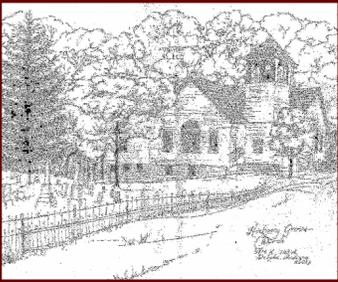


## Hickory Switch



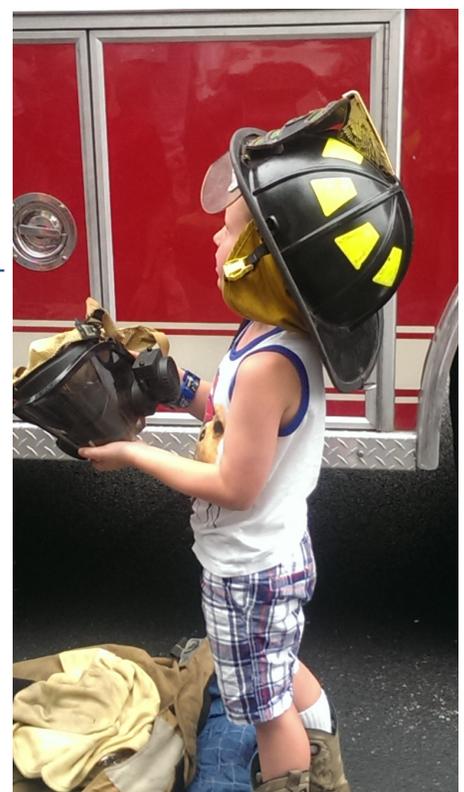
### Upcoming Events

## September

- 6th-Youth Group
- 7th-Golden Agers
- 7th-Women's Fellowship
- 11th-Car Show
- 13th-Youth Group
- 14th-Bible Study
- 17th-Women's Prayer
- 19th-Deacon's Meeting
- 20th-Youth Meeting
- 21st-Bible Study
- 27th-Youth Group
- 28th-Bible Study



Another great year at the annual Ice Cream Social! \$1,872 was raised at the August 14<sup>th</sup> event hosted by the Mission & Outreach committee to benefit the Idaville Fire Department. At one point we had over 50 people sitting at the tables enjoying ice cream and each other's company. Thank you to those who contributed, both financially and of your time and efforts. Many hands made light work of putting the tables and chairs away afterward. Thank you to the Idaville Fire Department who faithfully give up time on their Sunday afternoon to bring the fire trucks out to this event. It is very much appreciated!



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## PASTOR'S PEN

### WHATEVER HAPPENED TO A DAY OF REST?

*This Switch Letter is a continuation of the July & August Hickory Switch Letters. If you did not read them, please go to [hickorygrove.info](http://hickorygrove.info) and read them on line before proceeding with this one.*

We've been exploring what the Bible says about the day of rest that God has established for His people. We realize these instructions do not apply to those who are not His people. Each of us must decide if we are "one" of "His" people. In the second letter we looked at one of the changes that happened in society that "enabled" people to be transportable on our day of rest: the availability of gasoline on Sundays.

I asked for input from our seniors on what they did on Sundays when they were young. I got one response from a just entering senior-hood (65). Here was the story: *In the summer AFTER attending worship we often went to Sandy Beach (Lake Freeman) with 4 or 5 other families and spent the day swimming, boating, skiing, and picnicking. One time I remember each family brought baked beans and chocolate cake. There was fried chicken and hot dogs but had lots of beans and cake!! My father liked to just get in the car and drive so it was not uncommon (AFTER worship) to drive to O'Hare and just watch the planes land and take off.*

That story verifies how gasoline availability on Sundays allowed people to "take off" on Sundays. For this family it was always AFTER worship, Praise the Lord".

So what is the other reason for the gigantically enormous change that I have witnessed? Remember I said previously, that when there were no gasoline sales on Sundays, the stores were all closed on Sundays. Of course, people could not get out to shop. BUT, when gas became available, one by one, stores started being open on Sundays. They started out being open after 12:00 Noon. When that happened they required their employees to be there, many of them Christians. It was you be there on Sunday or lose your job.

Now things really started downhill for the churches. Not only could people travel, they could also shop. As time went on the store hours became longer and longer, leading us today to stores that are open 24 hours a day. Soon the stores led to entertainment avenues that were previously closed. Not only could you drive and shop, movie theatres and other entertainment venues were opening on Sunday. Some of the younger people reading this letter are probably thinking Pastor Ken heard all these things; no, I really experienced them. We are talking 50 years have passed and we went from every Sunday being regular attendance to one Sunday a month being the national average. I John 2:16 says: "For everything in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--comes not from the Father but from the world". You see the devil knew right where to throw temptation. Throw the world at them and they will come.

A story I have told from the pulpit before perfectly fit's this letter. I got all of this because my Dad was one faced with work on Sunday or be fired. Our church service started at 10:00 and let out a little after 11:00. My Dad had to be at work at 11:00 because he was a department manager; it was a 20 minute drive. On those days he was not able to be in worship. Now there was this one elder, yes a little pious, who would always chide my Dad for not being there and working on Sunday. "You know what the Bible says about working on Sunday don't you Tom?" Dad would always just say "yes, I do". What this elder did not know was that Dad knew when to not speak but he also knew when to speak. One Sunday when Dad was working, this elder came into the store Dad was working at and began to give him a hard time for working and missing church that Sunday. FINALLY, the elder asked the wrong question, or the right one as the case may be. The elder asked: "Tell me Tom, why do you have to work on Sundays?" Dad's reply: "Because people like you shop on Sundays; if you would just stay at home, I wouldn't have to work." Guess what, never another remark from the elder. To be continued next month.

*Pastor Ken*

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# September '16

## Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 Roy Dunn	6 Youth Group	7 Golden Agers Women's Fellowship	8 Sam & Brenda Johns	9	10 Amanda Anderson
11 Cody Koedam  Car Show after church	12 Arleen Stangle	13 Lauren Weaver  Youth Group	14 Ken Smith  Bible study	15	16	17 Ray & Kathy Todd  Women's Prayer
18	19 Deacon Meeting	20 Dick Marion Melissa Nacke  Youth Group	21 Tami Veach  Bible Study	22 Ray Todd	23	24 Helen Hanna Jim Mikesell
25	26 Jamie & Melanie Campbell	27 Youth Group	28 Bible Study	29 Brice & Judy Crowel Mike & Jackie Schroeder	30 Kevin Lashbrook Isaac Lashbrook	1

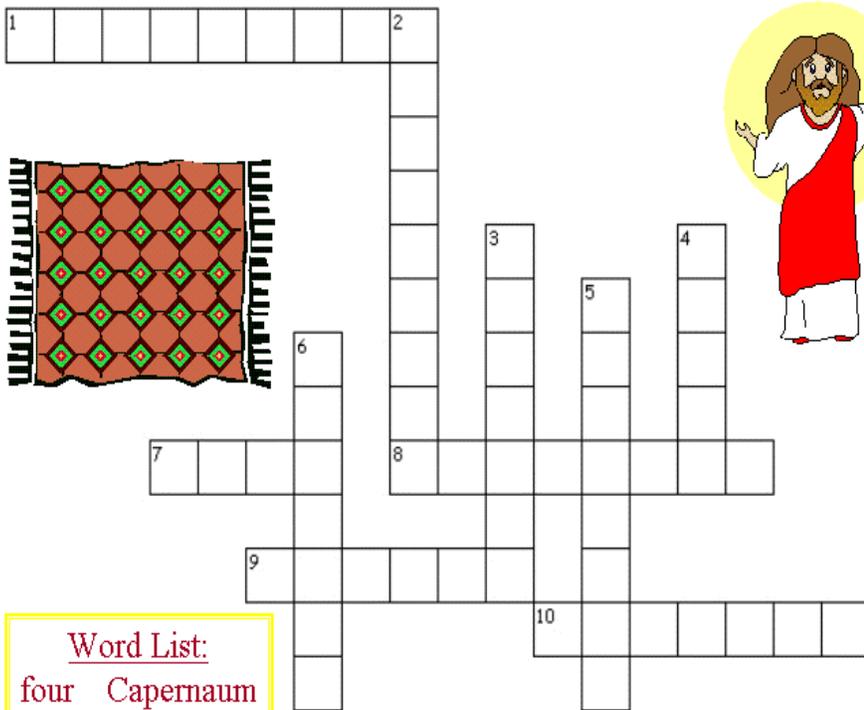
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# For the Young at Heart



**Word List:**  
 four Capernaum  
 broke teachers  
 crowded walked  
 forgave lowered  
 paralytic miracles



**Across**

- 1. This is the label the man had because he couldn't walk.
- 7. This is the number of men that brought the paralyzed man to see Jesus.
- 8. Jesus performed two of these when He saw the paralyzed man.
- 9. The man that was carried in was healed so he stood and \_\_\_ out on his own.
- 10. The men couldn't get in the house to see Jesus because it was so \_\_\_.

**Down**

- 2. The name of the town where this miracle took place.
- 3. The four men \_\_\_ the paralytic down through the roof to get to Jesus.
- 4. The men \_\_\_ through the roof so they could get the man to Jesus.
- 5. The \_\_\_ of the law questioned Jesus authority.
- 6. Jesus did this for the man first, before he healed him.

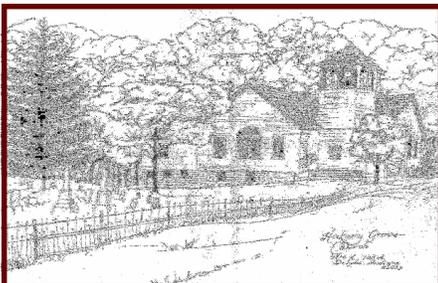
## CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS

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  
**Meetings...September 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th!**  
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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!

