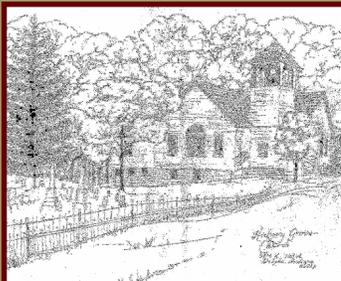


Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Switch

April
2016



Upcoming Events

April

1st & 2nd-Fusion
5th-Youth Group
6th-Golden Agers
6th-Women's Fellowship
10th-Potato Bar for Jacob Family Mission
12th-Youth Group
13th-Bible Study
14th-Business Mtg
16th-Women's Prayer
17th-White County Unity Service
18th-Deacon's Mtg.
19th-Youth Group
20th-Bible Study
26th-Youth Group
27th-Bible Study



A Miracle In My Life!

A poem about a miracle is easy for me,
Because 'the miracle' in my life is plain to see.
Four times wed and un-wed to the four as well
Those years without Christ were a ticket for Hell.
Then I turned to the Lord and received the Spirit too,
All things changed as I found the scripture was true.
God's word often offers the promise of

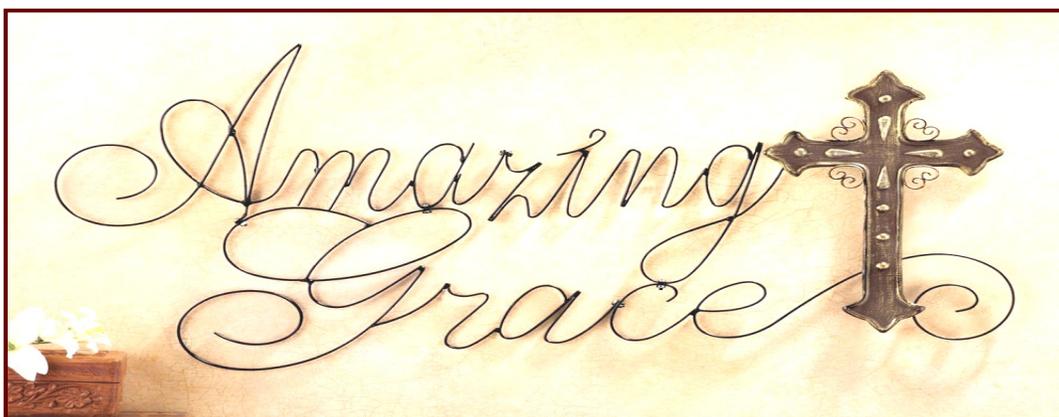
A caring, frugal, wife,
And the Word adds the blessing of love in
A long, sharing, life.

So just think, I spent twenty plus years, no Christ, with the four,
Then, with the Lord, the miracle of Ann, forty good years and more!
If a doubt of 'the miracle' you should ask my wife, Ann,
She almost backed out of our wedding, thought change of plan.
But she felt an urging inside that said it was right,
That strong push was 'Gods miracle' she could not fight.
I thank God for my wife, Ann.
We are one, and we are blessed.

Written by Austin E. Bowman, submitted by Gary Reedy. This was shared during their Sunday school class at Valentines. What a great testimony! Thank you for sharing with all of us.

Potato Bar for Jacob Family Missions

There will be a Potato Bar sponsored by the Dreamer's class on Sunday, April 10th immediately following church. Proceeds of this freewill donation will go to the Jacob Family Missions in China.



PASTOR'S PEN

“SPRING CLEANING”

Just before the schools went on spring break, I was speaking with a group of High Schoolers. I said: “Have a great spring break”. One of the boys said: “You too!” To which I replied: “I don’t get a spring break”. His response was timely: “Well, maybe you can have a “spring cleaning”.

That took me back to a time when about every home did a spring cleaning. We took the rugs out and hung them over the clothesline and beat them with the broom. The floors were scrubbed and the hardwood got a coat of Bruce Wax. (On your knees over the whole floor). Churches even had a spring cleaning day. People would come to the church and clean. All of the dishes came out of the cabinets and were washed, the cabinets cleaned, then the dishes put away. All of the windows and windowsills would be washed. And yes, Bruce Wax applied to the hardwood floors (on the knees again). Yes, crawling under the pews. The pews would get a coat of Pledge (no padding in those days). That is just the way it was done. Believe me, they needed it too.

You see, during those spring cleaning days we always found some “stuff” we forgot was there or that we had decided to get rid of someday. There were things we had outgrown and toys we no longer played with. We got rid of some “stuff” because it cluttered up our homes and we needed to make room for more important things.

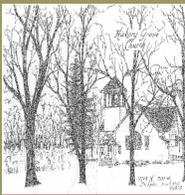
All those thoughts reminded me how it would benefit us all spiritually to have a spring cleaning day. Not just in our houses and churches but in our spiritual lives. Is there “stuff” in our lives that is taking up space and as a result crowding out the things of God? Are there things we have been meaning to stop or get rid of because they are not pleasing to God? Are there things we spend lots of time on that keep us from spending time with God or in service to Him? As Christians we all need a little polishing from time to time. Thankfully not polished with Bruce Wax but with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

On New Year’s we sometimes make resolutions to change some things. Could you benefit from some spring cleaning? Here is a wonderful prayer to start with.

Psalm 51:1-13 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

Happy Spring Cleaning.

Pastor Ken



April '16

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Fusion	2 Fusion
3 Emma Wilson	4 Rob & Leisha Hill	5 Youth Group	6 Golden Agers Women's Fellowship	7	8	9 Tom White Roy & Connie Dunn
10 Potato Bar for Jacob Family Mission	11 Taylor Nacke	12 Youth Group	13 Coral Altman Bible Study	14 Melanie Johns Lupe Zepeda Business Mtg.	15 Haley Wharff	16 Maggie Emmons Women's Prayer
17 Emily Felz White County Unity Service	18 Rachel Bowlin Deacon Mtg.	19 Youth Group	20 Lily Anderson Bible Study	21 Ron Simons	22 Josh & Cassie Evans	23 Pam Simons
24 Rebecca Kelly Logan Todd Phillip Michaels	25 Owen Crowel	26 Patti Lashbrook Stephanie Veach Youth Group	27 Bible Study	28	29	30 Craft Day
1	2 Michael Ayon	3	4	5 Terry Dill	6 Darin Bishop Eric and Pam Stevenson	7

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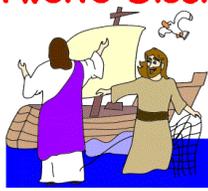
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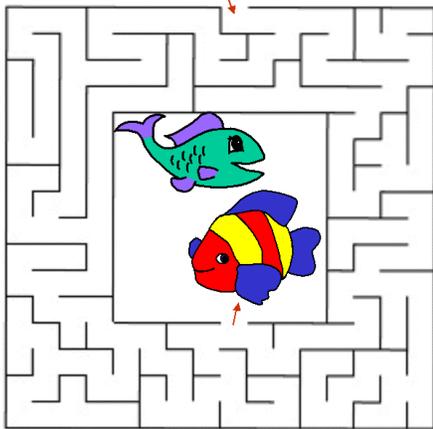
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For the Young at Heart

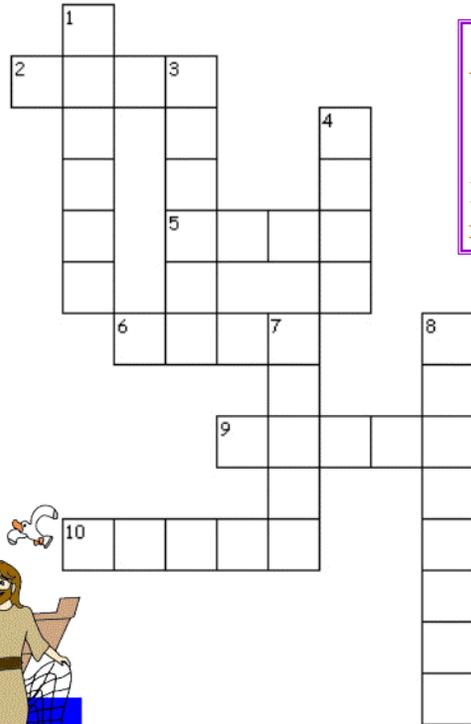
Twelve Disciples Maze



Help the disciples find the fish they caught.



Twelve Disciples Crossword



- Word List:**
 boat follow
 disciple heal
 James learn
 left Simon
 nets twelve



Golden Agers-Con't.

God Scatters Love

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
 For tender grass so fresh and sweet;
 For song of bird and hum of bee;
 For all things fair we hear and see,
 Father in Heaven, we thank thee!

For each new morning with its light;
 For rest and shelter of the night;
 For health and food, for love and friends;
 For everything Thy goodness sends;
 Father, in Heaven, we thank thee.

James Russell Lowell

Across

- Jesus sometimes taught from inside this.
- The disciples ____ everything and followed Jesus.
- Jesus gave the disciples authority to drive out evil spirits and ____ every disease.
- John's brothers' name.
- From this disciple's boat Jesus taught and performed a miracle with fish.

Down

- Jesus said, "____ me and I will make you fishers of men".
- This is the number of disciples Jesus chose.
- Jesus told the disciples to let down their ____ and suddenly were able to catch fish.
- We can be Jesus' disciples by trying to ____ all we can about Him.
- The name for follower of Jesus Christ.

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!

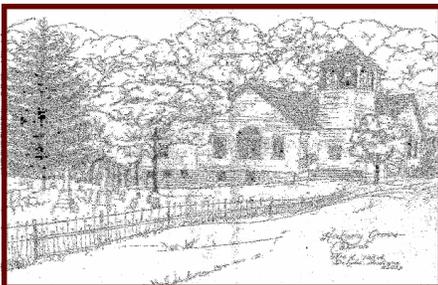
- 90.7 FM (Christian Talk radio)
- 100.1 FM (Christian music)
- 106.7 FM (Christian music)



YOUTH GROUP INFO

Submitted by Melanie Campbell
 Youth Group will meet the following Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm at Hickory House: April 5, 12, 19, 26. College age welcome April 5.

For more information contact Melanie Campbell hickoryhouse46923@gmail.com or (574) 601-8189



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People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

Ann Conrad

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Flora, In 46929-1362

Dee Davis

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Monticello, IN 47960
574-583-7234

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Monticello IN 47960

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322 South East Street
Tipton, IN 46072

In Your Moment of Need...



In your moment of
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call:

Pastor Ken Smith

Phone: 574-826-4307
Pager: 574-722-0173

Or one of our Deacons:

Cindi Anderson 574-686-2659
Ron Felz 574-965-4239
Rob Hill 574-686-2092
Alan Sickler 574-943-3236
Ron Simons 574-943-3382
Gloria Heber 765-564-4386

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!

