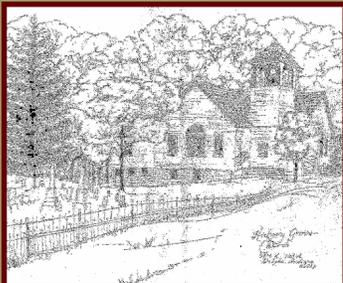


Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Switch

January
2015



Rengina wanted to wish Hickory Grove Church a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2015.

He is doing well so far this year in school. The classes are more challenging and he has more homework, but he is happy to be learning and growing in his knowledge. His favorite subject this year is history.

He enjoys learning about the past and history of his country. After school he enjoys playing soccer with his friends, going to church and listening to the radio

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Real Hope for Haiti



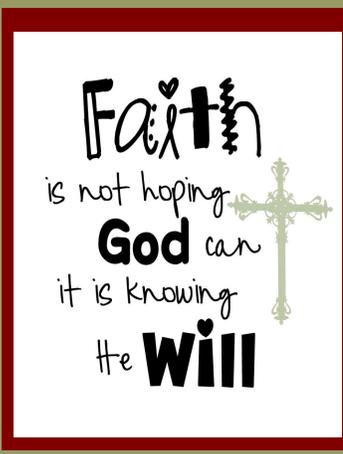
Anika wanted to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2015!

She is doing well this year in school and enjoys her classes. She loves to color any pictures of animals. She also enjoys counting her numbers and repeating her ABC's.

She is happy to have a short break for Christmas vacation and is looking forward to spending time with her family and friends.

I have attached some recent pictures of her and her report cards from last year and her school card from this year. The have not issued any grades yet for her this school year.

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BULLETIN TRIMESTRIEL

Nom Sintus
Prénom Anika
Section des maisons
Trimestre 3^eme
Année Scolaire 2013/2014

Discrimination Visuelle	Très bien	Bien	Assez	DEVELOPPEMENT SOCIAL ET EMOTIONNEL	Souvent	Parfois	Jamais
Identifié et nommé les couleurs	✓			Etre poli (e) dit bonjour, merci, S'il vous plaît, au revoir	✓		
Différence : Grand-Moyen-Petit	✓			A de l'agressivité			✓
Identifié certaines ou toutes les Parties du corps	✓			Partage avec les autres	✓		
Initiation à la lecture				Dérange les autres		✓	
Initiation à l'écriture				Attend son tour			✓
Initiation au calcul				Participe aux activités individuelles	✓		
Développement intellectuel	Très bien	Bien	Assez	Participe aux activités collectives	✓		
Dessiné une chose		✓		Règle Ses conflits seul (e)		✓	
Connait les noms de ses amis	✓			LATERALISATION	Oui	Non	Hésite
Connait les membres de sa famille	✓			Prendre conscience des deux Côtés du corps	✓		
Connait son adresse et son Numéro de téléphone			✓	Reconnait la droite la gauche Sur lui, sur autre, sur image			✓
Art	Très bien	Bien	Assez	APPRECIATION : Anika Va en 3 ^e année Bonnes vacances!			
Chant-Initiation musicale	✓			Mme Luichelene C. Dorce La Jardinière			
Expression corporelle	✓	*		Mme Licia La Direction			
Gribouillis-Griffonnage			✓				
Dessin organisé			✓				

PASTOR'S PEN

BOXING DAY

Most of us have seen “Boxing Day (Canada)” on our calendars on December 26th. A few years ago I realized what that meant. I had thought it was a Canadian sporting event day. Truth is it is the day after Christmas and participating people go through their closets and box up the things they no longer need while putting away their new things from Christmas. They then give what they don't need to people less fortunate who can use them. I am going to go through my closets this year and do that; albeit it might not be on December 26 – maybe the 27th or 28th.

That thought triggered another. It is also a good time to go through my spiritual closet and do some cleaning out. Spiritual things that hinder my walk with Jesus. Thoughts, habits and attitudes that are not compatible with the Christian life. Yes, it is the putting to death of things that are not pleasing to God. I was listening to a teaching tape yesterday and reminded of something I have heard before. “There are two men inside of me. One is the spiritual me and the other is the fleshly me. The one that grows is the one I feed”. Galatians 6:8 “Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit”.

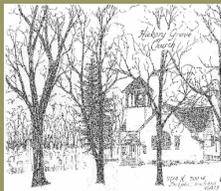
If not careful our spirits become like our sock drawer; so full we can no longer get our socks in. If we want to get more in, we have to clean some things out. It's a “You can only get 5# of sugar in a 5# sack” kind of thing. If we would be honest with ourselves, there are some things in our sock drawers that we realize we will never wear but just don't want to get rid of them yet. Well, you can see where this is going. There are thoughts and hurts and angry feelings that we just haven't let go of yet. Truth is, until we get rid of those things there is not room for the Spirit of God to dwell and bring peace, love and joy.

Yes, I am going to hate to part with that broken belt buckle I have been hanging onto. I have some favorite shirts that “must have shrunk” because they don't fit so well anymore, but I may grow back into someday. Yes, those things are important but do I want to start keeping my clothes that fit on the floor? Likewise, what do I want in my spiritual drawer – Junk or The Spirit?

Looks like I better get some more boxes ready. What about you?

Pastor Ken





January 2015

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Martin and Donna Lewellen 11:30 Golden	2 Nick Spitzer	3
4 Jim and Mary Black	5	6 Youth Mtg.	7 7:00 Women's Fellowship	8 7:00 Business Mtg.	9 Shannon Kelly	10 Nolan Yoakum
11	12 Diane Bailey Mary Alice Pickett	13 Youth Mtg.	14 Mairi Cunningham Aaron Nacke 7:00 Bible Study	15 Susan Hill	16	17 John Harvey
18	19 Myca Hill 7:00 Deacon's Mtg.	20 Bud Stangle Mark and Ann Smerdel Youth Mtg.	21 Terry and Jo Dill 7:00 Bible Study	22 Bob White	23	24 Melanie Campbell Walter and Jeanne Potts
25 Tom and Sue Armstrong	26	27 Youth Mtg.	28 Shawna Cunningham 7:00 Bible Study	29	30	1 Andy Kelly Cassie Evans
2 Leisha Hill Dan and Roxie Foerman	3 Marlita Joseph	4	5 Matt Heber 7:00 Women's Fellowship	6 David Veach Trisha Curts	7 Megan Kelly Trina Smith	8

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ~ DECEMBER 3RD, 2014

President Leisha Hill started meeting with prayer. There were 11 women present. Lonetta Felz shared a devotional titled "This Christmas God Wants You to Know" and also one titled "He is Always With Us".

The 2 dozen cookies each of us brought were set out in a beautiful Christmas display along with tasty punch that Lonetta provided. We sampled many of the different types of cookies and divvied up the rest to go home with each of us.

Secretary report from November meeting was approved as written. Treasurer report was given by Vicki Criswell with a balance on December 1, 2014 of \$2,505.56. \$105 was collected for Women to Women from the Thank Offering.

Committee reports were given. The hat, mitten and scarf collection was delivered to local schools and to the Toy Store. There were over 100 items collected.

We discussed that volunteers are needed at Honan Hall for the Toy Store.

Leisha reported that Craft Day was a success and much enjoyed by all who attended. We had several new people attend this time. Great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Emmaus Christmas dinner will be on December 13, 2014. We will leave church around 4. The menu was passed around and volunteers signed up to bring the food. There are currently 10 adults and 9 children living at Emmaus. Vicki Criswell motioned that \$200 be spent on bingo prizes since we found out 9 kids are living at Emmaus. Jo White 2nd motion, vote taken and motion passed. Leisha Hill and Brenda Johns each volunteered to purchase the items.

We played the Lefty Elf game for our ornament swap. That was a lot of fun!

Jackie Johns won the drawing for this month's prize.

Next meeting will be held on January 7th.

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)



GOLDEN AGERS

Submitted by Sherry Hantschel

December 11, 2014 brought 13 Golden Agers together at Arlene and Bud Stangle's beautifully decorated house for their Christmas party.

The Stangles provided the meat and drinks. The guests brought the side dishes and desert. There was enough food to fill the tummies of all and plenty left over. As always, lots of lively conversations and laughter.

Arlene had devotions. She read us a children's story entitled "The Baby Born in a Stable", next, "Thee I Love" and finally, "A Christmas Story by a Soldier."

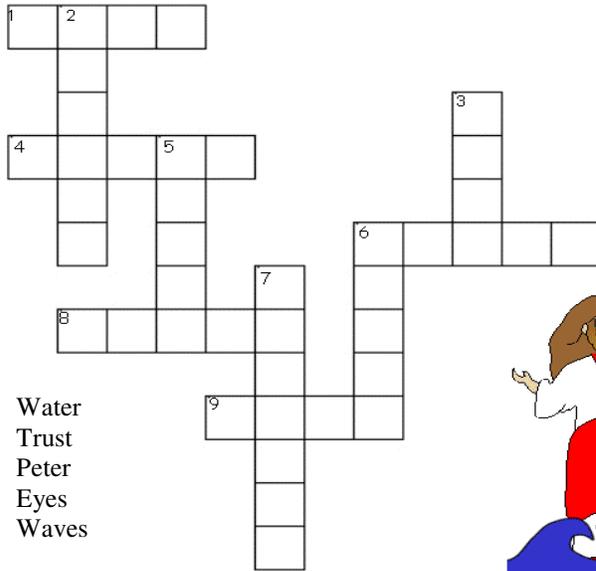
To lighten the mood a little, Arlene passed out small gifts to everybody. She explained these gifts were for a game called "The Right Family Christmas Story." As Arlene read the story we had to listen for the word RIGHT or the word LEFT. When we heard the word RIGHT we had to pass our gift to the person to our right. Likewise, when we heard the word LEFT, we had to pass the gift to the person to our left. The gift that was yours at the beginning of the game may or may not be the one you started with at the end of the game. It was a lot of fun and worth some giggles from the players.

We Golden Agers wish to say a big Thank You to Arlene and Bud for opening up their home for a fun party.

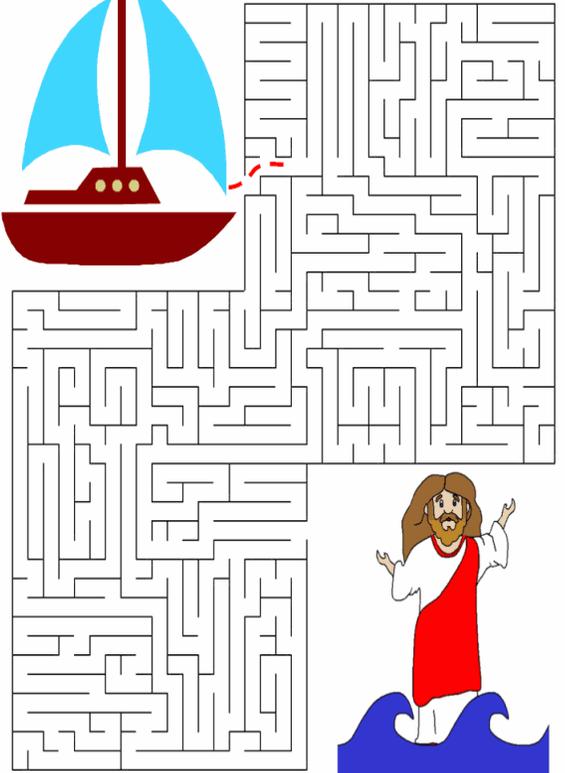
We will begin having our meetings on THE FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month. Our first meeting of 2015 will be on January 7th, at USA Family Restaurant, at 11:30 a.m.

For the Young at Heart

Help the fishermen find their way to Jesus.



- | | |
|---------|-------|
| Afraid | Water |
| Boat | Trust |
| Calm | Peter |
| Faith | Eyes |
| Praying | Waves |



Across

1. As soon as Jesus got into the boat the water became ____.
4. When Peter first started to walk on water he had lots of this.
6. Jesus (and Peter for a bit) are the only people to ever walk on this.
8. The name of the disciple that wanted to go out on the water.
9. Peter started to sink when he took these off of Jesus.

Down

2. When the disciples first saw Jesus they were ____.
3. The disciples were in this when they saw Jesus on the water.
5. We can always ____ God to be here for us!
6. There were many ____ in the water because it was so windy.
7. Jesus wasn't on the boat because he was ____ by himself.

YOUTH GROUP INFO

Submitted by Melanie Campbell

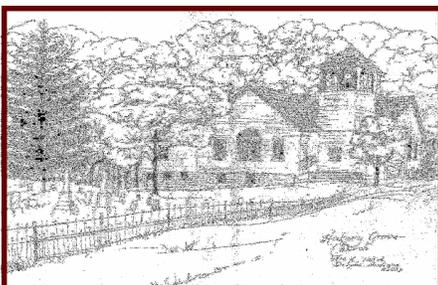
R.A.C.K.ing & P.A.C.K.ing!

During this holiday season, the high school students of Hickory House will once again perform Acts of Kindness, both Random and Planned. We will be extending joy, empathy, grace, mercy, and hope to people we know and love and also to people we've never met! YOU might even be a recipient of an Act of Kindness. But more importantly, YOU can help us perform an Act of Kindness. **In the back of the sanctuary, you will find a Kindness Donation Station.** This is where your pocket change really does make a big impact! A few quarters means we've taken care of someone's expenses at the laundromat. A five dollar bill means we can whip up batches of cookies for our emergency responders. **All money placed in the Kindness Donation Station by December 9 will be used for Acts of Kindness before Christmas.** Make your contribution today to allow the best planning for 2014 Acts! Our inaugural event last year was a big success and we hope to do even more this year!

Remember, this is not a fundraiser. It's a gift - **the gift of kindness.**

Just Some of the 2013 Acts:

- Clothing & gifts for 3 Veterans Home Residents
- 160 lbs dog food to a family faced with giving up their pets after an unexpted layoff
- Cookies & cocoa for multiple law enforcement and first responder agencies
- Car battery for a young person in need
- Laundry money for dozens of loads at local laundromat
- Surprising diners at local restaurants with gift certificates to cover their bill



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Don Dill
White Oak 814 S 6th Street,
Monticello IN 47960

Irma Jenni
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In Your Moment of Need...



In your moment of
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Alan Sickler 574-943-3236
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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!

