

# Hickory Grove Church

## Hickory Switch

May  
2012



### Upcoming Events

#### May

2nd-7:00 Women's Fellowship  
3rd-11:30 Golden Agers  
4th-5th Never Too Young  
5th Emmaus Work Day  
9th Bible Study  
12th-Mother~Daughter ~Friend Banquet  
13th-Mother's Day  
16th-7:00 Bible Study  
19th- Youth Outing (Grades 1-5)  
21st-7:00 Deacon Meeting  
23rd-7:00 Bible Study  
27th- Sunday School Promo Day  
27th- Recognition of Graduates  
30th-7:00 Bible Study



## Getting to Know You

### The Bowlin Family

John and Shelly met in May of 1990 at a Memorial Day party at John's step-brother's house. John was home on leave from the Marine Corp at the time. They wrote letters back and forth and saw each other during leave or long weekends. They were married in June of 1992.

John and Shelly have three children; Caleb (17), Rachel (15) and Jacob (12). Shelly is a bus driver for the Delphi Community School Corporation and John works at Evonik, Tippecanoe Labs.

Caleb is in FFA, 4H and sings with the Entertainers at Delphi High School. He enjoys hunting, fishing and mushroom hunting.

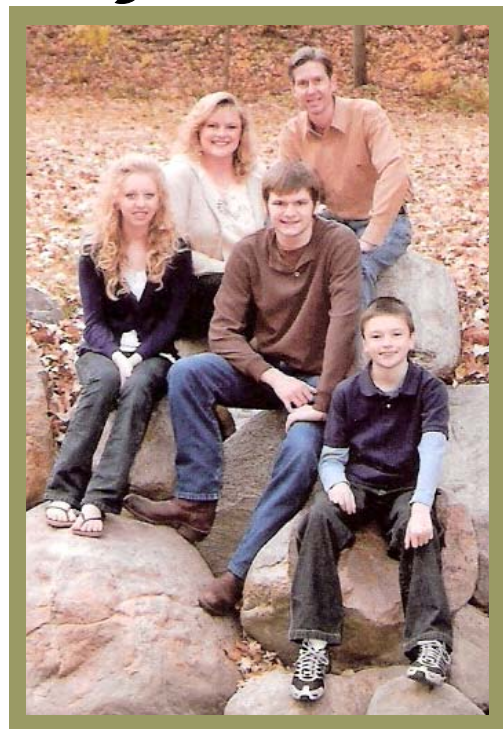
Rachel is in POMS, 4H and Junior Leaders (4H). She enjoys reading and listening to music.

Jacob is in 4H, Delphi basketball and enjoys reading, hunting, fishing and playing his Xbox 360.

Shelly enjoys riding horses, camping and visiting with her best friend, Melissa Jones.

John enjoys reading, hunting, fishing and camping.

The Bowlin's have two pets; a cat named Kitty and a dog named Raven. They live in rural Carroll County between Delphi, Camden and Flora.



### Inspirational Message

Jerry Dill (guest speaker on April 15<sup>th</sup>) had wrote this to his mother Della and found it in her bible years later.

“Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing which you might not pray the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act.”

## PASTOR'S PEN

### *May Days*

The old saying is April showers bring May Flowers. Well this year, our May Flowers are done already (April 18<sup>th</sup>). Most of the fields are planted. We have to wonder what summer will be like. May is also historic for celebrating Mother's Day. Soon to come is Memorial Day. This is a day created to honor those men and women who lost their lives in battle defending this country. It is not to be confused with Veteran's Day on which we honor all of our Veterans.

One little celebrated day is Pentecost Sunday, May 27th. Pentecost Sunday comes 50 days after Easter and ten days after the Ascension of our Lord to heaven. Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. For that reason, it is often called the "the birthday of the Church." Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

In Acts 1:3-4 we find: *"After His (Jesus) suffering, He showed himself to these men (apostles) 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. On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about." So, they waited, hung out, ate and prayed, not knowing how long. Then Acts 2:1-4 says: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."*

So what is the significance of this day in plain English? Prior to the day of Pentecost, God only sent the Holy Spirit to certain people for certain reasons. They had lived their lives in obedience to a God they had never met or had a relationship with. When that day came, all people gained the privilege of having God's Spirit "in" their lives. Revelation 3:20 *"Here I (Jesus) am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."* II Corinthians 5:5 *"Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."* II Corinthians 1:22 *He (God) has "set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come".* John 16:7-13 *"But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer.....But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you."*

Plain and simple – When we repent and ask God to forgive us for our sins, he does, and sends His Holy Spirit inside us so we can have direct communication and a personal relationship with God. Now THAT'S something to celebrate.

*~Pastor Ken*



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Josh and Ashley White  7:00 Women's Fellowship	3 Jim Best  11:30 Golden Agers	4  Never To Young Conference	5 Terry Dill  Emmaus Work Day
6 Nathan Sparks Darin Bishop	7 Bob Tobey	8	9  7:00 Bible Study	10	11 Mary Blount	12  Mother~ Daughter~ Friend Banquet
13  Mother's Day	14 Joe & Carolynn Clothier	15 Chip White	16  7:00 Bible Study	17	18 Jade Wharff	19  Youth Outing (Gr. 1-5)
20	21 John Bailey  7:00 Deacon Mtg	22	23  7:00 Bible Study	24 Jared Miller Skip * Jean Barnes	25 Brian & Shawn Cain Tom Armstrong	26
27 Sunday School Promotion Sunday Recognition of Graduates	28	29	30 TJ Barrett  7:00 Bible Study	31	1 Katelyn Evans	2  <i>June</i>

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## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP-APRIL 4TH, 2012

Submitted by Brenda White- Johns

21 women met in the fellowship hall of the Church for our monthly women's fellowship and bible study. Judy Crowel provided wonderful homemade cookies and drink while we proceeded with our bible study on Esther. We discussed the things we had read and highlights of our study guide for the past month and then watched the video for this month's session. The main topic for this month was "meanness". We learned that meanness always has a history. And it is usually caused by a "perceived" threat. When we are quick to anger or become angry about something, we need to iden-

tify the threat or the thing that causes us to anger. Next month's chapter is titled A Raging Passion for Honor.

We started our regular meeting by Pat Cotner providing cards for us to sign for the sick and shut ins. Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved with an April 1, 2012 balance of \$574.89.

Material aid report was given by Judy Crowel. An update was provided for the Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet. We discussed the meal and program. Trina will be implementing a new registration and payment process. The cost will again be \$5 per person. We discussed some ideas for fellowship

with the ladies from the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Burnettsville. Rachele told us more about the plans for the Craft Day of which the proceeds are to go to the Hickory Grove Youth 2013 mission trip. The day picked is April 28<sup>th</sup> 8 to midnight. Cost is \$30 per person and will provide breakfast, lunch and supper and the youth will help people to and from their car. Soup, salad and breadsticks will be provided by volunteers to feed the people who register. Door prizes will be given throughout the day.

Meeting was adjourned with Lonetta Felz leading us in prayer.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

## Golden Agers

Submitted by Dieter Hantschel

We celebrated Maundy Thursday at the USA Family Restaurant in Monticello. Being in a room to ourselves allowed us to fellowship "in style." Gathered at the large table were Marilyn and John Crowel, Martha and Gary Reedy, Arlene and Bud Stangle, Sherry and Dieter Hantschel, Jonah Peterson, Don Dill, John Harvey, Bob Tobey and Ruth Crown. 13 of us -- just like at the Last Supper!

As we finished our meals, Gary supplied some humor by sharing some quasi biblical definitions, such as a "Caesarian Section is a neighborhood in Rome." The reader's imagination can easily take it from here. Arlene had prepared the devotions. Did she ever prepare! To do full justice to the report of what followed would probably require every page of this issue. For the sake of brevity we would invite the reader to ask any of those named above for elaboration.

Everyone's place was now set with a special plate, a cup (filled with "wine") and special napkin. Arlene then proceeded to develop the story behind **Seder**, the word for order as well as the Last Supper. She explained all the meanings of every part of the meal, which consisted of the three **Matzot** (plural of Matzo) - commemorative unleavened bread, also symbolizing our Trinity; the **Roasted Shank Bone**, repre-

senting the sacrificial lamb; a **Roasted Egg**, a festival offering; **Moror**, representing horseradish or bitter herbs, to remind of the bitterness of slavery; **Charoses**, a sweet apple, raisin, grape juice and cinnamon mix, symbolizing the mortar the Israelites used in building Egypt's pyramids; and the **Karpas**, a green vegetable to remind us of the coming harvests.

In reenacting Jesus' last Seder, we were instructed in the manner in which to accept the offerings, what each was to symbolize and how to partake. In the course of this solemn ceremony we learned (or at least heard) many a Hebrew word along with the translation and significance.

This gathering allowed us to relive the dramatic and miraculous events which led to the Exodus (deliverance) from slavery to freedom in Jesus Christ, *Yeshua ha Mashiach* (Jesus the Messiah). We gratefully recognize the special efforts of Arlene to share this moving experience with us.

The May 3 Golden Agers meeting will be at 11:30 a. m. at The Eye Opener Cafe, 103 North St., Battle Ground (almost next door to the Post Office).

Everyone is invited to enjoy time with this group of believers in Christ.

# FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART



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## Exciting Opportunities For Our Youth

Four girls attended Fusion at Wesleyan University, Melanie Johns, Rachel Bowlin, Taylor Nacke and Haley Wharff. Melanie Campbell chaperoned. They had a great time! The boys chose to go to a Skillet Concert with Jamie Campbell in Indianapolis. The concert consisted of over 10 Christian bands. All the kids had a great time and want to thank Jamie and Melanie for taking them and the Church for making these trips possible **THANK YOU HICKORY GROVE FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!**

**NEVER TO YOUNG WEEKEND AT WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY FOR JUNIOR HIGH KIDS IS MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> WITH RUSTY AND RACHELLE. PLEASE SEE RACHELLE IF QUESTIONS.**

**Rainbow Christian Camp - ALL CHILDREN** of eligible age who attend our church are encouraged to go to summer camp. Information is available on back table. The Church pays half of one camp per child per year. Please see Brenda Johns if your child is interested or additional information is needed.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> RELAY FOR LIFE –** Our youth have organized a team to honor Jamie Campbell who has overcame his battle with Hodgkin's Lymphoma (**THANK YOU JESUS!**)



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side of the road!

## Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

### Dee Davis

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### Mary Rishel

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### Irma Jenni

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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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Teresa Alexander 965-4573

## 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!

