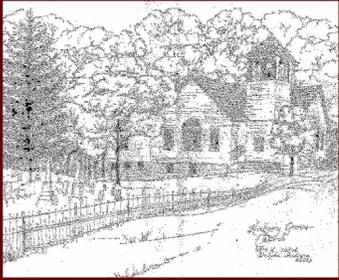


# Hickory Grove Church

# Hickory Switch

April  
2017



## Upcoming Events

### April

- 2nd-Business Meeting Reports due
- 4th-Youth Group
- 5th-Godden Agers
- 5th-Women's Fellowship
- 6th-Business Meeting
- 7th & 8th-Fusion
- 8th-Craft Day
- 9th-Potato Bar
- 11th-Youth Group
- 12th-Bible study
- 13th-Maundy Thursday
- 15th-Women's Prayer
- 16th-Easter
- 17th-Deacon's Meeting
- 18th-Youth Group
- 19th-Bible Study
- 25th-Youth Group
- 26th-Bible Study



## Kids Night

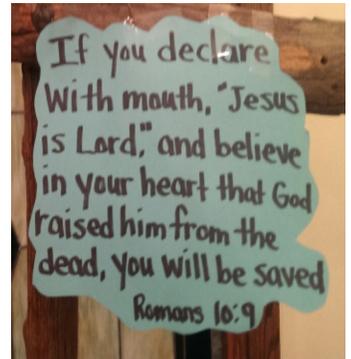
5 Girls and 5 boys attended our Kids Night on March 5th. The story for the night was about the Passover and how God made a promise to those who painted blood on their door frames, he would not kill their first born. The kids got to paint their own door frame.

The scripture for the night was from Roman's 10:9

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The kids had fun "Leaping for the Lord" in the sack race. Girls won!!! They made stained glass windows that said "He Lives" on them for crafts and they enjoyed refreshments that started out being a door frame and turned into a cross.

If you know any children who would like to attend our Kids Nights or if you want to share in the ministry by helping, please see Susan Hill. The kids get so much out of this and have such a good time, you will enjoy being a part of it!



## PASTOR'S PEN

### OUR DELIVERER IS COMING

These are troublesome times that we are living in. While many believe there will be a great revival before Jesus comes, we don't find that in scripture. Joel's prophecy, based in Joel chapters 1 and 2, necessitates we must realize that we have been living in the last days since Jesus went back to heaven. We are waiting and looking for the "last" day. II Thessalonians 2:3 (kjv) "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;" Therefore, we should not be surprised; disappointed and dismayed, but not surprised by these troublesome times.

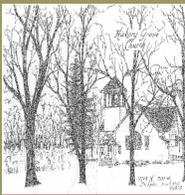
What does it take to turn things around? Doing my daily reading I came across the introduction to the book of Judges. The following excerpts are from the Open Bible, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1975 edition (introduction to Judges). Quote: "The scattered tribes (of Israel) were divided and weak. Sometimes it seemed the other tribes of Israel did not care when tragedy befell their brethren. They did not have a leader to unite them. They suffered again and again at the hands of their enemies.....The central message of Judges is found in the interpretation of Israel's history within its pages. The author sees the hand of God in all that happens. Israel's failure to consolidate the land and keep their religion and cultural life strong was the cause of tragedy which followed. Idolatry crept in and oppressors rose up to torment them.....Yet, God always raised up a "man of the hour". This is the theme of the book. Whenever the suffering was worst, the people cried out in despair, God called forth a "judge" or deliverer to throw off the yoke of the oppressor. Sometimes they were good and noble men like Gideon or Samuel; but sometimes they were erratic and unstable men like Samson. The message of Judges also stresses the theme that God raises up the weak to confound the strong." (End Quote-Italics added for emphasis)

What I am suggesting is that we are not too much different from Israel in the year 1390 B.C. Human nature doesn't change easily. An instant change in our spiritual nature at the moment of salvation happens, but the old nature still wants to raise its ugly head. It is and has been, in fact, the Christians failure keep their religion and cultural life strong. And tragedy has followed. Here is the good news: God still responds to prayer. Not to complaining and arguing and bickering....to prayer. Whenever the suffering was worst, the people cried out in despair. Isn't it amazing that it takes tragedy to strike to get Christians to have a spiritual awareness of what is going on and return to prayer.

Evil has been with us since the garden of Eden and Cain killing Abel. Evil will be with us till Jesus returns and Satan is finally bound. But we also have a promise from God. Romans 5:20 "The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,..." Knowing that God's grace increases, may we increase our grace with each other.

*Pastor Ken*





# April '17

## Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Business meeting Reports due	3 Emma Wilson	4 Rob & Leisha Hill Youth Group	5 Golden Agers Women's Fellowship	6 Business Meeting	7 Fusion	8 Fusion Craft Day
9 Roy & Connie Dunn Potato Bar	10	11 Taylor Nacke Youth Group	12 Bible Study	13 Coral Altman Maundy Thursday	14 Melanie Johns	15 Mike Schroeder Women's Prayer
16 Maggie Emmons Easter	17 Emily Felz Deacon's Meeting	18 Rachel Bowlin Youth Group	19 Bible Study	20	21 Ron Simons	22 Josh & Cassie Evans
23 Pam Simons	24 Rebecca Kelly Logan Todd	25 Owen Crowel Youth Group	26 Patti Lashbrook Stephanie Veach Bible Study	27	28	29
30	1	2	3 May	4	5 Terry Dill	6 Darin Bishop Eric & Pam Stevenson

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## Women's Fellowship March 1st, 2017

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President Leisha Hill opened meeting with prayer. Jo White served refreshments and brought us our devotion on Ash Wednesday, how it originated with the Roman Catholics and whether Christians are expected to observe Ash Wednesday and the Linton season. Jo also read scripture from Genesis 3:19, and 2:7, John 14:6 and Ecclesiastes 3:20.

Jo selected roll call of "what have you accomplished since the first of the year?" 10 women shared various things that have been happening in their lives since January 1.

Brenda Johns provided secretary report and offered a correction to the report replacing Violet Hughes as Hostess with Jo White. Gloria Wharff motioned to accept as corrected, Vicki Criswell 2<sup>nd</sup> motion and motion carried.

Treasurer report was given by Vicki Criswell with a March 1 balance of \$659.22. A thank you was read from the White County Food Pantry and a yearly tax receipt was provided for the Carroll County Food Pantry acknowledging our donations of \$300 each. A thank you was also read by Leisha Hill for the 400 toothbrushes and other items provided from our church for the Women2Women program in Monticello.

No material aid report was given. The committee

will be getting together soon to discuss 2017 activities. They welcome input of new ideas.

Family Night is March 5<sup>th</sup> and we will eat promptly at 6 as the band needs to start at 6:45. Leisha is to ask what they charge. Gloria Wharff motioned we give \$100 and Pat Cotner 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. We discussed that the church could probably assist if they expected more as it is an all church event.

Pat Cotner is to talk to Susan about how the Secret Sister reveal event is to be handled.

For Mother, Daughter, Friend Banquet we will be decorating our own tables. Kenny Hill will continue to be our chef this year. Brenda Johns is to purchase 6-8 prizes at approximately \$5/each with half being for various children's ages. Vicki Criswell is to look into "Balloon Ministry" for entertainment. We agreed on up to \$200 budget for entertainment for this event.

There are still gaps in some of our committees that need to be filled. Especially on the Fall Harvest breakfast and bazaar and someone to organize the meals for new mothers and sick/shut-ins. These are wonderful opportunities for you to help support our church and community.

Brenda closed meeting with prayer.

# Happy Easter!

## Golden Agers

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Submitted by Sherry Hantschel

We had fourteen Golden Agers attend the luncheon on March 1, 2017, which was Ash Wednesday. Don Hughes asked the blessing for our food and the hands that prepared it. After our lunch, Gary Reedy had Devotions. He had prepared the devotions about Ash Wednesday. The Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterians, and Roman Catholics observe Lent. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday which is 46 days before Easter. There are 40 days of fasting (if that is observed within the church) There is no fasting required on Sunday's during Lent because it is a Sabbath day. Palm Sunday is the end of Lent because it is the celebration of Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the Sunday before Easter, the day of Christ's resurrection. Some churches celebrate Ash Wednesday by making the sign of the cross in ashes on the forehead. The ashes were acquired by the burning of the palm branches from the year before.

This year was the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's one hundred word thesis written on the Catholic church's door.

Our meeting was closed by prayer by Audie Bowman.

The next meeting will be held at Cindi Anderson's house on April 5, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

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## Hickory House

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

*If you have been looking for a way to get involved with our youth group members outside of Sunday Service, this is your chance! The high school group leaders are creating a special project and we need your help! The time commitment is small, and the required tasks can be completed at your convenience. The tasks may be completed by email, regular mail, or at Sunday Service - the choice is yours! If you want in on the action, get in touch with Melanie Campbell*

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Fusion takes place for high school students April 7-8 at Indiana Wesleyan University. <https://www.indwes.edu/fusion> We are sending 11 youth this year, and are so appreciative of our volunteer chaperones Jesse & Shannon Kelly!

Never2Young takes place for middle school students at Indiana Wesleyan University, May 5-6, 2017. <https://www.indwes.edu/never2young>

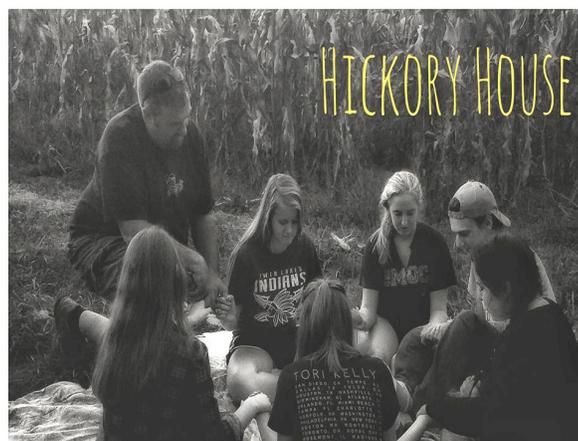
Please contact Melanie Campbell if your child is interested in attending.

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## 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)

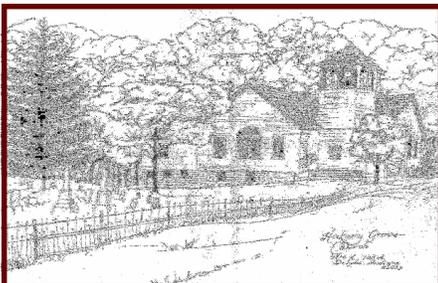


## YOUTH GROUP INFO

Submitted by Melanie Campbell  
Youth Group will meet the following Tuesdays  
6:30-8:00pm at Hickory House:  
April 4, 11, 18, 25. College-age welcome  
on April 4.

***Reminder: Youth Group will not meet if Delphi and/or Twin Lakes schools are cancelled, release early, or cancel after-school activities due to inclement weather.***

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People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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**Wanda Gayer**  
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## In Your Moment of Need...



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Pager: 574-722-0173

**Or one of our Deacons:**  
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Ron Simons 574-943-3382  
Gloria Heber 765-564-4386

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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!

