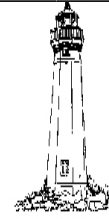


# THE BEACON

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



**Sunday, October 5, 2008**

**Visitors, come back as often as you can**

**\*\*\*Directory Pictures\*\*\***

Most of the pictures have been taken, but if you have not, the camera and cameraman will be ready to take them in the nursery after services.

**\*\*Retreat In ONE Week\*\***

Be prepared for a weekend of fun and fellowship if you are attending. Sign-up in the foyer and show up anytime on Friday or Saturday! For those who would like to stay all weekend there will be a church service at the WKYC Sunday morning. See Mark Reynolds for details!

**\*Thanks\***

Thank you for all of your calls, visits and expressions of sympathy at the passing of my grandfather. There is nothing like having a wonderful church family! -Daniel

*Last Week's Memory Verse: Philippians 4.13*

**Today's Memory Verse:**

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

**Hebrews 10:31** <sup>ESV</sup>

**Prepare for Next Week:**

**AM:** Mature Christianity (Philippians 4.10-13)

**PM:** Words of Encouragement: Trust (Hebrews 11:23-40)

**CALENDAR**

**(Hardin Activities)**

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

**Oct 12:** Elders/Deacons meet after pm services

**Oct 19:** Food & Fellowship follow pm service

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

**Nov 7:** Sing & Snack in the annex, 6.30pm

**Dec 5:** Holiday Meal in annex, 6.30 pm

**(Other Activities)**

**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)

**Oct 18:** Teacher Training Workshop, Henderson, KY

**Bus Drivers:**

Oct 5, 8—Jim H.  
 Oct 12, 15—Neil V.  
 Oct 19, 22—Greg N.  
 Oct 26, 29—Mason T.  
 Nov 2, 5—Mark R.

**BENEVOLENCE**

**“...let us do good to everyone”**

In September we helped **7** families with groceries, utility bills, etc with approx. **\$663**. Who knows the impact it will make for the Lord!!!

**Record**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Last Yr</u>
Sunday School	104	125	89
Worship AM	146	150	147
Worship PM	96	125	
Midweek	97	125	82
Offering	\$2848✓	\$2500	\$2622
Weekly Budget:	\$2362		

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| ASHBEL   | JAMIN    |
| ASHER    | JEMUEL   |
| BEKER    | JEZER    |
| BELA     | JOSEPH   |
| BENJAMIN | JUDAH    |
| BILHAH   | KOHATH   |
| CARMI    | LEAH     |
| DAN      | MANASSEH |
| DINAH    | MERARI   |
| ELON     | NAPHTALI |
| EPHRAIM  | OHAD     |
| GAD      | ONAN     |
| GERSHON  | PALLU    |
| GUNI     | RACHEL   |
| HAGGI    | REUBEN   |
| HANOCH   | SERED    |
| HEZRON   | SHELAH   |
| HUSHIM   | SHUNI    |
| IMNAH    | SIMON    |
| ISHVAH   | TAMAR    |
| ISSACHAR | ZEBULUN  |
| JAHLEEL  | ZEPHON   |
| JAHZIEL  | ZILPAH   |
| JAKIN    |          |

**The Way To Church Growth**

- I** I am the heart of involvement!  
**N** Negativity is the enemy of involvement!  
**V** Visitation is a part of involvement!  
**O** Obedience is the cause of involvement!  
**L** Love is the motive for involvement!  
**V** Victory is the goal of involvement!  
**E** Everybody is the scope of involvement!  
**M** More is the adjective of involvement!  
**E** Evangelism is the fruit of involvement!  
**N** Now is the time for involvement!  
**T** Teamwork is the mindset of involvement!

**Jacob’s Family**

S	H	E	L	A	H	I	M	R	E	U	B	E	N	N
Y	N	O	L	E	E	L	H	A	J	O	L	U	I	O
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## ***Involvement***

Most congregations realize that in order for churches to grow spiritually and in number there must be a high percentage of involvement among the membership. In some larger churches, there are "Involvement Ministers." These ministers are actually on salary and spend the majority of their time organizing and helping different age groups. We have the young people, the young adults, the middle aged, and the golden age, and they all have different needs. It is good for the church to do what it can to try to help the membership maintain good relationships with God and with the brethren.

This being said, I sometimes wonder what we are accomplishing. We need to be very careful about turning the church into the country club, the YMCA, or the community center. While we should do everything that we can to encourage fellowship and help one another, we need to realize that the church is something to which we should be wholly submitted, rather than an institution that is geared to placate and babysit the membership .

The church is the kingdom of God on earth. Jesus is the only King and Ruler of the church (1 Tim. 6:15). This makes each member of the body of Christ a servant in the kingdom of God. Involvement is not about "What can the church do for me?" It should be about the individual realization that I need to be a servant to Christ. This being the case, each one of us needs to involve ourselves in the work of the church.

We plan retreats, we have fellowship meals, we have fun trips to ball games, devotionals, singings, and more - these facilitate the building of relationships, but this is not what defines the church of God.

Involvement should be inherently connected to obedience to the gospel. Many people are ready to be baptized, but they are not ready to serve. There is nothing more disturbing to a preacher than dealing with seemingly mature members who have to have their arm twisted when you ask them to do anything. Our attitude should be one of optimism and hope. We should be excited and honored that we have been asked to do something to glorify the name of Christ and build up the church.

I fear that we have been spoiled for so long with our freedom and blessings that many of us are unwilling to make life-changing sacrifices. Brethren, we need to examine ourselves as to whether we are in the faith (2 Cor. 13:5).

I may not be popular for saying these things, but I have to answer to the Lord first. God wants us to give our lives to Him in full sacrifice. Part of this sacrifice includes service in the kingdom of God. Faith is more than what we say we believe, it is what we practice.

*Ancient Words  
Jeremiah Tatum*

*<http://backtothtbible.blogspot.com>*

*"But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?" ~ James 2:20  
"Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" ~ Luke 18:8*

## 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, Marshall Fisk  
Olan Webb, Kay Wyatt, Donald Duke  
Amanda Clevenger, Edith Henderson  
Tim Dooms, Fran Ahart, Jenny Clark  
Paula Marani, Judy Moore, Floy Vick  
Norma Nimmo (surg. December)  
Charlie Bennett, Trina Smitley  
Homer Ahart, Amity Pitt, Sue Starks  
Dorris Hutchens, Kristie Moore

### 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

542—Tell It To Jesus Alone  
*Announcements*  
230—Worthy Art Thou  
116—God Will Make a Way  
*Scripture & Prayer*  
76—How Great Thou Art  
*Offering*  
375—O the Depths and the...  
*Lord's Supper*  
2—We Praise Thee, O God  
*Message (Phil 4.8-9)*  
927—Why Keep Jesus...  
376—He Paid a Debt  
*Dismissal Prayer*

### Evening Service

852—When the Roll Is...  
*Announcements*  
612—His Yoke Is Easy  
800—What a Friend We...  
*Opening Prayer*  
324—Alas! And Did My...  
*Message (Heb 11.8-22)*  
907—Hark the Gentle Voice  
552—Have Thine Own Way  
*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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**STEVE HIGGINS** 527-5752

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Treasurer/Worship Ministry

**HAROLD JONES** 437-4571

Beneficence

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China Mission/Van Maint./Disasters

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**GARY SCHROADER** 437-4513

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