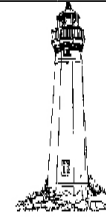


THE BEACON

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



Sunday, July 6, 2008



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

Response

Kristi Allen responded to the invitation on Sunday afternoon, requesting prayers of the church through some presently difficult times and more that lie ahead. The wonderful thing about New Testament Christianity is the knowledge that God and his people are always desiring to assist you out of sin and through difficult times. We applaud Kristi's tenderheartedness to respond and her decision to do so. Here is her new address in Murray:

3623 State Route 94 East, Lot 15
 Murray, KY 42071.

Excellent Youth Series

There were around 375 people here for the Youth Series on Tuesday with an excellent message and song service. Here are the addresses of the men who led our service if you would like to send them a note of appreciation:

Bart Warren
 7158 Hwy 57 West
 Ramer, TN 38367
bartwarren@yahoo.com

Jesse Wagner
 1028 B Wesley Cove
 Henderson, TN 38340
fhujesse@gmail.com

Today's Sermons:

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

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

Prepare for Next Week:

AM: YOU Are Responsible (Philippians 2.12-18)

PM: Words of Encouragement: Security (Heb 6.19-7.20)

CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

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

July 19: VBS at Hardin

Aug 16: Home-made ice cream fellowship, 6.30pm

Sept 27: Hardin Fish Fry

Oct 4: Hay Ride at the Jim & Carol Holland's

Oct 10-12: Fall Retreat (more info to come)

(Other Activities)

July 8: Summer Youth Series at Walnut Grove

July 15: Summer Youth Series at Benton

July 22: SYS at Briensburg

July 7-10: Meeting at Williams Chapel, 7pm

July 7-10: Meeting at Hickory Grove, 7pm

July 27-29: Area-Wide Meeting, Mayfield

Bus Drivers:

July 6, 9—Trice D.
 July 13, 16—Jim H.
 July 20, 23—Neil V.
 July 27, 30—Greg N.
 Aug 3, 6—Mason T.

BENEVOLENCE

“...let us do good to everyone”

In June we helped 7 families with groceries, utility or medical bills, etc with approx. \$503. Who knows the impact it will make for the Lord!!!

Record

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Last Yr</u>
Sunday School	77	125	85
Worship AM	119	150	133
Worship PM	63	125	89
Midweek	87	125	92
Offering	\$2526✓	\$2500	\$2158
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>		\$2362	

Revamp Visitation for Victory

All of us (Lord willing) realize our duty to spur on and encourage one another. However, when I look around at our assemblies it sometimes seems overwhelming when I think of the near 200 that claim membership at Hardin and the 135 or so that are present each Lord’s Day morning and the smaller number present at other assemblies. How am I to send a note to all 65 absent members every week? The job is vital yet it seems near impossible to complete on a weekly basis!

Perhaps if we divided the membership into maybe six or so sections to be responsible for (not dividing the church, dividing the work, cf. Exodus 18.13-23) the job would not seem so overwhelming. Instead of 65 members to send notes to or call I would only have 11 or so. That would make it easier. That I can wrap my brain around.

Such a program is in the works. The job will get done and the work will be more spread out. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the upcoming weeks.

The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5)

“The fruit of the Spirit is”

- Love**
- Joy**
- Peace**
- Patience**
- Kindness**
- Goodness**
- Faithfulness**
- Gentleness**
- Self control**

“Against such things there is no law.”

S R S E C N K S O C Q G I M E
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There For Them

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose." **1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18 (ESV)**

Though my calendar for the day was bulging with responsibilities, I decided to drive out to the airport. A group from our congregation was preparing to leave for a week of mission work and I wanted to be there. While there I didn't do anything noteworthy. I had no remarkable words of wisdom and they certainly weren't there to hear one of my sermons. I simply wanted to be there for them. And from what I heard, they appreciated it.

As a minister I've been involved in several funerals. Some of them involve families that aren't as well known as others in the church. Friends and coworkers came by to visit the grieving family, but where were their brothers and sisters in Christ? At a moment of great need, their spiritual family was not to be found. Fellowship could have been so powerful.

It's not just the sad times when people appreciate fellowship. I've also been in weddings where lots of family and neighbors were on hand to share the joy. But few (sometimes none) from their spiritual family took the time to be there for them. Another opportunity was lost. What could have been a time of bonding was instead just another occasion where spiritual ties were missing.

Christians must do better if they're going to respond to the calling of the Lord. Paul compared the church to a physical body in 1 Corinthians 12. God's purposes for

placing us in this body are made clear in these words: "... That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Corinthians 12:25,26, NKJV).

Paul knew the value of fellowship. In his last letter he wrote of the help Onesiphorus had given: "... for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me" (2 Timothy 1:16,17). Was it easy for this brother to find the imprisoned apostle? Apparently not, for Paul said he searched "very zealously" before finding him. Onesiphorus persevered, though, in his quest. He wanted to be there for Paul, and Paul never forgot the love this man showed.

The occasions may be simple: A recital in which a child is performing, a little league baseball game, or a birthday get-together. It's not a complicated thing to be there. But when your sister or brother in Christ see you there, they'll know one thing for certain: You care. And that's a message each one of us needs to hear often.

Be there for your brethren!

Tim Hall
<http://www.forthright.net>

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)

Gunner Gilespie, Steven Jones,
Nancy Black, Mamie Harper,
Frances Hendrickson, Olan Webb,
Sharon Shirley, Keith Barrett
Kenneth Dean (West. Bapt.—ICU)
Leon Lovett (surg. July 3),

Spring Creek:

Margaret Grogan (311)
Perry Cornwell (316A)

In the mail: "Your special ways and
generous heart make a beautiful
difference. Thank you so much for
the prayers and cards."

-Kathy & Gary Black

At Home:

John Grogan
Sharon Brewer

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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Mail Me!!!

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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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