

Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Switch

October
2012



Upcoming Events

October

3rd-7:30 Women's Fellowship
4th-11:30 Golden Agers-Stone House Restaurant
7th-Homecoming Sunday
10th-7:00 Bible Study
11th-7:00 Business Mtg
15th-7:00 Deacon Mtg
17th-7:00 Bible Study
20th-Fall Bazaar & Breakfast
22nd-6:30 Youth Council Mtg
24th-7:00 Bible Study
31st-7:00 Bible Study

November

1st-11:30 Golden Agers



*Live by his promises... not
by the explanations we seek*

Getting to Know You

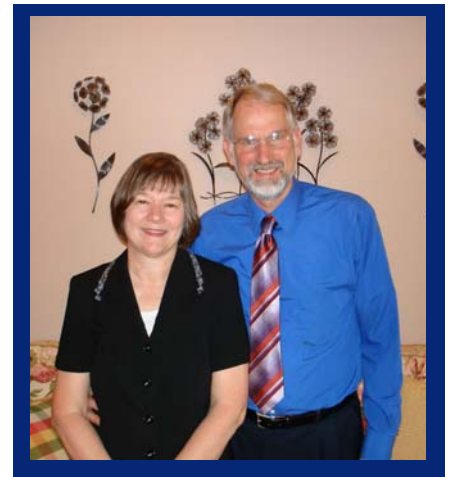
Al and Gloria Heber

We are so happy and blessed to be part of the Hickory Grove family! Many years ago, our family enjoyed visiting Hickory Grove when Al gave Gideon presentations and our children provided music.

We live on a mini-farm between Delphi and Flora. We raised strawberries and asparagus on our farm for years. Al works at Purdue as an agricultural engineering professor. Gloria was an elementary teacher for six years and homeschooled our six children for 25 years.

Our oldest son, Andrew is married to Suzanne (from Idaho) and they have four children with a fifth one on the way. Andrew

works as a mechanical engineer for Caterpillar in Houston. Our oldest daughter, Noelle, is a professional violinist and missionary in Paris, France. Our son, Nathaniel is a lawyer and is working as a deputy prosecutor in Ft. Wayne. Our daughter, Joy, was recently married to a Navy sailor (Andrew from California) and they live in Japan. David is a financial controller in Greensburg. Matt is a sophomore majoring in business at Trinity International U. Gloria and I love to travel and have been blessed to visit numerous countries around the world, many times with one or more of our children.



While Al attended church since birth with his parents, he committed his life to Christ at age 19 while in college, whereas Gloria committed her life to Christ as a young child. We have served the Lord together since our marriage on June 5, 1977, and our hope for eternal life is in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

WANTED

Just a reminder to be making items for the Fall Bazaar. Baked goods, preservatives, noodles, fall and holiday décor, etc. We will also have a table for gently used items. This event is hosted by Women's Fellowship and is held annually, the 3rd Saturday in October, to raise money to fund church and community projects.

Did you know.....

Christian Stewardship refers to the responsibility that Christians have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed. This includes the protection of our environment, our treasures, time and talents.

PASTOR'S PEN

Pastor's Report
Business Meeting October 11, 2012

A Journey Called Life...

"A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?", the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed this warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it." The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers." The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose." So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mouse trap... alone..

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house -- the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it. It was a venomous snake whose tail was caught in the trap. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital. When she returned home she still had a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient....chicken. But his wife's sickness continued. Friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. But, alas, the farmer's wife did not get well...she died. So many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them for the funeral luncheon. And the mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and you think it doesn't concern you, remember --- When one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another. Each of us is a vital thread in another person's tapestry. Our lives are woven together for a reason." (Author Unknown)

Why would the Pastor write such a letter as this and run it in the Hickory Switch and use it as the Pastor's Report for the Business Meeting in October? To emphasize the seriousness of the hour in which we live. We have seen many great breakthroughs in the spiritual realm this year. Prayer has played a key role. Answers to prayer have come. While October, November and December are always festive and emotionally high months, 2013 is coming. I believe it will be a year of all of us pulling together. All over the world, things seem to be in turmoil. Wars, rumors of wars: rioting against the US. Who is going to bomb whom next? We just went through a record drought year. Who knows what the weather will be like this winter?

If you did not realize how important you are in the body of Christ, think about it. The cow wasn't concerned about the mouse until the things of life ate their way up the food chain. Then she was! Why wait until January, why not start now. You may think: "it is not important if you are at Sunday Worship" or "it is not important if I come to prayer" or "it is not important if I do not tithe" or "it is not important if I am not at Sunday School." If you still think that, please re-read the story. Remember, no one would listen to the mouse and he is the only one that didn't get eaten.

Pastor Ken

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Bailee Curts	3 7:30 Women's Fellowship	4 11:30 Golden Agers	5	6 Sara Felz
7 Rusty Bird Homecoming Sunday	8	9 Brice Crowel	10 7:00 Bible Study	11 Ron & Lonetta Felz 7:00 Business Mtg	12 Jo White	13 Liam Kelly
14	15 Sue Armstrong 7:00 Deacon Mtg	16	17 7:00 Bible Study	18	19 Wendy Sears Stephanie Shockley	20 Ayden Parsons Breakfast and Bazaar
21	22 Shawn & Denise Kelly Kelly & Wendy Sears 6:30 Youth Council Mtg	23	24 7:00 Bible Study	25 Bryan & Stephanie Felz Judy Crowel	26	27 Fall Party
28 Bud & Arleen Stangle Paul Cotner Candice Kelly Mason Reese	29 Amy Spitzer Brenda Johns Ben & Amanda Anderson Irma Jenni	30	31 7:00 Bible Study	1 Lindsey Hanna 11:30 Golden Agers	2 Bill Chanley Scott Jones	3 Ham & Bean Sup- per
4 Lulu Cole Levi Anderson	5	6 Elliott Kelley	7	8	9	10

November

Check out our website at www.hickorygrove.info

Women's Fellowship

Co Submitted by Brenda Johns and Shannon Kelly President Donna Lewellen opened meeting with prayer. We began by swapping our sack lunches and enjoying fellowship while we ate. Vicki Criswell provided drinks. We started the meeting as we finished our meal. Donna passed out signup sheet for items to be provided for the bazaar breakfast and for those interested in attending a craft day for making items to sell at the bazaar. Brenda announced that Chrystal with Matrix would be speaking at October meeting. Matrix is a pregnancy resource ministry. It offers assistance for women for unplanned pregnancies. They provide counseling, testing, maternity clothes, formula and diapers, etc. Brenda is participating in their annual fundraising "Walk for Life" on September 29, 2012 and welcomes sponsorship. Lonetta Felz announced that she was resigning as treasurer for health reasons, effective immediately. Brenda motioned to appoint Vicki Criswell, who had volunteered, to be the new treasurer, effective immediately. Judy Crowel seconded motion, vote taken and passed. Brenda to provide copy of these minutes to Vicki to take to the bank so Vicki can get accounts changed over. Pat Cotner passed cards to be signed for the sick and shut ins.

At 7 o'clock we moved on to our bible study portion of the meeting by discussing the latter part of Chapter 4 of Esther. We learned how the Devil will find your weakness and diligently try to bring

you down by working in that area of your life. We learned that the important concept of the book of Esther is about "time". How, even though God is not mentioned in the book of Esther, everything was about the timing. God's timing. We must let things work in God's time so that we can receive the blessings that he has for us and so that we can fulfill his purpose for us. We watched movie for Chapter 5 and will discuss at next meeting.

Our meeting resumed with Secretary and treasurer reports being read and approved with balance at Sept 1, 2012 of \$701.98. It was discussed to plan baby shower for Josh and Cassie Evans after their baby arrives in December. Purse Auction will be held September 18th at 7:00. Money will be donated to Women to Women @ White County Food Pantry. The Bazaar breakfast was decided to consist of biscuits and gravy, fruit, donuts or muffins, for a free will donation. The motion was made to give Brenda \$25 for the Matrix walk in Lafayette on September 29th by Vicki Criswell. 2nd by Lonetta Felz, vote taken and motion carried. The Christmas Party for Emmaus was discussed briefly. Vicki made a motion to a lot \$100 for gifts for those in the shelter. Shannon seconded the motion. All voted in agreement. Donna brought up that it would be nice to give something to the new women of the church to invite them to Women's Fellowship. It was discussed to begin researching our next bible study and possible women's retreat. Donna dismissed us in prayer.

Golden Agers

Submitted by Dieter Hantschel Instead of the usual meeting in a restaurant, the Golden Agers were invited to the home of Ruth Crown for the monthly gathering on September 6. Ruth's idea was that if she supplied the food and had Teresa Alexander help with the preparation, then all the money that would usually be spent in a restaurant would be collected for the benefit of Carroll County Religious Education, a 60 year old organization that serves the children of the community. And so it was!

Before the delicious and varied meal, Arleen Stangle shared devotions with those in attendance. Her message came from "Take My Children by the Hand" and used material from Acts, the Psalms and Galatians to take us to the Great

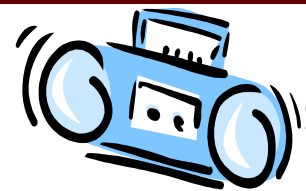
Commission (Matt. 28:19-20). She concluded by leading the group in the Lord's Prayer for the meal's blessing.

Also attending were Don Dill, Bob Tobey, Jonah Peterson, Brian Winterberg, Gary Reedy, Ann Conrad, Phyllis Wise, Bud Stangle, Marilyn and John Crowel, Sherry and Dieter Hantschel. The next meeting will be on October 4, 11:30 a.m. at Delphi's Stone House Restaurant. Considering the very limited close by parking spots, carpooling is suggested. The Regions Bank parking lot has also been made available to those who don't mind a two block hike. The Golden Agers would be pleased if you would join in for Christian fellowship, devotions and a good time under the Lord.

CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS

Submitted by Stephanie Felz

For those who may be interested in listening to Christians music or Christian talk radio, here are a few stations you might tune into!



90.7 FM (Christian Talk radio)

100.1 FM (Christian music)

106.7 FM (Christian music).

Tea-Purse Auction

On Tuesday, September 18, 2012, Judy Crowel welcomed 38 ladies, including 10 ladies from the Burnettville Baptist Church, to an evening of fun and fellowship. Refreshments of cookies and petite cupcakes along with tea, coffee and lemonade were served on elegantly decorated tables. Judy introduced Linda Harmon of Monticello, who told about the Women-to-Women program of the White County Food Pantry. This program provides feminine hygiene items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Ladies are able to come to the pantry once a month and choose 5 items, such as shampoo, tooth paste and soap. Approximately 360 ladies are served each month.

Auctioneer, Martin Lewellen, then auctioned many new, gently used, and homemade purses, filled with goodies, to ladies who were not shy about bidding against their friends. This led to much laughter. The ladies opened their hearts and purses with \$1,003 being raised. These proceeds were donated to the Women-to-Women program.



Love For Haiti

Collecting items for Haiti is a year round ministry supported by our church family. "Real Hope for Haiti" ships collected items twice each year. The following are things that we are collecting during the months of October, November and December: contact paper, rechargeable batteries, black sharpies, pencils, 3"x5" index cards, long and short envelopes, and thank you cards. If you would rather help through donating money, the "Love for Haiti Team" will use 100% of your gift for items that are requested. You can give your donation to Carolyn Clothier. If you have any question you can contact her at 574-753-7172. There will be a basket in the back of the sanctuary for your "Love for Haiti" gifts.



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Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

Dee Davis

306 S Illinois St.
Monticello, IN 47960
574-583-7234

Mary Rishel

Carroll Manor
6409 W 100 N.
Delphi, IN 46923
(Marlene Joseph's mother)

Irma Jenni

White Oak 814 S 6th Street,
Monticello IN 47960

Joan Mikesell

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Monticello IN 47960

Our College Kids:

Nicholl Cain and Coral Sparks

508 Michigan Street, Apartment 3,
Plymouth IN 46563

Ivan Veach

200 Seminary Drive
Box 1275
Winona Lake IN 46590

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:

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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!

