

Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Switch

June
2012

Father's Day



Upcoming Events

June

7 – 11:30 Golden Agers
at Trio's
8-9 Relay for Life
18 – 7:00pm Deacon
Meeting
20 – 7:00 Missions and
Outreach Meeting
24-28 VBS

July
1 VBS Pro-
gram ??????????
5 Golden Agers



My Hero

My hero is the quiet type,
No marching bands, no media hype,
But through my eyes it's plain to see,
A hero, God has sent to me.
With gentle strength and quiet pride,
All self-concern is set aside,

To reach out to his fellow man,
And be there with a helping hand.
Heroes are a rarity,
A blessing to humanity.
With all they give and all they do,
I'll bet the thing you never knew,

My hero has always been
you.

--Anonymous



Memorial Day Observance

On Monday, May
28th at approxi-
mately 9:25, mem-
bers of Delphi's
American Legion ar-
rived at Hickory
Grove Cemetery to
pay tribute to our
fallen service men
and women.



Quote

"If every word you speak, tweet, update, and murmur is recorded for eternity, what will your life stream say about you?" ~Author Unknown

PASTOR'S PEN

Nothing Stays The Same

Science tells us, as well as our own human experiences, nothing stays the same. The word to describe this is “**dynamic: characterized by constant change, activity or progress.**” We ourselves cannot even remain the same, with each passing breath we change, our molecules change, and our thoughts change. Change is a given, it will happen.

Charles Darwin came up with a theory about that change that has rocked the secular world for years. His theory was that in that change monkeys were evolving, or changing into human beings. **Evolve: to produce by natural evolutionary processes.** In essence monkeys found a need to walk upright and become men. The theory is bogus very easily on two counts. 1) The bible says God created man from the dust of the earth. 2) If monkeys became human beings, why aren't monkeys still becoming human beings?

God speaks in His word of another process of change. **Transform: to cause to change in potential, to cause to undergo genetic transformation.** He tells us in Romans 12:2 “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will”. That transformation happens when we allow the Spirit of God to work in us to become more Christ-like.

Here is the point of this message: We all, individuals and churches, are dynamic – characterized by constant change, activity or progress. We cannot stay the same and we will not stay the same, we will change. We will change in one of two ways. 1) We will change by the natural evolutionary process or 2) we will change under the power and influence of God.

In the natural evolutionary process we will grow in our minds and bodies however our environment (society) causes us to change. We will become more like society. We will be conformed to the patterns of this world. That applies to us as individuals and churches.

In the transformational process we will grow in our minds and bodies however God causes us to change. We will become more Christ-like. We will be conformed to the patterns of God. We will be less like society. That applies to us as individuals and churches.

Hickory Grove Church will evolve or transform....it all depends on the individuals within. Many churches are evolving into Starbucks. When they have an extra buck, they stop in, kick up their feet and enjoy the delight of their favorite beverage. They can put their headsets on, tune out their neighbors, tap into the internet and do their own thing. They don't have to communicate, they don't have to interact, they have no goal other than to chill out and serve themselves. When people leave, there are no strings attached, they don't have to go back until they are ready to and they are not responsible or accountable to anyone. Many people like Starbucks, not for the coffee, but for the atmosphere. They can even be members and get a “Starbucks Card”.

Hickory Grove Church will evolve or transform....it all depends on the individuals within. Many churches are transforming into Houses of Worship. People go on Sundays because it is an opportunity to gather together and give God the Praise and Glory He deserves. People don't give God their extra buck, they give Him the tithe He requires. They tune their hearts into the Holy Spirit and say as Samuel did: “Speak Lord, Your servant is listening”. They don't just show up when they are thirsty or need a place to chill, they show up when the doors are open. They bring their Bibles with them because they believe that God speaks to them thru His Word. It does matter when they come back, because other people are counting on them to walk with them on their journey with God. They are not led by the natural forces of society and realize they could be doing other things on Sunday mornings but they have chosen to follow God's leadings. When God said: “You shall have no other God's before me” they realized that anything that kept them from being in God's perfect will was an idol and they chose to put that idol behind them. They put their phones and games away for an hour or two because they are afraid they might miss something that God has just for them. Though the natural evolution of society tells them they are wasting their time, old fashioned and looking for something that is not there, they ignore society.

You see they are transforming. They are putting aside the things of this world for the things of God. Their hearts are not focused on this world but on the world that is coming. The New Heavens and the New Earth, the New Jerusalem, the Soon Coming King are not figments of their imaginations but part of their inner beings. They are not clothed in the latest fashions, but covered in the Blood of the Lamb that still flows from the



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Katelyn Evans	2
3 Jordan Campbell	4 Aaron & Melissa Nacke	5 Alexis Kelly Al & Gloria Heber	6	7 11:30 Golden Agers at Trio's- Monticello	8 Shawn Cain Chad Wharff Sidney Wharff Relay for Life Walk	9 Tom & Roxann White
10 Kenny & Susan Hill	11	12	13 Tori Nacke	14 Ken & Trina Smith	15	16 Alan & Vicki Sickler Alan Sickler
17 Ian Wharff	18 7:00 Deacon's Mtg	19 Dorothy Elston	20 Jeff Crowell Phyllis Wise Timmy Osborn 7:00 Mis- sion & Out- reach Mtg	21 Judy Miller	22 Micah Harker	23 Sam Johns
24	25 Kamille Bird	26	27	28 John & Shelly Bowlin	29 Clara Hill Angie Altman Gloria Heber	30 Jackie Johns
1	2 Chad & Dan- ielle Wharff	3 Carrie Bishop	4 Andy & Dan- ielle Kelly	5 John Crowell	6	7 Shirley Inman Scott & Beth Jones

July

Check out our website at www.hickorygrove.info

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP-MAY 2ND, 2012

Submitted by Brenda White- Johns

Seventeen women met in the fellowship hall of the Church for our monthly women's fellowship and bible study. Lonetta Felz provided a wonderful variety of refreshments as we discussed our bible study on Esther. Sandy Coultas opened meeting with prayer. We discussed week three "A Raging Passion for Honor" and then watched movie on Esther 4:1-14 "The Human Dilemma of Destiny". Most of us expect our destiny to be of huge importance to us as individuals but often instead it comes humbly, sometimes horrifically as it is caused by great crisis in our lives. God offers pivotal, critical paths in our lives to CHANGE us. If He did not, we would wander thru life never experiencing some of the people, places and things that our crisis leads us in to. Things happen in God's perfect timing, not ours. Revelations often happen during a crisis.

Business meeting – Lonetta passed

cards that Pat had ready for us to sign for the sick and shut ins. Secretary report was read and approved. Leisha announced that the craft day on April 28th was successful with 7-8 people attending. Another one is being planned for July 28th.

Treasurer report was given with a balance of \$617.89 on May 1, 2012.

Material aide report was given by July Crowel. A signup sheet was passed for meals to be taken to Brenda's family the week following surgery. (Thank you!) Judy and Jo White are going to attend a Church Lady Purse Luncheon and Tea. It is a fundraiser and they are to report on it at June meeting to see if we would like to have one.

Mother Daughter Friend Banquet is in its final stages of planning. Marilyn Crowel and Donna Lewellen went shopping for necessary items. Decorative ideas and items may be brought to the Church by Sunday, May 6th. Trina Smith said the devotions are coming together.

Decorating volunteers are to meet on Thursday, May 10th at the church around 6:30. Dress rehearsal is Friday, May 11th at 7. Trina announced that 75 have signed up for the dinner. Judy Miller will be our photographer.

We will need to discuss fall bazaar and luncheon on June meeting. Reminder, we do not have meeting in July and August.

Donna Lewellen would like to have a "plant swap" again this year. The date and location will be determined later.

Donna closed our meeting with prayer.



Golden Agers

Submitted by Dieter Hantschel

Venturing far from the usual White County venues, 14 Golden Agers met for Christian fellowship in Battle Ground last month. This selection encouraged some to follow the luncheon with visits to the battle field, museum and other interesting spots in northern Tippecanoe County, as well as an excursion to the YMCA Camp Tecumseh.

The Lord's Prayer, spoken by all, prepared us to partake of the meal and to enjoy the many conversations on a number of topics. A very long table, with men sitting on one end and the ladies on the other seemed to encourage that!

The main point of our gatherings is, of course, Christian fellowship and lessons we can learn from the presentation of devotional messages. This month, John Crowel shared with us his thoughts, based on the Scriptures, as they apply to his life and most certainly

all of ours, as well. He stressed six main points: Always emphasize everlasting life as your main goal; The last thing Christ commanded us is to witness; The power of prayer is captured by "ask and you will receive;" Christ promised us the Holy Spirit - we will not be alone; We are not to be afraid in our Christian walk, for "I am always with you;" and The greatest commandment is LOVE! Accomplishing these six things pretty well makes our Christian faith complete," John noted, as well as the observation that, as we get older we see the Scriptures becoming increasingly important and more meaningful.

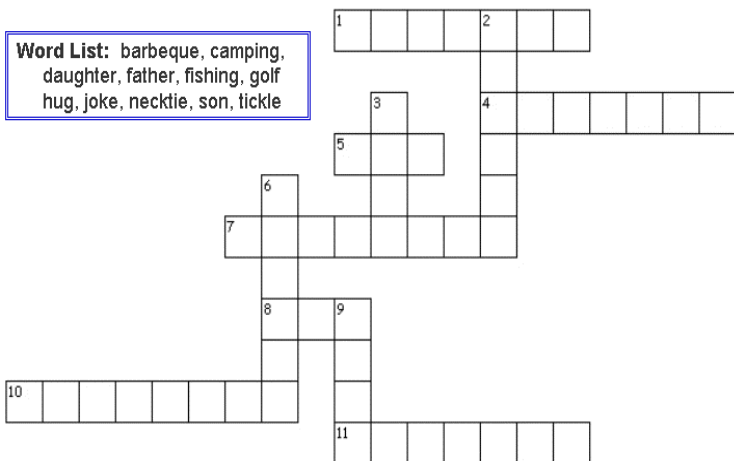
These main points were accompanied and supported by several quotations, one being, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

The Golden Agers welcome anyone to join in on June 7, 11:30 am. at Trio's Restaurant, 6th Street & Norway Rd., Monticello.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Father's Day Crossword

Word List: barbeque, camping, daughter, father, fishing, golf hug, joke, necktie, son, tickle



Across

- 1. A piece of cloth worn around the neck.
- 4. Living in tents.
- 5. Boy child.
- 7. Outdoor cooking.
- 8. Tight squeeze.
- 10. Girl child.
- 11. A boat, a rod and a reel

Down

- 2. To touch to cause giggles.
- 3. To tell a playful story.
- 6. Daddy, dad, pop.
- 9. A little ball, clubs and holes.



Father's Day Word Search

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

AMAZING
 BARBEQUE
 CAMPING
 CARDS
 CARING
 CELEBRATE
 DADDY



DAUGHTER
 FATHER
 FISHING
 GOLF
 SON
 SPORTS
 WONDERFUL

Our Graduates

Congratulations to our graduates! Nicole Cain, Evan Dimmitt, Coral Sparks, Turner "TJ" Spitzer, and Ivan Veach graduated from high school this year.

Tammy Veach graduated from college.

We wish them nothing but the very best as they head off on the next stage of their lives. Their real education begins!

Pastor's Pen ~ Cont.

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Throne of God. In their hands are not their cell phones but the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. They do not wonder what will happen to them after they die, but walk assured of the blood covenant they have made with the Lion of the tribe Judah.

What church do you want to go to? Starbucks or the

Church of the Redeemed? Do you want to evolve or be transformed? Why not make an altar where you are right now give yourself to Jesus? Come Sunday, pack up your bible, load up your car, leave all the worldly influences behind you and enter into the presence of a Holy God!!

~Pastor Ken

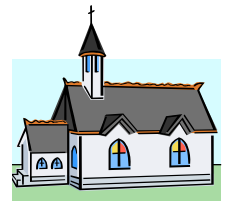


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Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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In Your Moment of Need...



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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!

