



THE BEACON

The Hardin church of Christ

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Sunday, August 17, 2008



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

Let's Memorize God's Word

You will not ever hear the leaders of this congregation say that the child of God is **required** to memorize all or any of God's Word. However, it is necessary for the child of God to "give an answer" (1Pet 3.15) when asked why he or she does a certain thing spiritually. Maybe one of the best ways to do that would be able to quote some Scripture for your own benefit and the benefit of others. Let's, beginning this week, make a concerted effort to memorize some of God's Word every week.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17 ^{ESV}

Birthday Omissions...Sorry

There were a few birthdays omitted from the calendar and powerpoints for August. Sorry for the mistake.

Junior Allen..... August 15
Amanda Clevenger August 20
Kristi Allen..... August 21

Care Group Three

Meets Tonight at 5pm

****Directory Info Inside****

Prepare for Next Week:

AM: Speaker, Jeff Wyatt

PM: Speaker, Jeff Wyatt

CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

Tonight: Finger food fellowship after services

Sept 5: Sing & Snack in the annex

Sept 27: Hardin Fish Fry

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

Oct 10-12: Fall Retreat (sign-up on b. board)

Oct 25: Harvest Party (wear costumes)

(Other Activities)

Aug 17-20: Meeting at Bethel, Neil Pharr

Sept 7-10: Meeting at Hopkinsville, Neil Pollard

Sept 12: Singing at Cadiz, bus leaves at 6.15pm

Sept 20: Ladies' Day, Central (Pad.), 8.30am

Sept 26-28: Bible Seminar, Washington Ave.

Bus Drivers:

Aug 17, 20—Trice D.
 Aug 24, 27—Jim H.
 Aug 31, Sept 3—Neil V.
 Sept 7, 10—Greg N.
 Sept 14, 17—Mason T.

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	109	125	104
Worship AM	140	150	142
Worship PM	105	125	104
Midweek	101	125	
Offering	\$2418	\$2500	\$2377
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>		\$2362	

Books of the New Testament

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts
- Romans
- Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- Thessalonians
- Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews
- James
- Peter
- Jude
- Revelation

Directory Directions

In September we will begin taking pictures for our new directories in a sort of alphabetical (by last names) way. On the bulletin board in the foyer you will see a sign-up sheet for the times available for you and your family to have their photograph(s) taken for the directory. Please sign up for the week corresponding to your last name at the time you prefer.

- Week 1 (Sept. 7).....**Allen—Guthrie**
- Week 2 (Sept. 14).....**Henderson—Norman**
- Week 3 (Sept. 21).....**Oakley—Starks**
- Week 4 (Sept. 28).....**Thompson—York**

The photos will be taken before and after all regular weekly services (i.e. Sunday & Wednesday). If you will be absent the week you are scheduled to have your picture taken see Anna Redden or sign-up for Week 4 (this week will also serve as a make-up week). For any questions or to see if more help is needed see Anna Redden.

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Indian Territory (3)

The earliest record of any preacher in the Choctaw Nation (Oklahoma) was reported in January of 1886, when G.W. Williams preached at Shullyville.

Robert Wallace Officer thought it would be late in 1887 before he could move permanently to the Choctaw Nation. In the process of making a decision to live in Indian Territory, he wrote, "I have learned that there is a petition being circulated among the Indians asking me to move into their midst and give my time among them."

In the summer of 1886, he moved into the Choctaw Nation where he wrote an very optimistic report, "My family is with me. We camp most of the time; eighteen additions in all up to date. There has been much work done which cannot be reported."

Upon arriving in the town of Atoka, Officer preached in a Methodist Episcopal church building. Captain J.S. Standley, a Confederate veteran, and his family were the first known members of the church to settle in Atoka in 1881.

Since the Paris congregation was not able to finance the entire Indian ministry, Officer solicited freewill contributions from interested congregations and individuals throughout the nation. In the Christian Standard he wrote, "The mission is under the control of the Christian church at Paris. The Indian Mission Board consists of the elders of the church at Paris. All money sent to Elder W.H. Sluder, Paris, Texas, will go right into the work."

Later he wrote, "Our Indian work is prospering. We have many friends and a few members scattered over the Nation. We have a one very good school house about complete, and a school of 20 scholars."

In addition, a female solicitor, Annetta Howard, was given the authority from the Paris elders to raise support for the Indian work. In the November 14, 1885 issue of the Christian Standard, Officer wrote,

"Sister Annetta Howard will leave tomorrow, recommended by the church at Paris to the churches, brethren and friends, to solicit and receive money to help support our Indian mission work. The interest is growing, the work is prospering, but our power to support it is low. We hope the brethren and friends will receive Sister Howard kindly and assist her in the good work in which she is engaged."

Seeing the good results in Indian Territory, The American Christian Missionary Society responded, "The money heretofore devoted to this field will be given with a fair prospect of success to sustain the work of R.W. Officer of Paris, Texas, at Atoka, Choctaw Nation. He has begun a splendid work both to teaching and preaching and seems to be the right man in the right place."

Officer appreciated their intentions, but was opposed to the Mission Society and refused the support. "Now I will not accept any aid from missionary societies. I am convinced that the work will prosper better to steer clear of them, and I will do what I can to convert them to this way of work."

As a result of this view, Officer's activity was primarily supported by the anti-society periodicals. Reporting his work by writing articles concerning Indian Territory, Officer received funds through the Christian Leader, the Gospel Advocate, and the Octographic Review.

In November of 1886, Annetta Howard returned to Paris with cash and pledges for the Indian mission. Through the support of both the periodicals and her efforts, Officer gave emphasis to benevolent work.

Urging Christians to adopt Indian children,

"There are many orphan children, boys and girls from 7 to 12 years old, who are neglected and whom I can send to where they may be brought up under the influence of Christian training and sent back to their people as teachers. While they are being educated, we want them taught domestic, agricultural and mechanical skills."

At the peak of this ministry he stated,

"The children at my house are learning fast, some who have been sent off have obeyed the gospel, the prospect is, and will obey before they return [sic]. They are all with Christian families. I can furnish orphan Indian children to be taught by Christian families, hope others will swell the number by calling for a child and send money to pay expenses."

This facet of his operation continued for four years, closing in 1888 when the Indian Orphan School was established under the direction of Bulter Stonestreet Smiser./12 B.S. Smiser was the son-in-law of Captain Standley.

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 Gilespie, Steven Jones,
Frances Hendrickson, Bill Finch,
Amanda Clevenger, Linda Hargrove,
Kenneth Dean, Elaine Hopkins,
Joyce Austin, Louise Purvis,
Geneva Bowling, Tammy Gildea,
Diane Higgins, John Rudd,
Henry Watkins, Barbara Darnell,
Mavis Young, Paul Courtney,
Evalyn Jordan, Floy Vick,

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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Today's Worship

Morning Service

878—Sweet By and By
Announcements
23—Our God, He Is Alive
778—Be With Me, Lord
Scripture & Prayer
684—Nearer, My God to Thee
Offering
386—He Loves Me
Lord's Supper
480—Blessed Assurance
Message: Phil 3.12-21
903—There Is Power In...
538—My Hope is Built on...
Dismissal Prayer

Evening Singing Service

Devotional:

Songs:

**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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