage you to participate. There are usually several speakers and some musicians who participate in the program. Our Mission & Outreach has chosen to sponsor this program in the past and again this year with a donation. We would like to see it continue. You can attend just the program or the program and breakfast. This year, the DCSC Superintendent's Prayer Breakfast, is to be held on August 11th at 7 a.m.

‘He shall have domain...from sea and from river to river unto the ends of the earth.’ P.SALM 72:8

PASTOR’S PEN

The Half-Hearted Usher

I recently had the opportunity to officiate a wedding. Rehearsal was the night before, as is customary. It was a large group so I instructed them that they would “really” need to pay attention because we only had one hour to rehearse. While I was identifying who was doing what, one usher said: he didn’t know if he was going to participate at the wedding. Not being able to depend on him, I assigned duties to the other ushers. Everyone was very attentive and rehearsal went great. The next day at the wedding, the usher who was unsure, decided he wanted to participate. Very gracefully and kindly, the other ushers allowed him to do some of what they were supposed to do. Now some things are not noticeable at a wedding, others stand out like a sore thumb, especially when you are standing in front of, or “suppose to be” standing in front of all the guest. It soon became apparent that the undecided usher had not been paying attention during rehearsal. I think it was more embarrassing to him than to the rest of the party.

So what is the moral to this story? The dead give away was when he said: “he didn’t know if he was going to participate”. It became obvious by his actions, or lack of, that he was uncommitted. Because of his lack of commitment, 1) he felt out of place, 2) he left someone else in an awkward position and 3) everyone watching had to notice. Romans 12:4 tells us: “Just as each one of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others”. I Corinthians 12:12 reiterates: “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body”. In essence: we need each other! We function best as a team!

Where are you in this wedding party? This wedding party, we people of the church if you would, is the bride of Christ. Do you come to rehearsal and pay attention to what is going on? Have you accepted your responsibilities in being a part or are you just a casual observer? Do you wait until the last minute, as the usher did, as to whether you want to be involved or not? Or, are you undecided if you want to participate? Indecision about whether to participate in the wedding party, or lack of desire and enthusiasm to participate in prayer times, Sunday School, Worship Services, Business Meetings, leadership positions and other church activities can leave you feeling and looking like the undecided usher.

You may wonder: “Does it make any difference if I am there or not”? It does! “Will anyone notice?” They will! What would happen if a Sunday School Teacher just did not show up? We would survive; it just makes it difficult on others. What would happen if the music team did not show up; what if they all decided to go for a Sunday morning drive together and have a picnic? Would we survive? Sure, but with difficulties. Would it leave people in an awkward position? Yes! Would anyone notice? Yes! We are all part of the body of Christ. When someone is not here, someone else is affected one way or another.

Simply put, do you need to make up your mind that you want to be in the Wedding Party; or not? Once you have decided you do, you will have the wonderful opportunity of positively affecting someone else’s life. If you think you have nothing to do in the body, you are mistaken. You wonder if you are important? Try picking up a dime without using your thumb. You will find out how important your thumb is. If you are right handed, try brushing your teeth with the left hand? Or try combing your hair with the other hand. God has a plan and a place, a job or an opportunity for everyone in the body of Christ. Come Sunday and jump in with both feet!!! Welcome to the wedding party!

~Pastor Ken

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Kerrigan Dimmitt Jr/Sr High Pool Party	2 Bryan Felz	3 Cleo Dimmitt Jennifer Dill	4	5	6 Jeanne Potts Brennan & Kitty Bargeron	7
8 Jay & Debbie Blackburn Kym Stangle	9 Vera Chanley Kevin & Patti Lashbrook Stephanie Spencer Heather Dimmitt	10 Ruth Crowel	11 Dianne Reagan 7 a.m.-DCSC Superintendent's Prayer Breakfast	12 Don Dill	13 Vicki Criswell Jean Barnes	14  Haiti Team serving Breakfast in Idaville
15	16 Jean Marion Walter Potts	17 Donna Mikesell Sharon Lantz 7:00 Deacon Mtg	18 Danielle Wharff Skip Barnes	19	20	21 Dick & Jean Marion Larry Jenkins Packing in Anderson??
22 Indians Baseball Game	23	24	25	26 Vicki Sickler TJ & Megan Barrett Denise Serpe	27	28 Vernie & Vicki Criswell Paula Foster Packing in Anderson??
29 Ivan Veach	30	31	1	2	3	4 Justin Wharff
<i>September</i>						

GOLDEN AGERS

Submitted by Della Dill

Only 8 were in attendance at the Golden Age lunch at USA Family Restaurant on July 14th but three of them had birthdays this month! - John Crowel, Jonah Peterson and Della Dill. The table was decorated with a pink balloon and numerous birthday cards. Dieter Hantschel had the prayer of blessing after each one ordered their choice for lunch off the menu.

Della read for devotions: "The Quiet Years" and a poem. Discussion followed with facts about their births and remembrances of other birthdays in our lifetimes. Several were born at home which was common before World War II.

August 11th at 11:30 is the date of the next Golden Age meeting at USA Restaurant again. Come and bring something to share next time—A Show and Tell item!

Talk health:

The dreary, never-ending tale
Of mortal maladies is worn and stale.
You cannot charm or interest or please.
By harping on that minor chord—disease.
So say you are well, and all is well with you.
And God will hear your words and make them true.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

There is a need to update our church directory.

Please watch the bulletin for more information to come. You do not need to purchase the pictures to be in the directory.

Any questions, please contact Vicki Sickler 574-943-3236

BAPTISM

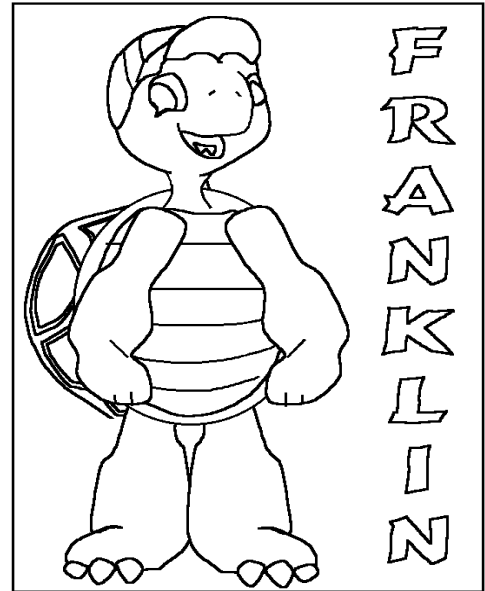
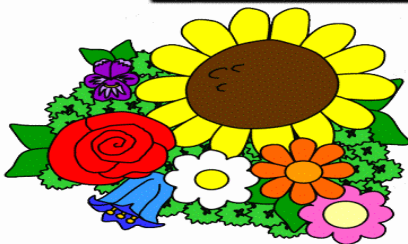
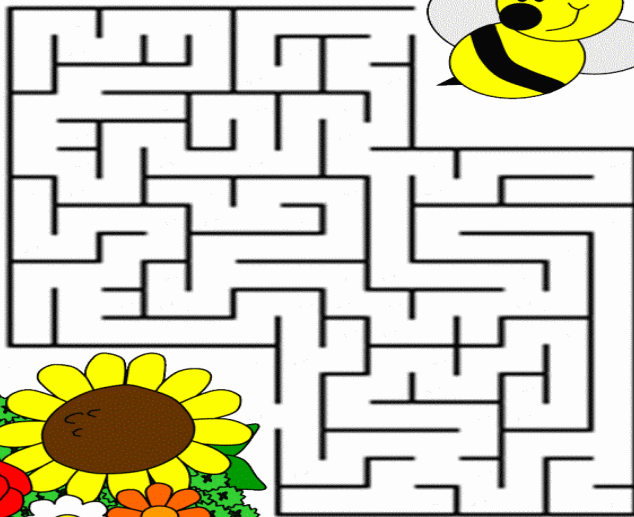


Melanie and Jackie Johns, and Evan Crowel were baptized on Sunday, July 4th, 2010.

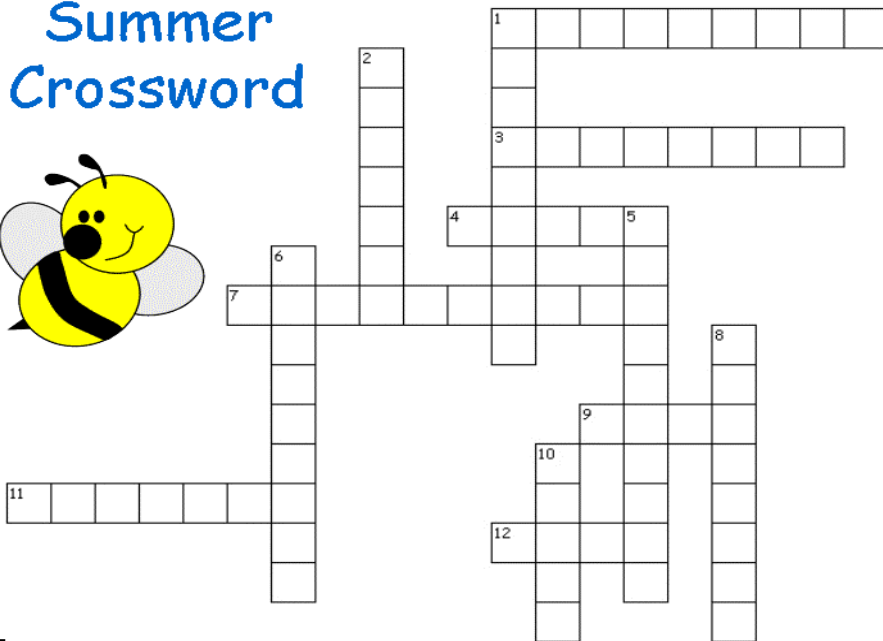
FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Summer Maze

Help get the bumblebee find the flower garden.



Summer Crossword



Across

1. From caterpillar to _____.
3. dad's grill
4. A gardener's worst enemy.
7. pink juicy fruit
9. In the summer, the weather is _____.
11. I have a rod and reel. Let's go _____.
12. A long walk.

Down

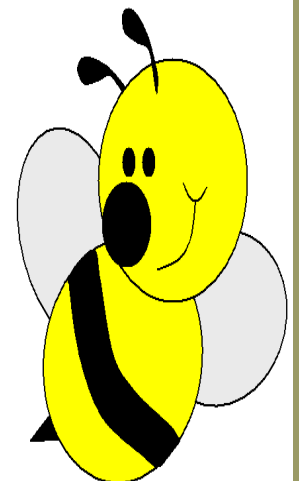
1. Insect with yellow and black stripes.
2. Healthy summertime transportation.
5. Protective eyewear.
6. A patty and a bun. Yum!
8. Favorite drink of young salespeople.
10. Playground toy you swoosh down.

Word List: barbeque, bicycle, bumblebee, butterfly, fishing, hamburgers, hike, lemonade, slide, sunglasses, warm, watermelon, weeds

Summer Word Search

F Q N E N I H S N U S K
 D K Z W P B I C Y C L E
 R E W O L F S U M M E R
 B A S E B A L L S F Z D
 Y L F R E T T U B T E G

baseball
 bicycle
 butterfly
 flower
 summer
 sunshine





The friendly church at the side of the road!

Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

Dee Davis
306 S Illinois St.
Monticello, IN 47960
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Mary Rishel
Carroll Manor
6409 W 100 N.
Delphi, IN 46923
(Martene Joseph's
mother)

Tad Walkup
Indiana Veterans Home
3851 North River Road
MacArthur 3-AB-Room 302
Hubbardston MI 48845-
5117

Brad & Heather Dimmitt
West Lafayette, IN 47906

James Bailey
Whispering Pines, 410
Tioga Road, Room D-3
Monticello, In 47960
(Amy Spitzer and
Brenda Johns grandfather)

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!

Pastor Ken Smith
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Or one of our Deacons:
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In your moment of need please feel free to call:

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