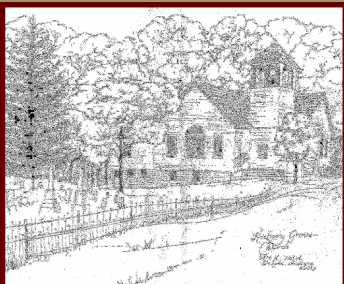


# Hickory Grove Church

## Hickory Switch

September  
2013



### Upcoming Events

#### September

4th-7:00 Women's Fellowship

5th-11:30 Golden Agers

10th-Youth Group

11th-7:00 Bible Study

16th-7:00 Deacon's Mtg

17th-Youth Group

18th-Mission & Outreach

18th-7:00 Bible Study

21st-Women's Prayer

24th-Youth Group

25th-7:00 Bible Study

#### October

1st-Youth Group

2nd-7:00 Women's Fellowship

3rd-11:30 Golden Agers

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## YOUTH GROUP REVIEW

Hickory Grove Youth Group is now in its THIRD year! We continue grow and are always excited to see new faces. Jamie and Melanie Campbell continue as High School leaders this year. After Pastor Ken graciously filled in for 6 months, we are excited to welcome Chad and Danielle Wharff to our leadership team! The Wharffs will be leading our Middle School youth.

So, what's Youth Group all about? What is Hickory House like? Let this article serve as a virtual tour for you! We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. The first half hour is all about fellowship - snacks (thank you congregation for the goodies!), lots of football tossing, giggling girls, working on the jigsaw puzzle, catching up with friends from other schools. It's usually a bit rowdy, but that just means our youth are having a good time and are excited to spend time with each other and with the leaders! We have a Prayer Perch (otherwise known as a small closet) where kids can go for a few moments alone with God, leave written prayer requests in the prayer jar, or just take some quiet time. Our hallway has a large bulletin board that we call Gratitude Attitude. Each week, the youth are responsible for checking the board to see if there are new opportunities to write a thank-you note. During the 2013 Kick-Off, everyone cut positive messages and photos from magazines

which have become the covering for our Little Library, a rough old bookshelf given a new life. We created a recycling area in the mudroom last year during lessons about God's beautiful Earth. The basement is in the process of becoming a gaming zone. Want to know more about our 'home'? Come on over!



At 7pm, we break into Middle and High School groups. High School meets in the back room of Hickory House and has gone for a coffee shop vibe. The older kids value deep discussion and enjoy being challenged to think in new ways and become more self-reflective. The younger kids enjoy activity-based lessons and meet in the large open area of Hickory House. It is often the case that the leaders are learning as much from the youth as the youth are learning from their leaders. We think that is a sign of success! We value these kids and our goal is to make them fully aware that their opinions, questions, feelings, and ideas are just as important as those of any adult.

As always, contact us anytime!

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## PASTOR'S PEN

Christmas in September perhaps sounds a little off base, we are used to hearing Christmas in July. There is a song titled "Christmas Room". One verse says: "In summertime when tempers flare and peace seems a never thing, I'd slip inside and I'd abide where herals angels sing." Below is the story of a Christmas song. The author penned this at a time of great despair and suffering in his life. If this has been a long hard summer for you, let the story of the song minister peace to your heart. ...  
Pastor ken

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" is a Christmas carol based on the 1863 poem "Christmas Bells" by American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The song tells of the narrator's despair, upon hearing Christmas bells, that "hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men". The carol concludes with the bells carrying renewed hope for peace among mankind.

During the American Civil War, Longfellow's oldest son Charles Appleton Longfellow joined the Union cause as a soldier without his father's blessing. Longfellow was informed by a letter dated March 14, 1863, after Charles had left. "I have tried hard to resist the temptation of going without your leave but I cannot any longer," he wrote. "I feel it to be my first duty to do what I can for my country and I would willingly lay down my life for it if it would be of any good". Charles soon got an appointment as a lieutenant but, in November, he was severely wounded in the Battle of New Hope Church (in Virginia) during the Mine Run Campaign. Coupled with the recent loss of his wife Frances, who died as a result of an accidental fire, Longfellow was inspired to write "Christmas Bells".

He first wrote the poem on Christmas Day in 1863. "Christmas Bells" was first published in February 1865 in *Our Young Folks*, a juvenile magazine published by Ticknor and Fields.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day, Their old, familiar carols play, and wild and sweet, The words repeat, Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom, Had rolled along, The unbroken song, Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till ringing, singing on its way, The world revolved from night to day, A voice, a chime, A chant sublime, Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth, The cannon thundered in the South, And with the sound, The carols drowned, Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

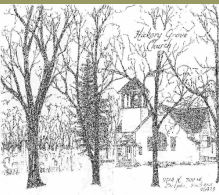
It was as if an earthquake rent, The hearth-stones of a continent, And made forlorn The households born, Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong, And mocks the song, Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men."

*Pastor Ken*





# September 2013

## Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Rusty & Rachelle Bird	3  Youth Group	4 Justin Wharff  7:00 Women's Fellowship	5 Roy Dunn  11:30 Golden Agers-USA Family Rest.	6	7 Roger Stewart Mason Barrett
8 Lillian Clothier Sam & Brenda Johns	9	10 Amanda Anderson  Youth Group	11 Cody Koedam  7:00 Bible Study	12 Arleen Stangle	13 Ben Parker Lauren Weaver	14 Ken Smith
15 Marvin & Judy Harker	16  Deacon's Meeting	17  Youth Group	18 Marvin Harker  Mission & Outreach 7:00 Bible Study	19	20 Dick Marion Melissa Nacke	21 Tami Veach  Women's Prayer
22	23	24 Jim Mikesell Helen Hanna  Youth Group	25  7:00 Bible Study	26 Jamie & Melanie Campbell	27	28
29 Brice and Judy Crowel	30 Kevin Lashbrook Isaac Lashbrook	1  Youth Group	2  Bailee Curts  7:00 Women's Fellowship	3  11:30 Golden Agers	4	5

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## Ice Cream Social

Submitted by Brenda Johns

Our **Annual Ice Cream Social to benefit the Idaville Fire Department** was a huge success! There were a number of people who traveled from Lafayette and surrounding areas as well as our local community. The fireman brought the trucks to share with the kids again this year, giving them a ride and letting them run the water hoses. This is always very exciting for the kids and we appreciate that they make the effort to give up some time on a Sunday afternoon to do this. The Lafayette Journal and Courier even came out and interviewed and took some pictures and a couple of our children's pictures appeared in the paper! **We raised \$1,100 this year, which is a record high since we've been doing it.** Thank you to everyone who participated, whether it be eating ice cream, donating money, carrying tables or cleaning up. The Mission & Outreach committee really appreciates you making it a successful event every year!



## Golden Agers

Submitted by Dieter Hantschel

The White Oak Health Campus Activity Room was the site of our August 1 meeting. 14 of us gathered to have conversations and devotions before Pastor Ken Smith prayed Grace. Executive Chef Betti served up a delicious meal and the room suddenly fell quiet. That happens most of the time when there is food.. Once the delightful dessert was served, Arleen Stangle shared several Scriptural passages with inspirational words that can guide us on our walk. Pastor Ken brought to us encouragement to reach out, even beyond the church, to bring others to Jesus.

We invite everyone at HGC to consider joining us at USA Family Restaurant (North main Street, Monticello) on September 5, 11:30. And please consider also to bring a neighbor or friend.



## For the Young at Heart-Bible Trivia

1. What was the name of Jesus' mother?
2. What was the name of the garden where Adam and Eve lived?
3. With what food did Jesus feed 5,000 people?
4. What method did the Romans use to kill Jesus?
5. From which part of Adam's body did God create Eve?
6. Who, when accused of being with Jesus, lied and said that he did not know him, three times?
7. Which creature tricked Eve into eating of the forbidden fruit?
8. At Christ's crucifixion what did the soldiers place on his head?
9. What is the first line of the Lord's Prayer?
10. What relationship was Ruth to Naomi?
11. Who lied to God when he was asked where his brother was?
12. Which Old Testament character showed his faith by being willing to offer his son on an altar to God?
13. What significant event is recorded in Genesis chapters 1 and 2?
14. What was inscribed above Jesus' cross?
15. Whose mother placed him in an ark of bulrushes?
16. For how many days and nights did it rain in the story of the flood?
17. What was special about Jesus' mother?
18. Who gave gifts to Jesus when he was a young child?
19. What happened to Jonah after he was thrown overboard?
20. In whose image was man created?
21. How many apostles did Jesus choose?
22. What are the wages of sin?
23. Who is the first mother mentioned in the Bible?
24. Who else, other than the wise men, came to visit Jesus when he was a small child?

25. Who lied when he was asked to reveal the source of his great strength?
26. What was the name of the man Jesus' mother was engaged to at the time she became pregnant?
27. Which book of the Bible records many of the hymns David wrote?
28. From what disaster did the Ark save Noah?
29. What happened to Jesus forty days after his resurrection?
30. What animals did Jesus cause to run into the sea and drown?

**Answers:** 1. Mary (Matt 1:18), 2. Garden of Eden (Gen 2:8), 3. Loaves of bread and fishes (Matt 14:19), 4. Crucifixion (Mark 15:25), 5. Rib (Gen 2:21), 6. (Simon) Peter (Matt 26:69-74), 7. Serpent (Gen 3:1-6), 8. Crown of Thorns (Matt 27:29), 9. Our Father which art in heaven (Matt 6:9), 10. Daughter-in-law (Ruth 1:4), 11. Cain (Gen 4:9), 12. Abraham (Jam 2:21-22), 13. Creation (Gen 1 - 2), 14. King of the Jews / This is Jesus, King of the Jews (Mark 15:26; Matt 27:27), 15. Moses (Exo 2:3), 16. Forty (Gen 7:12), 17. She was a virgin (Matt 1:23), 18. Wise men / magi (Matt 2:7-10), 19. He was swallowed by a great fish (Jon 1:17), 20. God's (Gen 1:27), 21. Twelve (Luke 6:13), 22. Death (Rom 6:23), 23. Eve (Gen 4:1), 24. Shepherds (Luke 2:16), 25. Samson (Jdg 16:15), 26. Joseph (Matt 1:19), 27. Psalms (Ps 1:1-150:6), 28. Flood (Gen 7:7), 29. He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:3-11), 30. Pigs (Matt 8:32)

## 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)



## YOUTH GROUP INFO

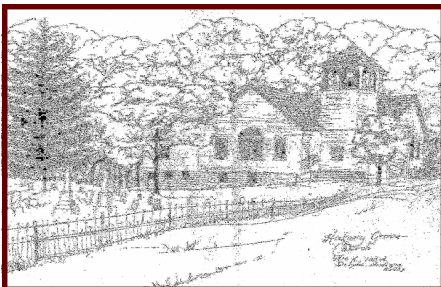
Submitted by Melanie Campbell

Youth Group will meet September 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 6:30-8:00pm We are working on a gaming zone in the basement. If you have any board games, table games, sports equipment, etc. that's not being used, we've love to take it off your hands!

Guests are always welcome during fellowship from 6:30-7:00pm. If you'd like to sit in on a High School or Middle School lesson from 7-8:00pm, just let us know ahead of time.

Check out the front page!



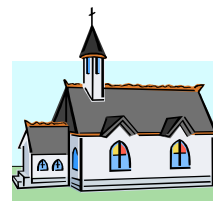


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## **Have something you want to share...**

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!

