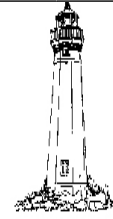


THE BEACON

The Hardin church of Christ
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Sunday, September 28, 2008

Visitors, come back as often as you can

*****Directory Pictures*****

This Week: Thorn—York, Make-up time

*****Baby Shower TODAY*****

For Tara & Jeremy Holladay

Walnut Grove, 2-4pm

Registered: Toys-R-Us & Wal-Mart

****Retreat In Two Weeks****

Be prepared for a weekend of fun and fellowship if you are attending. Sign-up in the foyer or see Mark Reynolds for questions!

Skeet Shoot & Hay Ride

The Holland's Farm (954 Old Olive Rd.)

Friday night: Skeet @ 4.30, Hay Ride @ 6pm

Bring chili, chips & desserts (hotdogs provided)

Last Week's Memory Verse: Revelation 2.10

Today's Memory Verse:

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13 ^{ESV}

Prepare for Next Week:

AM: Think & Practice (Philippians 4.8-9)

PM: Words of Encouragement: Patience (Hebrews 12)

CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

Today: Baby Shower for Tara & Jeremy H., Walnut Grove, 2-4 pm

Oct 4: Hayride & skeet shoot at the Holland's

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

Oct 25: Harvest Party, 6pm (no scary costumes)

(Other Activities)

Sept 28: Wedding Shower for Brittany Lamb & Darren Toon, U. Hill, 2-4pm

Sept 28-Oct 1: Meeting @ Calvert, John Dale

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Oct 5-8: Meeting at Union Hill, Brian Jarrett

Oct 12-15: Meeting at Central (Paducah)

Oct 18: Senior Adult Rally, Seven Oaks (J. Barber)

Bus Drivers:

Sept 28, Oct 1—Trice D.
 Oct 5, 8—Jim H.
 Oct 12, 15—Neil V.
 Oct 19, 22—Greg N.
 Oct 26, 29—Mason T.

BENEVOLENCE

“...let us do good to everyone”

In August we helped families with groceries, utility or medical bills, etc with approx.

\$719. Who knows the impact it will make for the Lord!!!

Record

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Last Yr</u>
Sunday School	103	125	93
Worship AM	132	150	123
Worship PM	96	125	98
Midweek	102	125	89
Offering	\$2244	\$2500	\$2049
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>		\$2362	

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| BECAUSE | PLEASE |
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| CROSSED | SAW |
| DAYBREAK | SAYING |
| ELEVEN | SENT |
| FACE | SOCKET |
| FORD | SPARED |
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| GOT | STRUGGLED |
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A Reluctant Announcement

Reluctantly, because I appreciate a servant's heart and work, I re-announce that two Sundays ago after our Sunday morning services it was announced that Terry Henderson would step down from serving as deacon. This decision was not a request of the elders or any of the members at Hardin, in fact, the case is quite the opposite, we all lament his and Gene's decision. However, they felt that due to his inability regularly attend worship services and meetings to discuss the work of the church because of his work schedule that this would be best for him, his family, and the church at Hardin. Terry will continue to serve in whatever capacities he is able whenever the opportunity presents itself just not as a deacon.

Terry we have a message for you and Gene...

**We love you and appreciate
 your years of service!
 Jacob Becomes Israel**

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Eglon and Ehud

One of my favorite stories in the OT is that of Ehud and Eglon. A deeper examination into Judges 3.17-29 will reveal that this is a very humorous narrative. As the Israelites once again did evil in the sight of the Lord, God allowed them to be oppressed by the Moabite king Eglon. King Eglon (name means "calf") is described as a very 'fat man' (Judges 3.17). The word for 'fat' is used several times in the OT to refer to a fattened calf or sheep. Later when he is stabbed, the sword was said to be stuck in his 'fat' (heleb); a word that is frequently used in the OT to describe the fat of sacrificed animals (perhaps the author is foreshadowing). The word 'fat' (heleb) is used with 'heart' in Psa. 119.70 and Psa. 73.7 to describe a person who is dull ('fat of mind/eyes'). The Moabite army is also described as being 'fat' (3.29). The author seems to be subtly describing the Moabites as nothing more than big, dumb animals. But what does this say of Israel? For they are even less, since they are subject to the Moabites at this time.

But again Israel cried out and the Lord gave them a deliverer: the left-handed Benjamite Ehud (ironic since Benjamin means 'son of the right hand'). Much debate has taken place to the meaning of 'left-handed.' Southpaws were usually considered handicapped in the ancient world (the Hebrew word means 'bound in the left hand') but there were examples of left-handed special force soldiers (20.16; 1 Chron. 12.2). It is safe to conclude from the context that Ehud was certainly not handicapped. Under the oppression of the big, dumb Moabites rises a clever leader.

He makes a double-edged sword and conceals to his right thigh (no one would check that side since left-handedness was not common). He presented a tribute to the 'fat king' and arranged for a private meeting with Eglon.

Ehud says, 'I have a secret message for you.' (3.19). The Hebrew word 'dabar' can mean "word" or "thing." We as readers know exactly what 'secret thing' Ehud has for Eglon; it has two edges. However, dull Eglon does not know so he tells his attendants to be quiet and they left, leaving him even more vulnerable. Ehud reveals that his message is not only secret, it is also divine. As the king rose, Ehud thrust the sword into his belly where it becomes stuck. Ehud quickly escaped and led Israel to victory over the Moabites.

Two lessons emerge from this narrative. First, the 'left-handed son of the right hand' was not weak as we might expect a typical left-hander to be. Rather with the aid of God he was quite strong as his name suggests (Ehud= "strong, united"). Second, there is quite a bit of humor and symbolism in Eglon. When Israel sinned, God handed them over to Eglon, the obese king of Moab. As the narrative progresses he is portrayed as the 'fatted calf' aptly prepared for slaughter. Just as God gave Israel over to him, God also had him taken away. Could it be that he was the fatted calf slaughtered for Israel?

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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)

Stilley House:

Emma Powell (201)

At Home:

John Grogan
Sharon Brewer

Gunner Gilespie, Kenneth Dean
Frances Hendrickson, Floy Vick,
Melissa Trabucco, Jessica Whitehair,
Martha Pace, Olan Webb, Kay Wyatt,
Donald Duke, Amanda Clevenger,
Norma Nimmo (surg. December),
Edith Henderson, Ronnie Black,
Bill Finch, Tim Dooms, Marshall Fisk,
Paula Marani, Danielle Bonds,
Judy Moore, Jimmy Greer,
Fran Ahart, Sue Starks, Jenny Clark
Donnie Council, Charlie Bennett,
Harold Dotson family
Steven Jones 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

129—Amazing Grace
Announcements
71—As the Deer
528—I Know That My...
Scripture & Prayer
903—There Is Power in the...
Offering
383—Jesus, Keep Me Near...
Lord's Supper
895—I'll Live in Glory
Message (Phil 4.4-7)
924—Just As I Am
971—Stand By Me
Dismissal Prayer

Evening Service

Announcements
886—On Jordan's Stormy...
414—Anywhere with Jesus
Opening Prayer
976—I Shall Not Be Moved
Message (Phil 4.4-7)
947—Jesus Is Tenderly...
620—Sunlight
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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