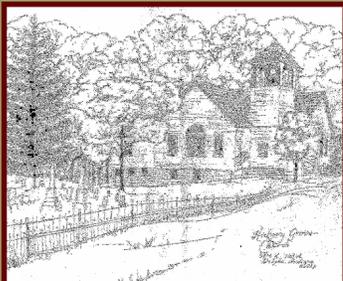


# Hickory Grove Church

## Hickory Switch

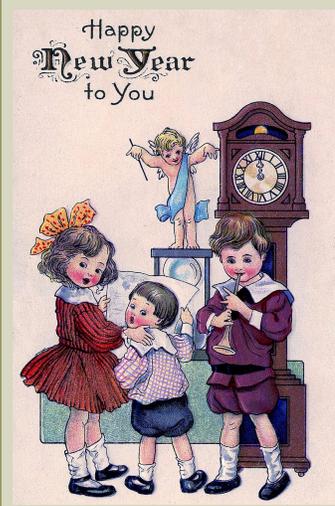
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### Upcoming Events

## January

3rd-Golden Agers  
11th-Quarterly Business Meeting  
17th-Bible Study  
24th-Bible Study  
31st-Bible Study



## Real Hope For Haiti

Dear Hickory Grove Church,

Can you believe it is already Dec 2017 and we are getting ready to go into 2018! I cannot believe how fast time passes here. We wanted to send you an updated picture of today Mykenley and Anika and give you a few updates from us here at Real Hope for Haiti.

Charly and Lori returned to Haiti in Oct of this year. They are staying until the first week of Jan. They will then return to the states so that Lori can get her scan done and some more testing. This is to make sure she is still cancer free and she will be doing this every three months for several years. It has been GREAT having her here with me in the office and working together again.

The RHFH kids are doing great this year in school. We have been blessed to have their teacher back for year three now teaching the children. She has been a perfect fit for the kids and all of us here at RHFH. She is really someone we can say that God sent to us just when we needed her the most. The kids have been having fun having reading contest and learning together.

### Now a little bit about Mykenley.

He is doing great in school this year. He is a bit shy so likes to play during recess in small groups rather than in the big crowd with everyone. He does enjoy playing soccer and plays in the evenings near his home. He has been enjoying learning this year and says his favorite subject is science. He likes to learn and do some small science activities at school. He says also that he enjoys attending school as he has made several new friends this year. While at home he helps sweep the yard and porch.



### Now a little bit about Anika.

Anika is doing great in school this year. She loves to play with her friends at school during recess time. She likes to also play soccer. Her favorite color is pink. Her favorite subject this year is history and she loves learning about the country of Haiti. She also likes to help at home and folds laundry and washes dishes after meals. Even though it is hard with just one arm she does her best.



We wanted to also thank you for your continued support of our school sponsorship program. It has been a blessing to see the change and growing in the children and know that education is the key to them advancing in life. It is such a joy to hear their stories and have them tell us all they are learning. THANK YOU!

Licia Betor  
Real Hope for Haiti

## A Moment To Spur



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. (Hebrews 10:24)

From  
Erick Riddle  
Pastor

## Winter Sermon Series

I'm planning new sermon series to begin December 31. We will study through the first six chapters of Acts.

Acts is the record of the beginning of the Church. We will explore together what the first Christians believed, valued, how they lived, and how they organized themselves to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As I begin a new ministry, this seems a good starting point.

I have included titles and texts below to help you prepare for each Sunday.



## A Study in Acts 1-6

Title	Text	Date
... in Authority	Acts 1:1-11	December 31
... in Trust	Acts 1:12-26	January 7
Substitute Preacher		January 14
... in Message	Acts 2:1-36	January 21
... in Repentance	Acts 2: 36-41	January 28
... in Generosity	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37	February 4
... in Hope	Acts 3:1-10	February 11
... in Truth	Acts 3:11-26	February 18
... in Boldness	Acts 4:1-22	February 25
... in Faith	Acts 4:23-31	March 4
... in Integrity	Acts 5:1-11	March 11
... in Perseverance	Acts 5:17-42	March 18
... in Leadership	Acts 6:1-7	March 25
<b>Resurrection Sunday – April 1</b>		

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Erick and Donna wish to express their thanks for the gifts and wonderful expressions of love during the Christmas season. Thank you very much. May God bless our Church Family with a fantastic New Year!

# January '18

## Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Martin & Donna Lewellen	2 	3	4	5	6
7 Jana Schwartz	8	9 Shannon Kelly	10 Nolan Evans	11  Quarterly Business Meeting	12 Diana Bailey	13
14 Aaron Nacke	15 Susan Hill	16	17  7:00 Bible Study	18	19 Myca Hill	20 Bud Stangle Mark & Mary Ann Smerdel
21 Terry & Jo Dill	22 Bob White	23	24 Melanie Campbell  7:00 Bible Study	25 Tom & Sue Armstrong	26	27
28 Shawna Cunningham	29	30	31 Charlie Shockley  7:00 Bible Study	1 Cassie Evans	2 Leisha Hill Dan & Roxie Foerman	3

*February*

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## Women's Fellowship December 6th, 2017

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Submitted By Brenda Johns.

Women's Fellowship Meeting December 6, 2017

President Leisha Hill opened meeting with prayer.

Special prayers for our regular members of women's fellowship and good friends, Judy Crowel and Lonetta Felz who are recovering from surgeries. Also for Gloria Wharffs niece who was in labor with complications while we prayed. A beautiful baby boy was born 10 minutes later! Gloria Heber provided drink while we shared in the assortment of cookies provided by everyone who attended. 9 women answered roll call on what our favorite thing is about Jesus. Many things were shared. Most popular was His patience and forgiveness. Gloria also read a story titled "Christ Can't Be Stolen From Christmas" and scripture from Acts 5:41.

Gloria Heber passed cards to be signed for the sick and shut-ins and military members that are on our monthly list. Secretary report was provided by Brenda White-Johns. Gloria Wharff motioned that the minutes be approved as provided and Gloria Heber 2nd motion. Motion carried. Treasurer report was provided by Vicki Criswell with a December 1, 2017 balance of \$888.23. Pat Cotner motioned to give \$50 to The Daily Bread as a donation since so many of our congregation enjoy the devotional that they put out for free. Brenda White-Johns 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Material aid report – A list for Emmaus dinner to be held on December 16 was passed around and finalized for the menu. Brenda shared ages of the 8 children

currently presiding at the mission. 5 girls and 3 boys.

There are also 9 women and 9 men. Discussion regarding bingo prizes resulted in agreement that we had enough. Jo White and committee members will purchase presents for each child at \$30 each.

Family Night is still scheduled for March 4th at this time. Vicki Criswell is to contact the F.R.O.G.S. out of Kokomo for entertainment and see if that night works for them.

Soup Supper is scheduled for March 17th as a fundraiser for Women's Fellowship. Possible baked goods auction after Dreamers Class potato bar in April. Will need to discuss with them.

Please remember to keep your secret sister in prayer daily and provide encouragement and small gifts throughout the year to let them know they are being thought of.

Women's Prayer is the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00. Please see Susan Hill for additional information.

Door prize was won by Angie Altman.

Before closing we sang happy birthday to Gloria Wharff. Happy birthday Gloria!

Meeting was closed with Gloria Heber giving prayer.

We then played the left, right game with our Christmas ornaments. Leisha told a story totally off the cuff and it was great! Gloria Heber divvied up the remaining cookies and we all took some home.

## Golden Agers

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Submitted by Sherry Hantschel

The Golden Agers Christmas Luncheon held at Helen Hanna's house. A delicious lunch was prepared by Helen's daughter, Joyce Fouts. We had an amazing 20 attendees including some special guests; Erick Riddle, Cindi Anderson, and Becky Meyer.

Erick was asked to bless our food.

Sherry Hantschel had devotions. She shared "Celebrate the First Week of Advent" by Lisa Robertson. "The birth of Christ is the central event in the history of the earth - the very thing the whole story has been about" - C.S. Lewis

Advent is the first season in the church calendar. Since the 7th century A.D., Christians have included this celebration in their preparation for Christmas Day.

Beginning four Sundays before Christmas, its purpose is twofold: first, it prepares us for the celebration

of the birth of Christ and second, it reminds us that we are eagerly waiting for Jesus' return in glory.

Arleen Stangle read us "The meaning of the Candy Cane" (author unknown)

"A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness for Jesus, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane.

The white symbolizes the Virgin Birth and sinless nature of Jesus. Hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church and firmness of the promises of God.

by which we are healed. The large stripe was for the blood shed by Christ at the cross so we could have the promise of eternal life.

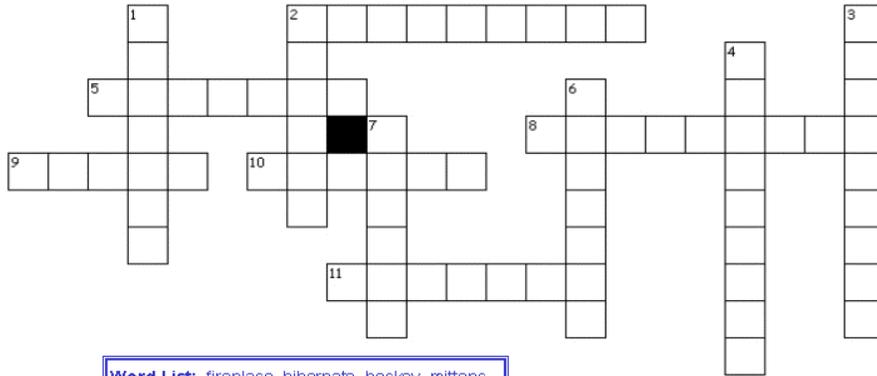
Sadly, the candy became known only as "the candy cane" and its original meaning has been lost.

Our next meeting will be held on January 3, 2018.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

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# For The Young At Heart



**Word List:** fireplace, hibernate, hockey, mittens, penguin, polarbear, skidoo, skiing, snowflake, snowman, sweater, white

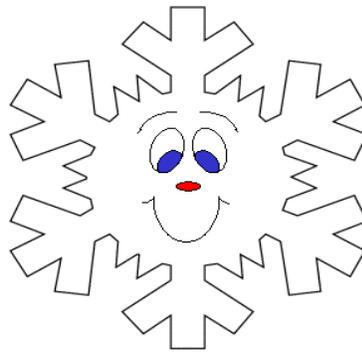


## YOUTH GROUP INFO

Submitted by  
 Melanie Campbell  
 Youth Group will meet the following Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm at Hickory House: January 9, 16, 23 and 30 .  
 College-age welcome on January 9th.  
 For more information contact Melanie Campbell  
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**Across**

- 2. no two are alike
- 5. tuxedo with feathers
- 8. light a fire here to keep warm on chilly days
- 9. winter's favorite color
- 10. twelve sticks and one puck
- 11. frosty fellow with a carrot nose



**Down**

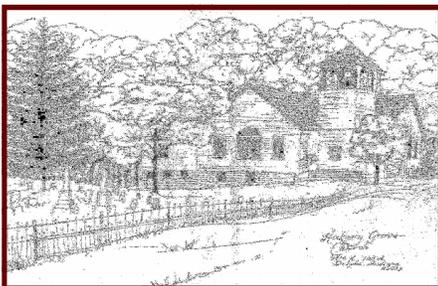
- 1. grandma will knit you one to keep you warm
- 2. winter vehicle for off road travel
- 3. some animals do this all winter
- 4. white teddy
- 6. covers for cozy hands
- 7. strap two sticks on your feet and swoosh down a hill

## Walking on Snow and Ice

Walking on ice and snow can be hazardous and difficult and requires special attention to avoid slip and fall injuries.

- Beware if you are carrying a heavy load—your sense of balance will be off.
- If you must carry a load, try not to carry too much; leave your hands and arms free to balance yourself.
- Keep your hands out of your pockets. Hands in your pockets while walking decreases your center of gravity and balance.
- Watch where you are stepping and GO S-L-O-W-L-Y!! This will help your reaction time to changes in traction.
- When walking on steps Always Use the Hand Railings and plant your feet firmly on each step.
- Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles; use the vehicle for support.
- Use extra care when getting in and out of vehicles; parking lots are particularly difficult to maintain between parked vehicles.
- Walk like a Penguin. Point your feet out slightly like a penguin! Spreading your feet out slightly while walking on ice increases your center of gravity.
- Bend slightly and walk flat-footed with your center of gravity directly over the feet as much as possible.
- Remove as much snow and water from your boots as you can. Water from melting ice on the floor can lead to slippery conditions.





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## Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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## In Your Moment of Need...



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### Or one of our Deacons:

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Al 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!

