Hickory Grove Church

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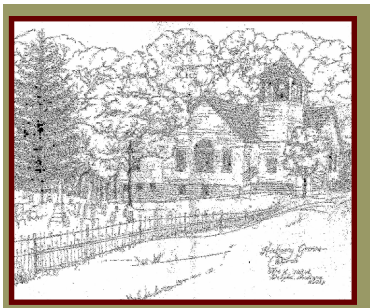
May 2017



Upcoming Events

May

2nd-Youth Group
3rd-Golden Agers
3rd-Women's Fellowship
9th-Youth Group
10th-Bible Study
13th-Mother~Daughter~Friends Banquet
15th-Deacon's Mtg
16th-Youth Group
17th-Bible Study
20th-Women's Prayer
21st-Senior Recognition
21st-Nursing Home Service
22nd-Youth Council
23rd-Youth Group
24th-Bible Study
28-Sunday School Promotion Sunday
30th-Youth Group
1st-bible Study

Happy Mother's Day

for all you do
you do with love
you are so special
a gift from above
and with all my heart
I want to say
I LOVE YOU MOM

Pastor's Pen

What are We Seeking?

I recently saw on my MSN home page on my computer a news article that caught my attention. It dealt with a protest rally that was being held somewhere; seems there is always one somewhere. This rally was to protest solar panels. Seems this group wants them outlawed because "they block the sun". Makes me wonder how far we can go in this crazy world we live in. My 1st thought was: "don't these people have to work for a living"? Don't they have anything better to do? Who pays people to study the effects of solar panels on the earth. Weren't solar panels invented to save energy to protect the earth?

Another amazing statistic I came across stated Americans received a total of 29 billion unsolicited phone calls in 2016. Come on now...who counted them? Did they get paid to count them or were they just curious and did it as a hobby?

Now I have put some study into this next statistic. "In 1991, Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines erupted in one of the largest volcanic blasts of the 20th century. It spat up to 20 million tons of sulfur into the upper atmosphere, shielding the earth from the sun's rays and causing global temperatures to drop by nearly half a degree Celsius in a single year . That's more than half of the amount the planet has warmed due to climate change in 130years".
(http://e360.yale.edu/features/solar_geoengineering_weighing_costs_of_blocking_the_suns_rays)

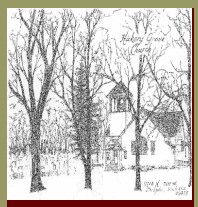
I cannot imagine that amount of Sulphur. So, I did the math to convert that into figures I could understand. 20,000,000 tons x 2000 pounds per ton = 40,000,000,000 pounds. That is 40 trillion pounds. Now I have carried plenty of feed bags in my life time so to that I can relate. It translates to eight hundred thousand 50 # bags. That is also 1 million semi loads at 40,000 pounds per load. Aren't you glad you took the time to read this article and learn these amazing things.

So, what is the point of this? Well here it is. Last week I traveled 36 miles to my nephew's house in Kokomo. His work place had brought food to his house for the family after his daughter's funeral. A lady from his workplace had come to the house to get things ready. After just a few minutes I discovered she lived less than 1 mile from me. I can see her house from mine and I have lived here 23 years. What is wrong with this picture? I know how many semi loads of sulfur came out of Mount Pinatubo but I don't even know my neighbor. Shame on me!!

I am reminded of a scripture in Matthew 16:26: "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" Insert the word "neighbor" for "soul" and see what it sounds like.....

Here is my solution to the sulfur problem. GOD PUT IT THERE....LET GOD WORRY ABOUT IT! It's His volcano and it's His sulfur. I assure you He knows all about it. He is the one that lit the fuse to make the volcano erupt in the 1st place. It's up to me to know and reach my neighbors. Who lives in your neighborhood?

~Pastor Ken



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Youth Group	3 Golden Agers Women's Fellowship	4	5 Terry Dill	6 Darin Bishop Eric & Pam Stevenson
7	8	9 Youth Group	10 Bible Study	11 Mary Blount	12	13 Mother~ Daughter~ Friend Banquet
14	15 Deacon Mtg.	16 Youth Group	17 Bible Study	18	19	20 Women's Prayer
21 Senior Recognition Nursing Home Service	22 Youth Council	23 Youth Group	24 Skip & Jean Barnes Bible Study	25 Tom Armstrong	26	27
28 Sunday School Promotion	29	30 Youth Group	31 Bible Study	1 Katelyn Evans	2 June	3 Jordan Camp-bell

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Women's Fellowship April 5th, 2017

Submitted By Brenda Johns
President Leisha Hill opened meeting with prayer. Brenda Johns provided refreshments and devotions. Devotions were titled "When I Say I am a Christian" by an anonymous author. The Easter based scripture was read from
Matthew 28:6
He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
And from
John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.
We took some time to complete the standing committees and hostess sheets for the remainder of 2017.
Gloria Heber passed cards to be signed for sick and shut ins.
Minutes provided by Brenda Johns were read and approved from the March 1, 2017 meeting.
Treasurer report was given by Vicki Criswell.
Family Nigh held on March 5, 2017 was discussed. Everyone enjoyed the Nick Root band that entertained us and the wonderful food that the congregation provided was acknowledged. We discussed the timing of the event and what we would see done differently in the future, if anything.
The Material Aid committee spoke on their upcoming meeting and the interest in donating items for an organization like we did for Camelot last year. Camelot was discussed as a likely place again this year. Leisha is to ask Susan Hill what the needs are.
Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet was discussed. Kenny Hill is to be Chef and him and Trina Smith will plan the event. Brenda Johns is to head up the purchasing of door prizes. 6 gifts at approximately $5 each for various ages. We approved $200 toward the Joe White entertainment for that evening for his balloon ministry that he performs across the country.
Matrix Baby Bottle campaign is to take place during the month of May. Brenda Johns will call and get the bottles ordered.
Our meeting was closed with Gloria Heber giving prayer.

Golden Agers

Submitted by Sherry Hantschel
April 5, 2017 was a very windy, rainy day, however we had eleven Golden Agers attend the monthly meeting.

Cindi tried a new recipe and it was unanimously decided that it was a wonderful dish!

Helen Hanna asked the blessing for our food.

Bob Tobey gave the devotions taken from the daily readings IN TOUCH written by Dr. Charles F. Stanley.

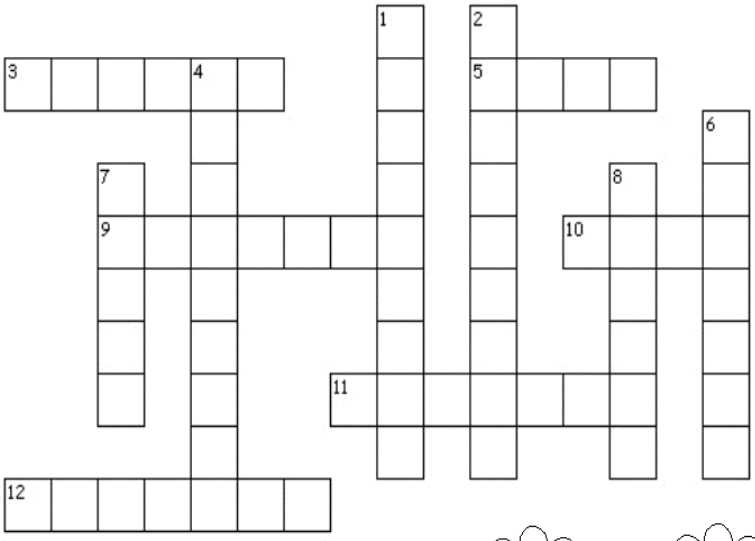
The first article, What If There Is No Resurrection? "To help us appreciate Christ's victory over the grave, let's consider what outcome of life and death would be without the resurrection.Jesus would be dead.That means our faith in Him would be worthless and our message to the world would be a lie.There would be no forgiveness of our sins, no possibility of reconciliation with God, and no hope of heaven.Everybody's destiny after death would be hell.
Thank God, none of these scenarios are true. Our Savior lives, our sins are forgiven, death has been defeated, and believers in Christ have assurance of eternity in heaven with Him".

The second reading was entitled, Our Glorious Hope.
"One day every believer who has died will experience a bodily resurrection like His, and those who are alive when Christ returns will be changed from mortal to immortal in the twinkling of an eye.
One of the first questions that spring to mind is, *What am I going to look like?* .....all I know is, you're going to look as good as the Creator can make you. And that is pretty good! The apostle Paul provides some hints about their characteristics: They are imperishable, glorious, powerful,and spiritual. As such,they will be fit for life in heaven. We'll never again experience sin, sickness, pain, suffering, weakness, exhaustion, or death.
A glorious future lies ahead of us, but the joy of a new body and a reunion with loved ones will be surpassed by the thrill of seeing Jesus face to face".

Our meeting was closed with a prayer by Bob Tobey.

For The Young At Heart

Mother's Day Crossword



Word List: awesome, brunch, candy, celebrate, chocolate, flowers, hugs, love, mother, nurture, present, wonderful

Across

3. Special meal between breakfast and lunch.
5. Tight squeeze.
9. Inspiring awe.
10. The feeling mom has for her children.
11. To help someone grow up.
12. A bouquet of these will make mom's day!

Down

1. Amazing or astonishing.
2. Mom's favourite cocoa indulgence.
4. To engage in festivities.
6. A gift.
7. Sweet treats.
8. The woman who loves you no matter what!

Mother's Day Word Search

G	L	L	O	F	B	E	F	H	C	Z	R	Z	L	P
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AWESOME
BRUNCH
CANDY
CELEBRATE
CHOCOLATE
FLOWERS
HUGS

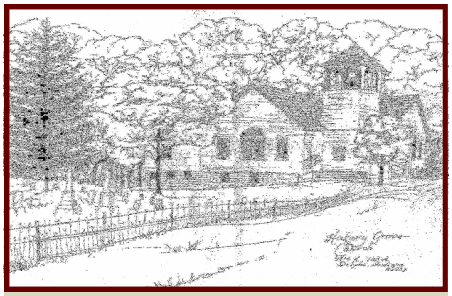
JEWELRY
KISSES
LOVING
MOTHER
NURTURING
PRESENT
WONDERFUL

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: May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. College-age welcome on May 2. For more information contact Melanie Campbell hickoryhouse46923@gmail.com or (574) 601-8189



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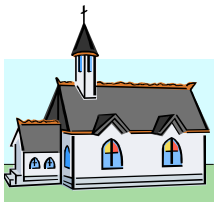

The friendly church at the side of the road!

Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

Ann Conrad
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Roger Stewart
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In Your Moment of Need...

In your moment of need please feel free to 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!