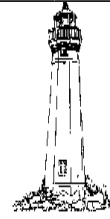


THE BEACON

The Hardin church of Christ

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Sunday, August 10, 2008



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

New Member!

Erick Mackie has recently moved to the area and came to the elders last week requesting to work with us under the shepherds toiling at Hardin. We are certainly glad to have Erick with us and look forward to getting to know him better. In the meantime here is some of his information:

K. Erick Mackie
301 West 8th Street
Benton, KY 42025
(270) 205-6301

Do whatever you can to get to know this brother in Christ and welcome him as a new member of the family at Hardin.

Meeting Tonight

Elders and deacons, don't forget the meeting tonight following our evening services. Come prepared to prayerfully discuss your area of service and needs that may have arisen in the congregation.

Care Group Program Begins Today—Some Info Inside

Prepare for Next Week:

AM: Press On (Philippians 3.12-21)

PM: SINGING NIGHT (Finger food fellowship to follow)

CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

Tonight: Elders/Deacons Meet after pm services

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

Aug 17: Singing night with finger food fellowship to follow

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)

Aug 10-12: Meeting at Kirksey, John Dale

Aug 12: Summer Youth Series at Calvert

Aug 14: Blood Drive at Briensburg, 1.30-6.30pm

Aug 15: Singing at Pryorsburg, 7pm--?

Aug 17-20: Meeting at Bethel, Neil Pharr

Bus Drivers:

Aug 10, 13—Mark R.
Aug 17, 20—Trice D.
Aug 24, 27—Jim H.
Aug 31, Sept 3—Neil V.
Sept 7, 10—Greg N.

BENEVOLENCE

“...let us do good to everyone”

In July we helped families with groceries, utility or medical bills, etc with approx. \$570. Who knows the impact it will make for the Lord!!!

Record

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Last Yr</u>
Sunday School	90	125	84
Worship AM	121	150	126
Worship PM	94	125	87
Midweek	117	125	93
Offering	\$2364	\$2500	\$2500
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>	\$2362		

New Directory In The Works

Some have been talking for awhile now about the need for a new directory to replace our current three year old one. A lot of changes have taken place since the time of the last directory: a new eldership, new members, new preacher, new programs, etc. The plan is instead of having one of the picture companies do it, to do it all ourselves placing pages in a small binder where they can be added or replaced at will when new members are added to the flock at Hardin or when families add a member or move to a new address. If you have not already talked to Anna Redden about how you can help, see her to be assigned a task in the project.

Don't Forget Our Shut-Ins

It is easy for those of us who can freely come and go as we wish to forget those who cannot. They may appreciate cards, calls and visits. Here is Emma Powell's info at the Stilley House in case it was not provided earlier:

Emma Powell, Room 201
925 Birch Street
Benton, KY 42025
(270) 527-1700 ext. 201

Get Ready...Get Set...GO!

Three weeks ago today the Care Groups plan was first introduced to the congregation at Hardin. All of the information for it was given to the deacons in those care groups (some of you may have already got it) and we allowed some time for comments on how to improve it and negative feedback and compliments about it from the congregation. It has been decided that everything is to be a go! That means...

1. **Care group members** (once they have received their care group information) need to be noticing when their fellow members are present or absent (if present greet and encourage them; if absent call and make sure they are okay) and making sure the deacons in their group are informed about absentee information and needs within the group.
2. **Deacons** who have received the material need to distribute it to those in their respective care groups (if they have not already done so), call or inform in some way the members who may not know that they may be getting calls/cards/visits from group members, and report absentee information to the elders monthly and needs as they arise.

If we will all do our part, this program may work wonders in the local congregation at Hardin. To God be all the glory and praise!

Indian Territory (2)

After leaving Tennessee, Robert Wallace Officer resided fifteen miles from Searcy, Arkansas. While in Arkansas, he farmed and preached for local congregations.

In 1880, he moved to Texas where he began full-time work with the Gainesville Church of Christ. This year also marks the beginning of his work among the Indians north of the Red River in Indian Territory (Oklahoma) where he distributed books, papers, and tracts with the aid of an interpreter. Hearing of this effort, Jacob Creath sent much of his library to Officer. In this collection were copies of the Millennial Harbinger and papers written by Tolbert Fanning.

Four years later R.W. Officer remarked, "I drove the wedge in Territory..." He was aware of the efforts of J.J. Trott and Isaac Mode, but he felt their efforts fruitless.

He pointed out his reasons,

"Bro. Trott, of the Christian church, preached for a time in the Cherokee Nation, but after his death, there being no one to take his place, the interest he created in large degree was lost. Some of his children took membership with the denominations worshipping convenient to them. The circumstances which surrounded Bro. Mode, who for the short time was employed by the board, hindered him from doing much, and for some time he resigned and returned to the farm."

In 1881, R.W. Officer sent to Alabama for Murrell Askew, requesting him to help with the work in Indian Territory. Undoubtedly Askew had influenced Officer to work with the Indians since Askew was of Choctaw descent.

Reflecting on the this occasion Murrell wrote,

"I confess I had but little confidence in its (mission work) success. Others looked upon it with some suspi-

cion, and we all wondered why Bro. O. did not do like other missionaries over here, of the different denominations, as we had a missionary society. We were led to believe, some of us, that he was working up a new thing for his own glory, but are now convinced that we were mistaken, for we find that it does not divide, but has a tendency to bring the churches together in mission-work, and that all the money given goes for the purpose for which it was given."

Askew set up residence in the Chickasaw Nation and converted a number of Chickasaws to Christ. In 1883, Officer attended the Indian Council at Tishomingo, Chickasaw Nation, to obtain permission to establish an industrial school for Indian teenagers. Permission was granted and he solicited support through a Nashville periodical, the "Gospel Advocate."

Early in 1884, Officer received word from the Chickasaws that Murrell Askew had died. Discouraged and alone, Officer continued preaching, determined to do his best.

Before Askew's death, Officer had moved his family to Paris, Texas. It was in this town that F.D. Srygley served as a city evangelist. In connection with the Paris congregation Officer wrote, "The spirit of improvement still moves among the brethren at Paris. They are going at once to work on a dwelling house on a church lot. They invite a preachers institution to be held with them this winter."

By August of 1884, Officer's activities were totally sponsored by the Paris congregation. Under the direction of elders E.L. Dohoney and W.H. Sludder, Officer received \$1200 a year. He continued his regular excursions into Indian Territory, concentrating his efforts around Atoka in the Choctaw Nation.

Paul Goddard
Forthright.net

More to come on Officer and the evangelizing of Indian territory next week.
Due to space constraints citations were removed. They can be accessed online.

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)

Stilley House:

Emma Powell (201)

At Home:

John Grogan
Sharon Brewer

Gunner Gillespie, Steven Jones,
Nancy Black, Frances Hendrickson,
Amanda Clevenger, Linda Hargrove,
Gerald Thompson, Kenneth Dean,
Elaine Hopkins, Jerry Jackson,
Gene Henderson, Geneva Bouland,
Joyce Austin, Louise Purvis,
Lorraine Byars, Tammy Gildea,
Evalyn Jordan, Judy Moore,
Carol Henderson, Diane Higgins,
Bill Finch, Barbara Thompson 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

Call 437-4413 if you need a ride.

Today's Worship

Morning Service

Redemption's Sweet Song
Announcements
Do You Love the Lord?
He Will Pilot Me
Scripture & Prayer
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Offering
The Lord's Supper
Lord's Supper
I Want to Know More...
Message: Phil 3.1-11
There's a Fountain Flowing
Salvation Has Been...
Dismissal Prayer

Evening Service

650—Send The Light
Announcements
973—Everybody Will Be...
865—No Tears Up There
Opening Prayer
968—Oh, They Tell Me Of...
Message: Hebrews 9.1-28
947—Jesus Is Tenderly...
738—Take The Name Of...
Dismissal Prayer

**Come Back For Bible
Study on Wednesday**

OVERSEERS

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

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DAVID SMITH

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Education Ministry/Bldg. Maintenance

TERRY HENDERSON

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