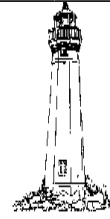


# THE BEACON

The Hardin church of Christ

<http://www.hardincoc.com>



**Sunday, May 25, 2008**



**Visitors, you make us real happy!**

**Please come back**

## St. Louis Trip Meeting

Tonight is your last chance to sign-up to go with the group to St. Louis (hotel reservations and final plans need to be made). If you are going please meet with Steve this evening after our services. If you can't stay tonight please talk to Steve H.

## Parents & Youth

Keep your eyes peeled and ears to the ground for all of the activities for our young people this summer. There is no reason why each of us should not be able to grow dramatically this summer due to the many available activities.

**Work Camp** - Applications are in the foyer—they need to be in by today (see Dwayne O. for details).

**WK Youth Camp** - Deadlines are approaching, particularly for Pee Wee weekend (talk to David S. to help).

**Summer Youth Series** - Starts next Tuesday.

**\*\*\*Pulpit Swap Tonight\*\*\*  
(Union Hill/Hardin)**

### Today's Sermons:

**AM:** Renew Your Values (Deuteronomy 5.7ff)

**PM:** Sunday Night Pulpit Swap (Joshua Herndon)

### Prepare for Next Week:

**AM:** A Pleasing Church (Philippians 1.1-11)

**PM:** Words of Encouragement: Perseverance (Hebrews 3)

## CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

**Tonight:** Sunday evening pulpit swap, J. Herndon

**June 13-15:** Pee Wee Weekend (see David S.)

**June 20-21:** Trip to St. Louis Mills Theme Park

**July 1:** SYS at Hardin

**July 19:** VBS at Hardin

(Other Activities)

**June 1-3:** Meeting at North Marshall, 7pm

**June 1-4:** VBS at Oak Valley, 6.15-8pm

**June 3:** SYS at Union Hill (Cliff Goodwin), 7pm

**June 6:** Gospel Singing, Pottsville, 7pm-?

**June 10:** SYS at Green Plains (Randall Evans)

**June 13:** Gospel Singing, Eddyville, 7pm-?

**Those To Serve THIS Week (5/25):**

**AM Announcements:** Dwayne Oakley  
**Song Leader:** Steve Higgins  
**Scripture Reading:** Jeff Edwards  
**Opening Prayer:** Trice Dunn  
**Lord's Supper Devo.:** Mike Wyatt  
**Lord's Supper:**  
 Terry Henderson      Jeff Lofton  
 Nicky Smith          Dale Newport  
 Bobby Outland      Neil Vick  
**Rear:** Ethan & Keaton Guthrie  
**Closing Prayer:** Charles Bennett  
**Greeter:** Danny & Pattie Higgins  
**PM Song Leader:** Steve Higgins  
**Opening Prayer:** Ricky Collins  
**Lord's Supper:** Danny Higgins  
**Closing Prayer:** Harold Jones  
**Wed Song Leader:** Steve Higgins  
**Opening Prayer:** Leon Lovett  
**Closing Prayer:** Greg Nelson  
**Devotional:** Daniel Walker

**Those To Serve NEXT Week (6/1):**

**AM Announcements:**  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Edwards  
**Scripture Reading:** Tim Reynolds  
**Opening Prayer:** Mark Reynolds  
**Lord's Supper Devo.:** Dennis Redden  
**Lord's Supper:**  
 Bobby Outland      Gary Schroader  
 Terry Henderson      Jeff Lofton  
 Nicky Smith          Dale Newport  
**Rear:** Ethan & Keaton Guthrie  
**Closing Prayer:** David Smith  
**Greeter:** Nick & Doris Smith  
**PM Song Leader:** Jeff Edwards  
**Opening Prayer:** Steve Starks  
**Lord's Supper:** Danny Higgins  
**Closing Prayer:** Mason Thompson  
**Wed Song Leader:** Jeff Edwards  
**Opening Prayer:** Charles Bennett  
**Closing Prayer:** Ronnie Black  
**Devotional:** Daniel Walker

**Bus Drivers:**

May 25, 28—Trice D.  
 June 1, 4—Jim H.  
 June 8, 11—Neil V.  
 June 15, 18—Greg N.  
 June 22, 25—Mason T.

**BENEVOLENCE**

**"...let us do good to everyone"**

**In April we helped 4 families with groceries, utility or medical bills, etc with approx.**

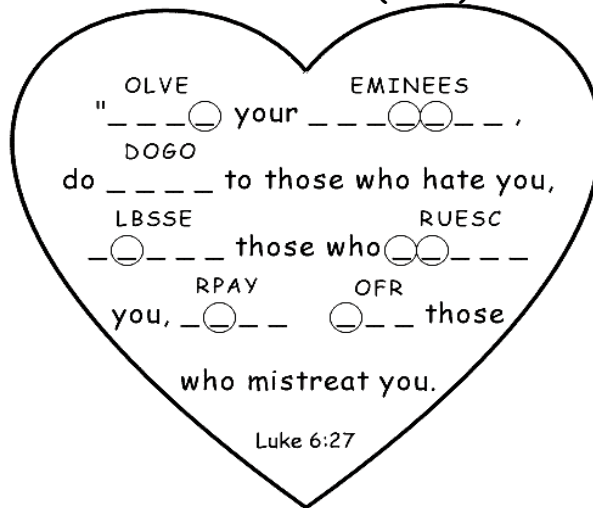
**\$257. Who knows the impact it will make for the Lord!!!**

**Record**

	Actual	Goal	Last Yr
Sunday School	101	125	106
Worship AM	126	150	135
Worship PM	66	125	100
Midweek	105	125	99
Offering	\$2134	\$2500	\$2266
Weekly Budget:	\$2362		

**Love Your Enemies**

Luke 6.27-36 (NIV)



Luke 6:27

Unscramble the letters in the circles to find the word that fits both blanks below

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**"Be \_\_\_\_\_ just as your Father (God) is \_\_\_\_\_." (vs. 36)**

## ***How Christians Can Handle The Troubled Economy***

The troubled economy is the source of great exasperation and stress for Americans. Consequently, our lives and relationships suffer. Seeking relief from these pressures people seek a variety of remedies, many of which are destructive. Accordingly, the answers remain elusive as these individuals grope blindly for them. Nevertheless, God has a way to endure the struggles.

Initially, we must realize that God will not simply banish the problems that Christians face (Matthew 6:34). For God's people, the problems remain. Fuel prices break records almost daily. Grocery prices are increasing faster than they have in seventeen years. Foreclosures remain a very real possibility for millions while jobs become increasingly scarce as businesses cut back to handle escalating costs.

God knows our struggles and will always take care of Christians by providing a way to endure the hard times. Three quotes from Jesus illustrate his loving concern. "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:4, NKJV). "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Finally, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Scripture prescribes that we live simply and within our means (1Timothy 6:6-10). Accordingly, when money is scarce we must lower our cost of living. Christ tells us that he will take care of his children by providing food, shelter and clothing (Matthew 6:25-34). However, God does not provide designer labels, fine cuisine or palatial homes. He provides the basics, so we can focus on serving him (Luke 16:20-25).

The economic downturn can destroy our spiritual lives and homes unless we act decisively. Four dangers exist for Christians in a troubled economy.

First, economic problems can cause us to give less to the Lord in contributions. Ostensibly,

this is abandoning God when we need him most. The widow in Luke 22:1-4, gave all she had out of her poverty. Accordingly, we must continue to give God that which is rightly his (2Corinthians 9:6-7).

Second, the discouragement from financial problems can lead to apostasy as we give up on God and seek other answers (Hebrews 6:6-9). We can turn to alternative methods of obtaining wealth such as gambling and crime. Soon, the lottery replaces God as the impetus of our hope. Instead, we must remain connected to God spiritually to remain strong.

Third, economic problems can cause strife in the home and marriage. When we begin fighting about money, tempers can spill over into the hearts and bodies of children and they can be hurt emotionally and physically. Likewise, we can doom our marriages and forget that we promised to persevere through hard times (Genesis 2:23-24).

Fourth, our spiritual lives can grow cold as we spend less time in worship, prayer and communion with Scripture. As we do, we grow increasingly weak and sick spiritually as we stop walking according to our calling (Ephesians 4:1).

In Revelation 2:8-11, we find Christ praising the church in Smyrna who was suffering through persecutions and extreme poverty. However, they remained faithful and were promised a "crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). God remained with them and they saw the true focus of a life of righteousness.

We can take their lives, instill their values in our hearts, and persevere through smaller struggles than they ever endured. As we become less materialistic, we may just find the proper spiritual focus that we have been missing all along.

Richard Mansel  
<http://www.forthright.net>

It is my opinion that the "troubled economy" is not at all as bad as many people think. People are still filling up their gas tanks, buying new cars, etc. Some things may be more difficult financially, however as Mr. Mansel writes we still have obligations to keep. Let's not neglect them. -**Daniel**

## PRAYER LIST

"The prayer of a righteous person has great power..." (James 5:16)

### SHUT-INS

#### BRITTHAVEN:

Pauline Shepherd (100)

Patsy Farris (111A)

Erlene Higgins (220B)

Nadine Peck (126B)

MCH LTC: Melba Wilkins

#### Spring Creek:

Margaret Grogan (311)

Perry Cornwell (316A)

#### At Home:

John Grogan

Sharon Brewer

Calvert: Fran Hendrickson

Gunner Gillespie, Steven Jones,  
Sharon Brewer, Nancy Black,  
Beverly Duke, Madison Griggs,  
Pam Bourland, Belinda Hofer,  
Chance Hasty, Cindy King,  
John Rudd, Leon Lovett, Anna Sirls,  
Tommy Nelson, Frances Hendrickson  
Charles Bennett, Jimmy Lewis,  
James Courtney family,  
Lucille Griffin family,

### God's Plan For Your Salvation

1. Hear and understand the Gospel of Christ (Rm. 10.17).
2. Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8.24; Heb. 11.6).
3. Turn away from your sins and former life (Luke 13.3; Acts 3.19-20).
4. Confess to others your belief in Jesus (Mt. 10.32-33; Rm. 10.9-10).
5. Be baptized to have your sins forgiven (Acts 2.38; 22.16).
6. Remain faithful until death for an assured reward (Rev 2.10).

**Service Times:** Sunday School - 9.15am;  
Sun Worship - 10am, 6pm; Wed. Bible Class - 7pm

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"Shepherd the flock of God...serving as overseers...being examples to the flock." (1 Pet. 5:2-3)

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