

# Hickory Grove Church

## Hickory Switch

April  
2012



### Upcoming Events

#### April

1st - Palm Sunday  
4th - Women's Fellowship  
5th - 11:30 Golden Agers - USA Restaurant  
5th - 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service  
7th - 2:00-3:30 Egg Hunt  
7th - Gifts to Nursing Homes  
8th - Easter Sunday  
11th - 7:00 Bible Study  
12th - 7:00 Business Mtg  
18th - 7:00 Bible Study  
21st - Elementary Youth Event  
23rd - 6:30 Youth Council Mtg  
23rd - 7:00 Deacon Mtg  
25th - 7:00 Bible Study

#### May

2nd - 7:00 Women's Fellowship  
4th-5th Never Too Young Convention



## Getting to Know You

### Jami Best

Hi, my name is Jami Best. I am married to Jim Best. I have one step daughter. We live in Logansport. Our daughter lives in Portland, Or where she is studying to get her doctorate degree in psychology. My husband owns his own business, Al's Body Shop. I work at the Old Style Inn. I have been there for 19 years. I was introduced to Hickory Grove Church by Scott and Beth Jones, who are dear friends to me. I absolutely enjoy attending Hickory Grove.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt and party is April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30! Lots of eggs to hunt, games to play and fun to be had! The community is welcome. Come celebrate that He Lives!

### Easter Services

Hickory Grove Church will be celebrating the Death, Burial and Resurrection of the Life of Jesus Christ.

**April 5** Maundy Thursday/Communion Service 7:00 pm.

**April 7** Easter Egg Hunt 2:00-3:30 pm.

**April 8** Sunrise Service 7:00 am; Breakfast 7:30 am; Intercessory Prayer 8:30 am; Sunday School 9:00 am; Easter Worship/Communion Service 10:00 am.

We wish to invite the community to come and share in this celebration with us. Hickory Grove Church is located 5 miles south of Idaville on Carroll County Road 700W. For more information, please call the church at 574-965-2731. **Share this information with friends and neighbors!**

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## PASTOR'S PEN

### *Forty Days Later*

This month we celebrate the Death, Burial and Resurrection of the Savior, the Exalted One, the Anointed One, the Son of God, the one and only Lord Jesus Christ. He went thru all that he went thru that our sins may be forgiven and that thru His sacrifice we might attain to the resurrection of the dead and live with Him and for Him in Eternity. Hallelujah, Praise the Lord! But He didn't just save us to keep us from hell and get us into heaven; His top priority while we are here on earth is to shape us into the image of His Son (Rom. 8:29). Being "Born Again" is not the end it is the beginning. Just as when our children are born, it is not the end, but just the beginning. The goal is to train them up in the way they should go, to raise spiritually healthy young adults that will grow into spiritually healthy senior adults.

Acts Chapter 1 gives us a little insight into the 40 days that Jesus walked this earth after His resurrection. (v3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.) All that Jesus said is important; He did not waste one word He spoke here on this earth. But we should pay special heed to some last words.

In verses 4& 5 He instructed to wait for the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given as a gift unto all men. Prior to the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to individuals only as God saw fit. Now when we are saved, born again God "set(s) His seal of ownership on us, and put(s) His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come". (II Cor 1:22). What a great deal He has given us. Verse 8 He (Jesus) tells us that: "(1) you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and (2) you will be my witnesses".

If the Church (the body of believers, both in our building, community and world wide) of Jesus Christ is going to be what Jesus is calling us to be, we must witness. I have heard it said many times: "Oh, I'm not good at that, let someone else do it". "It's hard for me to talk to people about that stuff." "Well you know, you should never talk to people about religion and politics". While it has been debated about the politics, it is a sure thing we should not talk to people about religion. We SHOULD however talk to them about Jesus.

You see after all He has done for us, we should not be able to stop talking about Him. Besides that Jesus didn't say: "you might be my witnesses", He said "you shall be". You see there is no excuse not to. He did not go through all He went through for us to sit around the church (building) and wait for Him to return. There is much work to do and many people to reach.

Are you a little weak in the witnessing area. Let me give you some encouragement. Go take your phone off the hook, "turn off your cell phones and other electronic devices until the pilot (God) gives you the ok to turn them back on". Get in your closet and tell God your weak areas and "wait on the promise from the Father". He, God, will give you the power, the Holy Spirit, to do what He has called you to do. Trust Him. I know, some are thinking: "I can't turn off my cell phone". Aw, go on, give God a chance, live on the edge, turn it off. Trust Him. See what God will do.

After you have received power He simply tells us as He did the man from the Isle of Gadara in Luke 8:39 "Return home and tell how much God has done for you."

*~Pastor Ken*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  <b>Palm Sunday</b>	2	3	4  <b>Rob &amp; Leisha Hill</b>  7:00 Women's Fellowship	5  11:30 Golden Ager's—USA Restaurant	6	7  2:00-3:30 Easter Egg Hunt  Gifts to Nursing home
8 7:00-7:30 am Sunrise Service 7:30 am Breakfast 8:30 am Intercessory Prayer 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Easter Worship	9  <b>Tom White Roy &amp; Connie Dunn</b>	10  <b>Erica Hill Avenell Johns</b>	11  7:00 Bible Study	12  7:00 Business Mtg	13  <b>Coral Altman</b>	14  <b>Melanie Johns</b>
15  <b>Haley Wharff Kris Hanna</b>	16	17  <b>Emily Felz</b>	18  7:00 Bible Study	19  <b>Brandon Cunningham Jim &amp; Jamie Best</b>	20  <b>Lily Anderson</b>	21  <b>Ron Simons</b>  Elementary Youth Event
22	23  <b>Pam Simons</b>  6:30 Youth Council Mtg 7:00 Deacon Mtg	24  <b>Rebecca Kelly</b>  <b>Steve &amp; Sandy Coultas</b>	25  <b>Owen Crowel</b>  7:00 Bible Study	26  <b>Patty Lashbrook</b>	27  <b>Heather Osborn</b>	28
29	30  <b>Coral Sparks</b>	1	2  <b>Josh &amp; Ashley White</b>  7:00 Women's Fellowship	3  <b>Jim Best</b>	4  Never Too Young Convention	5  <b>Terry Dill</b>

May

Check out our website at [www.hickorygrove.info](http://www.hickorygrove.info)

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP-MARCH 7TH, 2012

On Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 18 women met in the Church Fellowship hall for the monthly Women's Fellowship/Bible Study. Everyone received a Purim "beauty" gift in honor of the end of Purim coinciding with our meeting. Donna read the Al Hazim prayer and everyone toasted the end of Purim with the special glass they brought. Everyone delighted in sharing Hamantashen cookies that were made for snack. Then we shared and watched Session 1 of our study on Esther "A Royal Mess" One of the big points that Beth Moore shared was that "You can not amputate your History from your Destiny." Without your History, you may not find your Destiny God has in store for you.

Our Bible study was followed by a small business meeting. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was shared; We had a balance as of March 1, 2012 or 648.62. Praises were shared for the wonderful Family Night festivities that had happened earlier on that previous Sunday night. Material Aide offered some ideas of projects we could participate in. for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter it is collecting gloves and hats to be provided to area schools for kids that don't have them. We will discuss at our next meeting various other ideas that were brought up. An idea was thrown out for consideration that Women's Fellowship sponsor an all day craft day to raise funds for a project. For a

fee, people can reserve a table to work on crafts, bills, wrapping gifts, or what they like. Another idea thrown out for consideration is looking into having an all Church day again. In the past we would have this and spend the day together in fellowship after service. The women working on the program for the Mother Daughter Friend dinner will meet soon to work on the program.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

## Golden Agers

Submitted by Dieter Hantschel

Gary and Martha Reedy's "Ranch House" was filled from wall to wall with scrumptious food and 17 eager Golden Agers on March 1 to enjoy an abundant meal and Christian fellowship. There was "normal" food and then there were tacos and burritos with plenty of hot stuff for the more adventurous. (Gary likes to play with culinary fire.) With inspiring words, John Harvey asked for the Blessing. A long line then formed to load the plates with mouthwatering nourishment. The ladies repaired to the dining room while the gents settled down in the kitchen (closer to the buffet, too) to enjoy the food and conversations on many a topic.

Once the plates were empty and bellies full, all gathered in the family room to hear devotions by Gary Reedy. He dealt with the current trend by some to remove crosses and the Ten Commandments from contemporary society, We were encouraged to defend the truth with an attitude of love, "in humility, correcting those who are in op-

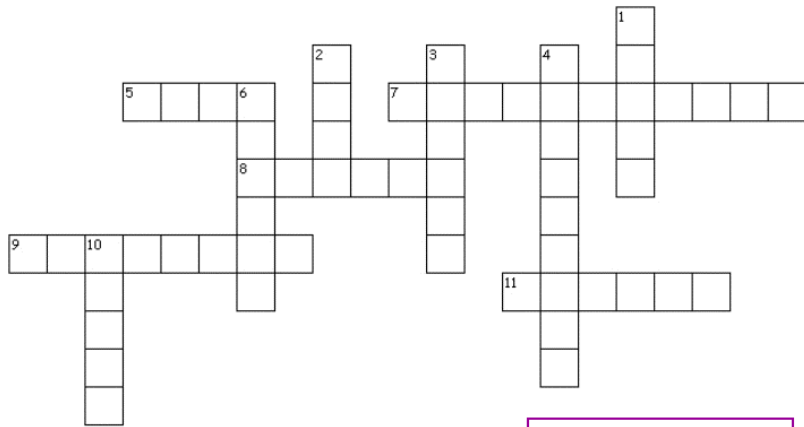
position...so that they may know the truth." (2 Tim. 2:25) As was to be expected, quite some discussion followed.

Marilyn Crowel then shared a tale about "Sam" who regularly visited Jesus at the church to say, "Hello, Jesus - it's Sam." Toward the end, the story took a twist and it was Jesus who visited Sam when he was in the hospital and said, "Hello Sam - it's Jesus."

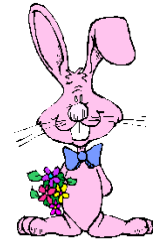
Other words of inspiration came from John Crowel, Ruth Crown, Bud Stangle and Helen Hanna. We all came away with great lessons, such as to leave the world in better shape than we found it, to strive for peace and to pray, even for our own well-being as that too shall bring a contentment in Christ. "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Phil 4:13)

Anyone, regardless of age, is invited to join the Golden Agers on April 5, 11:30 a.m., at the USA Family Restaurant, North Main St., Monticello. We'd love to have you join us in Christian harmony and love.

# FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART



Happy  
Easter!



Help the Easter Bunny find his basket.

**Across**

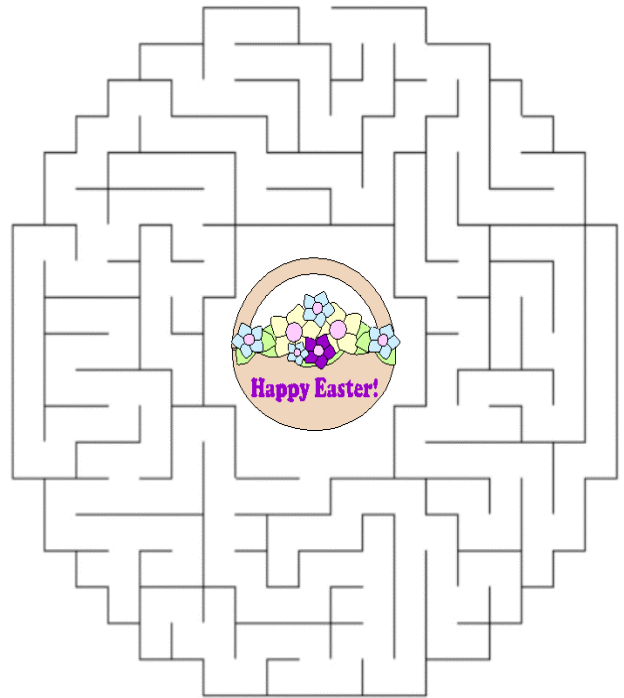
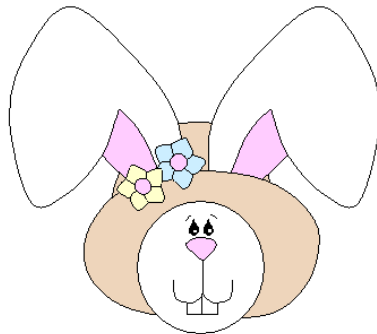
- 5. Which came first? The chickens or the \_\_\_\_\_?
- 7. ooey, gooey goodness
- 8. Animal that brings treats and eats carrots.
- 9. baby duck
- 11. Container for collecting eggs at Easter.

**Word List:**

basket, chick, chocolate, crack, duckling, eggs, lamb, marshmallow, pastel, rabbit, spring

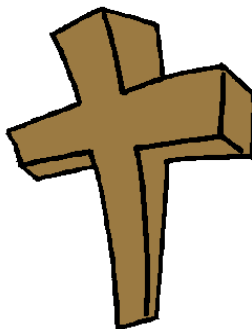
**Down**

- 1. If you drop an Easter egg, it will \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. baby sheep
- 3. Pale, light colors.
- 4. Tasty, decadent treat.
- 6. Easter's season
- 10. baby chicken

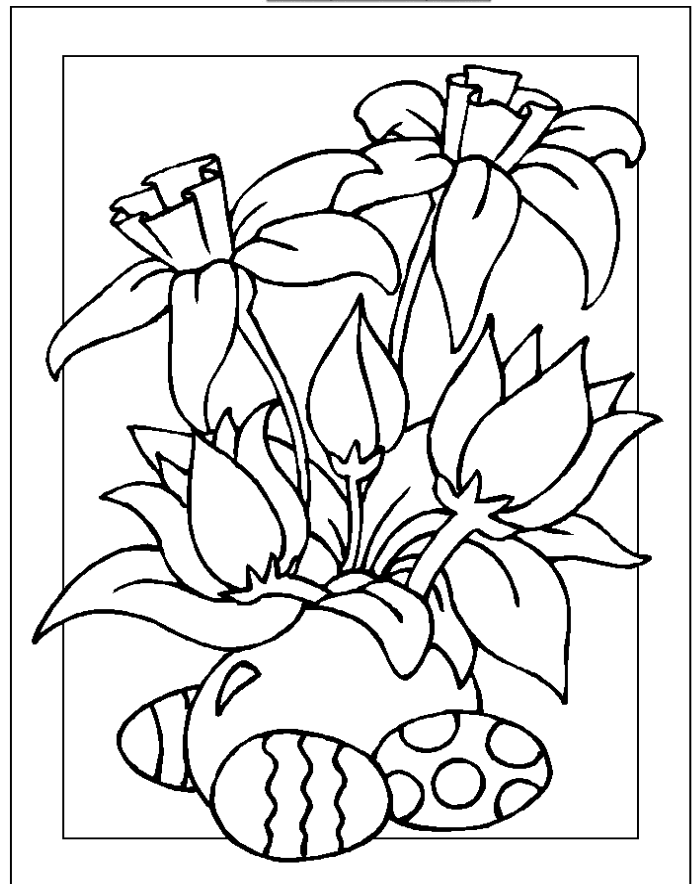


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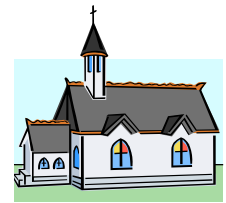




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## Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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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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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!

