

# Hickory Grove Church

## Hickory Switch

March  
2012

### GOLDEN AGERS



#### Upcoming Events

#### March

- March 1 – 11:30 Golden Agers
- March 4 – 6:00 Family Night
- March 6 – 6:30-8:00 Youth Meeting
- March 7 – 7:00 Women's Fellowship
- March 13 – Youth Meeting
- March 14 – 7:00 Bible Study
- March 17 – Movie Night – Courageous – 5:30-6:00 Snacks
- 6:05 Movie Starts
- March 18 – Roller Skating
- March 19 – Deacon Meeting
- March 20 – Youth Meeting
- March 21 – Bible Study
- March 27 – Youth Meeting
- March 28 – Bible Study
- April 1 – Palm Sunday
- April 3 – Youth Meeting
- April 5 – Maundy Thursday

#### FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday, March 4th, 2012 at 6:00PM  
Hickory Grove will host their annual Women's Fellowship Family Night. Join us for a carry-in supper and great entertainment!

#### Submitted by Dieter Hantschel

14 "regular" Golden Agers welcomed Betty Taskey, Judy Bertram and Brian Winterburg into the fold at our February 1st luncheon. Hosts Arleen and Bud Stangle once again opened their home and pantry for a bountiful meal of brats, hot dogs, sloppy Joes and abundant carry-in salads and desserts. There were so many of us that we dined at separate tables: the ladies at one, the men at the other. Ruth Crawn offered the prayer before the feast began. Later, with the meal at an end, all of us cozied up a little closer to be together in

one room and to hear the devotional presentation by Bob Tobey. He had done extensive research on "The Origins of the King James Bible." It centered around the fact that King James felt that the English speaking people needed a Bible they could understand. Having studied religion since childhood, the king had a solid foundation and, of course, also had the authority to call together his best scholars. It took 54 bishops and college fellows seven years to compile the finished product. In 1611 King James declared it to be the "noblest book in the world." Needless to say, a lively discussion about this

presentation followed and we even ventured forth with such challenging questions as, "Did Jesus have any brothers and sisters?" Just as we were ready to go home, John Crowel made a gift to Don Dill in the form of a walking cane, complete with a bulb horn and a rear view mirror. Never a dull moment around here!! We will meet again for Christian fellowship, prayer, devotions and love on March 1, 11:30 a.m. at the (Martha and Gary) "Reedy Ranch" in rural Idaville. If you haven't been with us before, consider joining us for tacos and the fixin's. Please RSVP to 574.943.3887.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP-FEB. 1ST, 2012

Our meeting was held at the Church with Jo White as our hostess. Donna Lewellen opened with prayer. Tonight is the introductory to our new bible study on Esther by Beth Moore. We are to have all of our meetings at the Church for the next 9 meetings so that we can watch the movie that comes with the study. There were 25 women who attended. We enjoyed the refreshments Jo provided while we watched the movie, completed the workbook and then had our discussion. One of the things I walked away from this with is that "God is not going to fulfill your destiny without You!" Next month's lesson is The Royal Mess. We will have a Purim celebration at our next meeting. Refreshments will be a Hamantashen cookie similar to what was made then. Purim is a Jewish holiday. After our bible study we held our normal meeting. Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved with balance at January 1, 2012 of \$218.62. Approx \$400

will be reimbursed back to Women's Fellowship for the workbooks ordered. Committee reports – No one had anything to report this month. Old business - Marilyn Crowel reported that the United Methodist Church of Monticello Bell Choir will be available to entertain at Family Night March 4<sup>th</sup>. We agreed to pay them \$100. Kevin Lashbrook has agreed to have devotions that night. We will have a western theme for those wanting to dress up or help decorate. We briefly discussed the mother, daughter, friend banquet and Rachele volunteered the youth to clean up. New business – Donna passed around signup sheet for those interested in going to a Women's Retreat. Cards were available to be signed for sick and shut ins. Our next meeting will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Church at 7:00.

## PASTOR'S PEN

### *March—The Month of the Unknown*

March is a month that keeps us wondering. Is spring around the corner or could we have another blast of winter. There is an old saying about March weather: "If March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb" and also the opposite: "If March comes in like a lamb, it goes out like a lion". It is a month of anticipated extremes. Incidentally, the Bible makes many references to the lamb and lion about Jesus. John 1:29 "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Revelation 5:5 "See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David". Whoever coined that phrase about the weather must have known Jesus.

There is a passage of Scripture that kept the people wondering as well, but not about the weather. It is found in Matt 14:28-31. Jesus had urged His disciples to get in the ship and go to the other side of the lake. Taking His lead they left (understand they were in the perfect will of God), only to encounter the sea being "tossed with waves". In other words a storm was brewing, wind blowing, tough rowing. They probably wondered if Jesus was thinking clearly when He sent them out. Seems like He would have known better.

In the midst of the storm, they saw someone walking towards them on the water. They thought it might be a spirit. Water walking was new to them. So they didn't drown themselves for fear, Jesus spoke to them. Now Peter, impetuous as he was, cried out: "Lord, if it's you, command me to walk to you on the water". Jesus did not give a long dissertation on water walking; he did not say whether or not to take his shoes off first; he did not say anything about which foot to step on the water with first; he did not give any warning about a life jacket or if he started to sink. He simply said: "Come". Peter had just one decision to make: to obey Jesus and trust Him or not. The Bible tells us "Peter stepped out of the ship, walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

We as Christians typically do not like extremes. We don't like the weather to be as a lion, yet to be as a lamb the whole time is kind of boring. We don't like being in storms at sea, but we tire of sitting on the pier. We don't mind taking chances that have little risk, but walking on the water in a storm is a little too far out there. One thing for sure, if we are ever going to walk on the water, we have to step out of the ship.

Do you have things going on in your life that seems like you are in the midst of one of those storms? Do you feel like you are hanging onto the sides of the ship of life getting blasted in the face by the waves? Are you just waiting for the ship to hit a rock and sink in the sea of despair? Well, first off, what does Jesus have to say about your situation? (At this point you have to read your Bibles. Hint! Hint!) We have all heard people say (not that we would say it ourselves mind you): "Well, I know the Bible says, BUT!"

Right now you are in the same situation as Peter: to obey Jesus and trust Him or not. You have to decide to do what He says or not. Right now you have to decide if you are going to be one of those "radical Jesus freaks" that takes Him at His word or to sit in the ship and drown yourself for fear. One thing for sure, you will never walk on the water if you don't step out of the boat. Look to the Word of God for your answers. When you find them, do not hesitate, step out in faith and do what it says. You may ask what if I get scared after stepping out. You are not alone. Peter did the same thing. And when he began to sink he cried out to Jesus: "Immediately, Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him". We are in a win-win situation. Read on, when Jesus stepped into the ship, the wind ceased. Moral of the story: "BE A WATER WALKER". Get on board with Jesus and hang on! Enjoy your walk!

*~Pastor Ken*

## Youth Update

March is Here!! The youth are making leaps and bounds in coming closer to God. We will be finishing up our study on the Holy Spirit and start on our next mission... leading the church in worship. Yes, you read that correctly! Your teens want to LEAD YOU in WORSHIP! They will be working diligently with Pastor Ken over the next two months preparing for this next great step! They are SO excited to show their passion, love, and faith in God. I ask that you will support them through prayer, smiles and words of confidence in their abilities over the coming months as they push themselves to prepare for this great adventure.

In addition the High Schoolers will be making their journey to FUSION, in Marion, IN at the end of March. If you know of someone that is between grades 9-12 they are eligible to attend this invigorating weekend while living the dorm life. Contact Rachele White-Bird at 765.426.2889 for the pa-

perwork to get registered!

We've also had time to get to know Mr. Gary and Miss Martha Reedy this month. They shared with the group some stories of their youth and travels as a young couple. The group loved to hear about Mr. Gary being in so much trouble and seeing Miss Martha smile the entire night. Thank-you to you both for taking time to allow the youth to get to know you, and you them! We also must take the time to thank you for your support. We are reaching record numbers in our youth group meetings and it is because you continue to support these teens through so many ways! THANK-YOU!!!!

Your Hickory Grove Youth Leaders,  
Rusty and Rachele Bird  
Jamie and Melanie Campbell



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Jamie Campbell Ben Anderson 11:30 Golden Agers @ Reedy's	2	3 Josh White
4 Ron & Pam Simons 6:00 Family Night Carry In	5 Mary Long	6 Linda Nape  6:30-8:00 Youth Group	7  7:00 Women's Fellowship	8 Ron Long	9 Oakley Lewellen	10
11 Sam Lashbrook Albert Heber	12 Gwen Conner	13 Bill Martin 6:00 Trustee's Mtg. 6:30-8:00 Youth Group 7:00 Deacon's Mtg.	14  7:00 Bible Study	15	16 Noah Cain Kaden Simons	17 Larry Kreigbaun  6:05 Movie Night – Courageous
18 Joe Clothier Kelly Sears	19 Kenny Miller	20 Jesse & Shannon Kelly  6:30-8:00 Youth Group	21  7:00 Bible Study	22 Cassidy Kelly	23	24 Martin Lewellen Chuck McManus
25 Sherman Sheets	26	27 Gary & Sharon Lantz  6:30-8:00 Youth Group	28  7:00 Bible Study	29 Marilyn Crowel Cindi Anderson Ashley White	30	31
1	2	3 6:30-8:00 Youth Group	4 Rob & Leisha Hill 7:00 Women's Fellowship	5 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	6	7 Egg Hunt

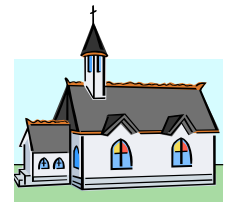
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## Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

**Dee Davis**  
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574-583-7234

**Mary Rishel**  
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## 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:**  
Bryan Felz 574-965-2737  
Ron Felz 574-965-4239  
Jesse Kelly 765-564-6800  
Alan Sickler 574-943-3236  
Judy Miller 574-943-3447  
Teresa Alexander 965-4573

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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!

