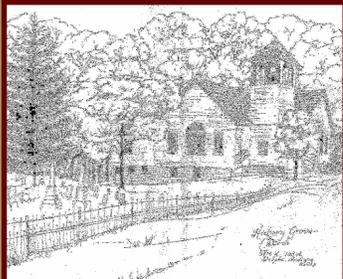


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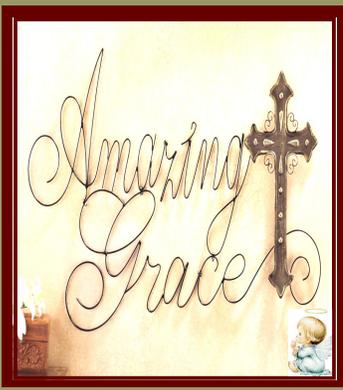
Hickory Switch



Upcoming Events

October

3rd-Kid's Night
4th-Youth Group
5th-Golden Agers
5th-Women's Fellowship
11th-Youth Group
12th-Bible Study
13th-Business Mtg
15th-Women's Prayer
15th-Fall Bazaar and Brunch
17th-Deacon Mtg
18th-Youth Group
19th-Bible Study
22nd-Craft Day
23rd-Matt McClain and Family/Carry-in Dinner
26th-Bible Study



Hickory Grove Church Annual Fall Bazaar and Brunch

October 15th, 2016
8:00AM to 11:00PM



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 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. In the third letter we looked at how stores and restaurants started staying open on Sundays so that people could shop and eat out. This month we will look at the last reason I offer as to one of the changes that happened in society that altered Sundays. Though it may not be popular for me to suggest, the third reason is sports.

Back in the 50's there was an unwritten rule between the churches and schools. That rule was there were no sporting events on Wednesday nights and Sundays. Most churches had a midweek service on Wednesday nights. Not only were there no sporting events during those times, there were no school activities during those times. Granted, not everyone went to churches, but everyone respected the unwritten rule. Those times were for worship and family.

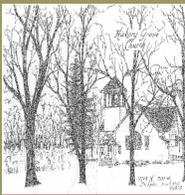
If there was to be any sports practice, it would be after school. If there were any games, they were after school or in the evenings. The big calling card was the Varsity Basketball game on Friday night. It never conflicted with football – there was no football. It never conflicted with soccer – most had never heard of soccer.

Where did the conflict all start? Somewhere along the time line, some coach somewhere said we're going to have practice on Wednesday night. That in itself was not the problem. The problem was that the churches and Christians attending them did not stand up and say: "No!", That Is Not Happening!" It was like someone had opened Pandora's Box. The competitive spirit rose up and Christian parents allowed their children to attend. Personally, I can remember when my oldest son came to me in 1989 (remember I was pastoring a church at that time). He proudly said: "Dad, I'm not going to be able to come to church on Sunday mornings for a while. We are starting weight training for football and it starts at 10:00 on Sunday mornings. The coach said if we did not come we could not be a starter (he was always a starter) in the games." I sent a very nice letter to the coach explaining why he would not be at practice; he started every game.

You see there is a strong spirit of competition in this country; most everybody wants to win no matter what the cost; even relationship with God. Now there are no holds barred from sports no matter what time, no matter what day. Sports has become big financial business. In Hays, Kansas a sports complex was built. A *study done in 2008 revealed: "The direct economic impact of the Hays Sports Complex based on expenditures for hotels, restaurants, groceries, parking, fees, fuel, shopping and cultural activities among athletes and their guests traveling to Hays for tournaments is projected to be \$2,368,642.00 per year".

Is there any turning around this country and world on the fascination with sports; even to the point of putting God on the back burner? To be honest, I don't think so, it's kind of hard to un-ring a bell. The summation to this series seems to be: "Whatever happened to a day of rest seems to have fallen off with the times. What happens to it in the future is up to each one of us to decide what happens to ours."

Pastor Ken



October '16

Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Bailee Curts	3 Kids Night	4 Scott Beall Thomas Thompson Youth Group	5 Lily Jacob Nicholas Schroeder Golden Agers Women's Fellowship	6 Sara Felz	7	8
9 Brice Crowel	10	11 Ron & Lonetta Felz Youth Group	12 Jo White Bible Study	13 Business Meeting	14	15 Sue Armstrong Women's Prayer Fall Brunch and Bazaar
16	17 Deacon Meet- ing	18 Youth Group	19 Bible Study	20	21	22 Craft Day
23 Matt McClain and Family/ Carry-in Dinner	24	25 Bryan & Stephanie Felz Judy Crowel Youth Group	26 Bible Study	27	28 Bud & Arlene Stangle Paul Cotner Luke Jacob	29 Amy Spitzer Brenda Johns Amanda Anderson
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Women's Fellowship-August and September 2016

Women's Fellowship meeting August 3, 2016

President Leisha Hill opened the meeting and Trina Smith provided prayer. Refreshments were provided by Vicki Criswell and Mary Black. 12 women answered roll call of naming a grade school friend. Devotions were read titled "When I think about Friendship".

July minutes were reviewed. Vicki Criswell motioned to accept, Mary Black seconded motion. Motion carried. Vicki Criswell gave treasurer report with a balance at August 1, 2016 of \$490.01. Mary Black passed cards to be signed for the sick and shut ins.

Material aid announced we would be taking a couple of months off from collecting items to give people a break. We discussed the Fall Harvest Brunch and Bazaar and encourage everyone to be making things to donate and reminded them that gently used (non clothing) items will be allowed. Baked goods, noodles and other consumable items or gift items have been most successful in receipt years. Leisha reminded us to keep collecting for November Thank Offering and that upcoming craft day and men's and women's prayer and breakfast is August 20th.

The "Wall that Heals" will be in Flora on August 4-7. We will be providing desert items for them. Vicki Criswell volunteered to take over deserts on Saturday morning. Roxann White was the prize winner!

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Women's Fellowship meeting September 7, 2016

President Leisha Hill opened the meeting and Trina Smith provided prayer. Susan Hill and Tami Veach made yummy fall deserts for our refreshments. Their theme for roll call and devotions were fall and teaching as another school year has begun. 15 women answered roll call of favorite elementary school lunch. Tami read devotions titled "Blessed are the Teachers" and scripture Proverbs 1:5.

Secretary, Brenda Johns, read the August minutes. Gloria Wharff motioned to approve. Pat Cotner 2nd motion. Motion carried. Vicki Criswell read treasurer report with a September 1, 2016 balance of \$501.01. Vicki also mentioned that the price of large print Upper Rooms were \$107 for 10 copies. We can get the larger print Our Daily Bread for free. Those who use these resources weighed in and said

they thought using the Our Daily Bread instead of the Upper Room would be fine. We decided to get the Our Daily Bread and donate to them Brenda Johns motioned we donate \$50 to them. Gloria Wharff 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Fall Harvest Brunch and Bazaar was discussed. Menu and pricing will stay the same as last year. Leisha will get with Jo White who has all the menu items listed from prior years. Pat Cotner will make flyers. Trina Smith will get it in the local papers. Brenda mentioned that Marlita said she would get it in the bulletin this week. Again, we remind everyone to be making items for the bazaar and that baked goods, homemade noodles, seasonal and gift items are usually what sells the best.

Remember your secret sister in prayer and let her know you are thinking of her often!

Thank offering coming up in November. Craft day is September 10th this month and Women's Prayer is September 17th at 8 a.m.

Lonetta Felz offered to bring the prize for October meeting. Susan Hill closed our meeting with prayer.

Golden Agers

Submitted by Sherry Hantschel

Fourteen Golden Agers came for lunch at Cindi's house on Sept. 7th.

Don Hughes asked the blessing for our meal.

Bob Tobey gave the Devotion entitled "So Many Versions of the Bible." There are three translation philosophies - paraphrase, dynamic equivalence, and literal/formal equivalence. Not many theologians, pastors, apologists, etc. believe that paraphrase is the best translation to use for Bible reading or study.

Removing the paraphrase from the mix leaves us with the dynamic vs. formal equivalence approaches.

Equivalence is to produce the *same effect*

in the reader today as the original text did back in its day.

The objective of the literal/formal is to reproduce the *same meaning* for the reader today as the original text did back in the first century.

In Matthew 5: 1-2, we have Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. To compare translation differences between dynamic equivalence and literal/formal translation:

Literal/Formal - "When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. **He opened His mouth** and began to teach them, saying:"

Dynamic Equivalence - NIV "Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His

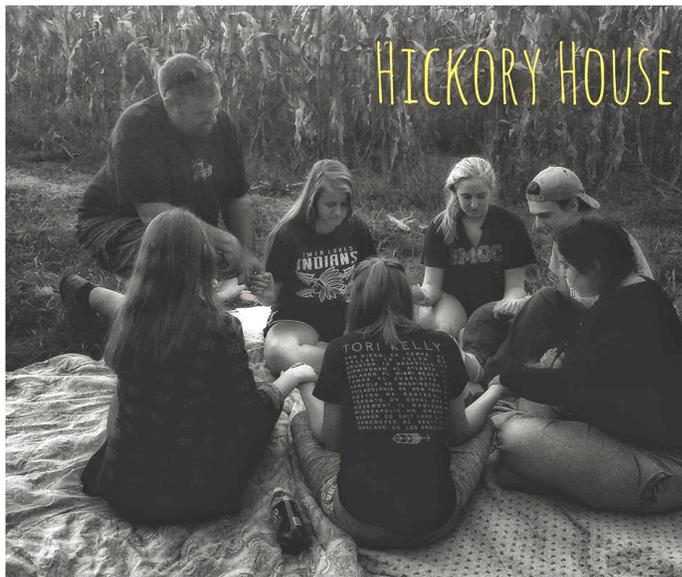
Hickory House Update

~Submitted by Melanie Campbell

High school group is off to terrific start this year! We spent some time getting reacquainted, have rearranged our space in the Hickory House, and are settling in to a series on parables. We are currently using object lessons, our outside environment, and personal stories to explore the parables in Matthew. The photo shows the beginning of our study of Matthew 13. Questions we are answering include: Where are you planted? Are your roots strong and deep? Is the condition of your soil such that it will sustain a crop that bears the fruit you want to share with the world?

Middle school group welcomes 3-5 youth each week. They have just finished a series on temptation and are now diving into a series on habits that will take them through the first part of autumn. Though small in number, this is a lively group! We are so grateful to have Melissa Nacke on board in a leadership role for her first full school year.

Hickory House would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to the trustees. At a recent meeting of the Youth Council, a recommendation was made by the youth leaders to discuss replacing the refrigerator at Hickory House. Within a very short time, the new appliance had been purchased, delivered, and installed. This is a huge improvement and we appreciate it very much!



Golden Agers

disciples came to him, and he began to teach them saying:"

Notice the key difference between the two translations is found in the phrase "He opened His mouth", which appears in the literal/formal translation, but not the dynamic equivalence text.

The fact that there are so many English Bible translations is both a blessing and a problem. It is a blessing in that the Word of God is available to anyone who needs it in an easy-to-understand, accurate translation. It is a problem in that the different translations can create controversy and problems in Bible studies, teaching situations, etc.

Which Translation is "Best"?

Every believer should commit themselves to using a text whose goal is to accurately and faithfully communicate the meaning of the original text. If your Bible is easy to read and for you to understand, then use it! (Parts used in this devotion came from " The Great Giveaway, (Bibles) Creative Commons")

We are not sure where Golden Agers will meet next month. It will be announced in church when it has been decided.

CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS

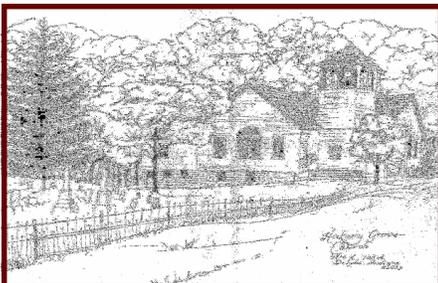
Submitted by Stephanie Felz
For those who may be interested in listening to Christians music or Christian talk radio, here are a few stations you might tune into!

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: October 4, 11, 18, 25. College age welcome October 4. For more information contact Melanie Campbell hickoryhouse46923@gmail.com or (574) 601-8189.



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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!

