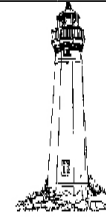


THE BEACON

The Hardin church of Christ
<http://www.hardincoc.com>



Sunday, June 29, 2008



**Visitors, you put a smile on our faces!
 Come back as often as you can**

Promotion Day

Some of the children and young people who attend our Bible school were shown the new class they will attend the next class session today toward the end of our Sunday School hour. More important than aging a year or moving on to the next grade is what has been learned by the Bible school students. Ask your child about what they have learned thus far or are working on learning and encourage him or her in the Bible class they attend.

New In the Foyer

Discovery Magazine, Reason & Revelation, Old Paths,
 July Servants List/Calendar

Pick one up for you and one for a friend!

Needed for Youth Series

The worship service is arranged. Most of the food has been purchased. We only need a few good volunteers to help cook it and some to bring cookies and sweets. The building will be unlocked all day Tuesday for you to bring them by and make the plans complete. This means you!

5th Sunday Service Today

Potluck Meal and 12.30pm service

Today's Sermons:

AM: Only Your Own Interests (Philippians 2.1-4)

PM: Singing and Devotional

Prepare for Next Week:

AM: The Attitude of Christ (Philippians 2.5-11)

PM: Words of Encouragement: Growth (Heb 5.12-6.20)

CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

Today: Fifth Sunday, potluck meal followed by 12.30 pm service

July 1: SYS at Hardin

July 12: Singing & Dessert fellowship, annex @ 6pm

July 19: VBS at Hardin

Sept 6: Hay Ride at the Jim & Carol Holland's

Sept 27: Hardin Fish Fry

(Other Activities)

July 8: Summer Youth Series at Walnut Grove

July 15: Summer Youth Series at Benton

July 22: Summer Youth Series at Briensburg

July 27-29: Area-Wide Meeting, Mayfield

Bus Drivers:

June 29, July 2—Mark R.
 July 6, 9—Trice D.
 July 13, 16—Jim H.
 July 20, 23—Neil V.
 July 27,30—Greg N.

Information About Which We Should

Be Concerned & Pray

Islam now ranks as the #1 religion in the world. As of March 30, 2008, it is reported there are 1.3 billion Islamics. There are 1.13 billion Catholics. When familiar with the material and beliefs of the Islamics, we should pray and be concerned.

(Reuters, as reported in Good News, May/June, 2008).

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Last Yr</u>
Sunday School	99	125	84
Worship AM	126	150	128
Worship PM	97	125	83
Midweek	91	125	93
Offering	\$2630✓	\$2500	\$1957
Weekly Budget:	\$2362		

On the Lighter Side

The five year old blurted out to his mother, "When I grow up, I want to be a preacher." The mother said, "That's great. What made you decide that?" "Well," the little one said, "I've got to go to church anyway, so it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit down and listen."

-East Hill church of Christ

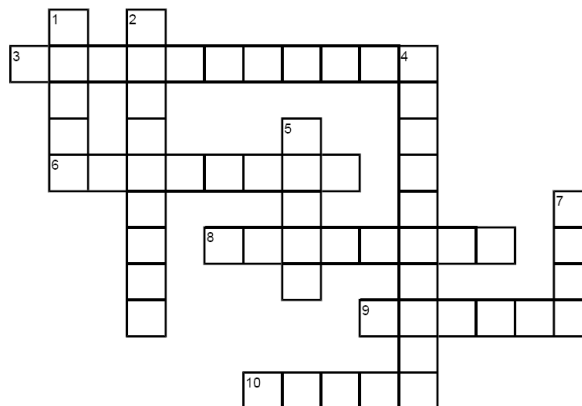
The Full Armor of God (Ephesians 6)

Across

- 3 You should have the _____ of righteousness in place. (verse 14)
 6 The spiritual forces of evil that we fight, are of these realms. (verse 12)
 8 We do this, not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of this dark world. (verse 12)
 9 Have you feet _____ with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. (vs, 15)
 10 "take up the shield of _____" (verse 16)

Down

- 1 "Stand firm then, with the belt of _____ buckled around your waist" (verse 14)
 2 "Take the helmet of _____" (verse 17)
 4 What you need to do to the flaming arrows of the evil one. (verse 16)
 5 You need to be this, and always keep praying for all the saints. (verse 18)
 7 The sword of the Spirit is the _____ of God. (verse 17)



Spiritual Contractors

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done." **1 Corinthians 3:10-13 (ESV)**

Traveling through many different parts of the world has exposed me to a wide variety of methods of work and living. One area where there is much more choice than I might have earlier supposed is in that of building materials. In the U.S. we typically use wood frame / wall-board construction or masonry (bricks or concrete blocks). Occasionally stone is used. In South America, Africa and Asia there are many more options. Houses in northern Bangladesh are typically made of mud blocks, with thatch or tin roofs. In the south, where the dirt is more sandy, they use wood and tin, though the wood is often simply sticks or bamboo stood upright as tightly as possible. In the cities, buildings are usually made of poured concrete, reinforced with steel.

Most houses in the hills and mountains of Nepal are made of stone, usually stacked dry (without masonry). If they are chinked it is with mud. Roofs may be of slate, thatch or tin. In both these countries and many more the poorest people may live in houses made simply of straw, held up by a few small planks or poles. Paper, cardboard, cloth or plastic are also used to provide a little shelter.

Paul's list in 1 Corinthians 3 of materials with which one may build spiritually is metaphorical, but none-the-less based upon real experience. Not everyone can afford gold or silver (or bricks or concrete). Some must use less expensive, more commonly available materials. Though they may not offer the durability or other advantages of the premium supplies, they can still provide shelter. However one must use discretion in order to receive benefit. Paul lists two essentials to achieving a positive spiritual result.

First, one must build upon a good foundation. There is only one such, and that is Jesus Christ. Faith in any other savior is false and will

fail us. Dependence upon any other authority than his Word (the Bible) will result in disaster. Jesus said, "Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24). He goes on to describe that house as surviving storm and rain, whereas that of the foolish man, built on the sand, falls before the storm. The foolish builder is described as one who does not follow the words of Christ (Matthew 7:25-27). Whether one is building his own life, a family, a church (congregation) or a community, only Jesus and his teaching can provide a solid basis that will support the structure in all trials.

Secondly, Paul commands us to build wisely, or carefully. Two workers may use the same materials, plans and techniques, yet one's work is straight, solid and finely finished, whereas the other's may show many flaws and lack strength. The first worker either has greater skills, or else he exercises more care in his work, or both. As we work with people we are not always blessed with the most stable, moral or sensible audiences. We do not abandon those with lesser abilities or obvious flaws, but rather seek to build wisely and carefully so as to minimize their problems and take advantage of their strengths. There are no perfect humans, therefore there are no perfect families, or churches or communities. But a skilled and careful builder may use imperfect parts to create a functioning structure.

Another important thing to remember is that we are all builders. God has trusted the Gospel to us, and he also has given to us relationships, resources, and opportunities. We are his servants, workers in his kingdom. Let us build, wisely and on the one true foundation.

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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)

Spring Creek:

Margaret Grogan (311)
Perry Cornwell (316A)

At Home:

John Grogan
Sharon Brewer

Gunner Gilespie, Steven Jones,
Sharon Brewer, Nancy Black,
Tommy Nelson, Mamie Harper,
Frances Hendrickson, Jimmie Lewis,
Gerald Thompson, Steve Bennett,
Jene Henderson, Dotty Smith,
Emma Ramsey, Jewell Copeland,
Ricky Blackwell, Amanda Clevenger,
Kenneth Dean (West. Bapt.—ICU)
Leon Lovett (surg. July 3),

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

Call 437-4413 if you need a ride.

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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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