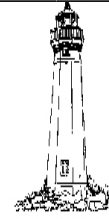


# THE BEACON

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



**Sunday, October 19, 2008**

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

**\*REJOICE\***

We all rejoice with the angels in heaven at Joe (Moon) Redden's decision to put Christ on in baptism. We're proud of you, brother!

**\*\*HELP REQUESTED\*\***

Looking for another way to serve others? Look no further! The ladies who prepare meals for some local shut-ins are looking for some help preparing and delivering them. If interested see Emma Ramsey or Lydia York and be in the annex Tuesday morning at 9am!

**\*\*\*HARVEST PARTY\*\*\***

This Saturday night in the annex at 6pm!  
 Bring chili, hot dogs, and desserts for all!  
 Bring candy for kids (pictures will be taken)!

*Last Week's Memory Verse: Romans 8.28*

**Today's Memory Verse:**

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**1Peter 5.8** <sup>ESV</sup>

**Prepare for Next Week:**

**AM:** What Is Christianity? (Philippians 4.14-23)

**PM:** Words of Encouragement: Patience (Hebrews 12)t

## CALENDAR

**(Hardin Activities)**

**Tonight:** Food & Fellowship follow pm service

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

**Oct 26:** Deadline for directory picture

**Nov 1:** Hay Ride & Skeet Shoot at the Holland's

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

**Nov 9:** Elders/Deacons meet after pm worship

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

**May 8:** Ladies' Day (Barbara Johnson)

**(Other Activities)**

**Oct 24-26:** Meeting at New Providence

**Oct 25:** Mugs & Muffins, Broadway (Paducah)

### **Bus Drivers:**

Oct 19, 22—Greg N.  
 Oct 26, 29—Mason T.  
 Nov 2, 5—Mark R.  
 Nov 9, 12—Trice D.  
 Nov 16, 19—Jim H.

## **From the Mouth of Babes**

- A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."
- After listening to the sermon Jason sobbed all the way home from church. His father asked him three times what was wrong and finally the boy replied, "'The preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys.'"
- A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on their way to church services, Why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl responded, "Because people are sleeping."
- A mother was preparing pancakes for her two young sons and the boys began arguing over who would receive the first pancake. The mother saw an opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting her, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" The older turned to the younger and said, "You be Jesus!"

## **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	76	125	57
Worship AM	105	150	93
Worship PM	80	125	93
Midweek	102	125	100
Offering	\$2232	\$2500	\$2421
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>		\$2362	

## **Moses & Zipporah**

EXODUS 2:15-25

ABRAHAM	ISAAC
AAGREED	JACOB
ALIEN	KILL
ANSWERED	KING
ASKED	LAND
AWAY	LEAVE
BIRTH	MAN
CAME	MARRIAGE
COVENANT	MIDIAN
CRIED	MOSES
DAUGHTER	PERIOD
DIED	PHARAOH
DROVE	PRIEST
EARLY	RESCUE
EGYPT	RETURNED
FATHER	REUEL
FLED	SAT
FLOCK	SAYING
FOREIGN	SEVEN
GERSHOM	SHEPHERDS
GIRLS	SLAVERY
GOD	SON
GROANED	STAY
HEARD	WATER
HELP	ZIPPORAH
INVITE	

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## ***Religion & Politics***

Few topics are able to stir the ire of people as much as a discussion on religion and politics. In fact, I'm sure some are reading this article that might normally skip by this page because the title caught their attention. However, before I address the relationship between religion and politics, I would like to express a desire and make an observation about politics. I wish more disciples of Christ would practice their religion like they do their politics.

I wish more Christians would be as vocal about their Christianity as they are their politics.

I wish more Christians would be as willing to promote Jesus Christ to the lost as they are their presidential candidate to their neighbors.

I wish more Christians would be as willing to defend the doctrine of Christ as they are the platform of their political party.

Do you not find it strange that God's children can be moved to be so vocal and involved when it comes to politics, but so timid and uninvolved when it comes to Christianity? Brethren, our actions betray us! Passion is driven by love, and a lack of passion for the cause of Christ betrays our waning love for him.

Now to the topic at hand. Should religion and politics mix? Should the church be involved in politics? The answer to that question is a qualified "no." If you're talking about strictly political issues, "no." Such issues as education reform, welfare reform, income tax, the economy, foreign policy, etc. are issues that can

have differing perspectives. For the church to take a position on such issues misses the mission of the church and drives a wedge between itself and honest people who hold a different viewpoint. Concerning such political issues, Paul sums up our responsibility in Romans 13 by saying that we should pray, pay, and obey.

However, if you're talking about moral issues that have been politicized, "yes," not only should the church be involved, but it must. Abortion issues, euthanasia issues, homosexual marriage issues, alcohol issues, gambling issues, etc., these are issues that are moral issues and the voice of the church must be heard! Friends remember, the church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). Not only does the church have the right to speak out on such moral issues, it has a God given responsibility to speak out on such issues.

If we're talking about taxes, economy, education, foreign policy, well now, all I have to offer is my opinion which may very well be inferior to yours - pay no mind. However, on moral issues, God has already spoken and we know exactly where we should stand on those issues. On political issues...vote your opinion and freely oppose those who differ with you. However, on moral issues, we dare not find ourselves in opposition to God.

*Steve Higginbotham  
Green Street church of Christ  
Glasgow, KY*

## 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, Tim Dooms, Fran Ahart, Paula Marani, Norma Nimmo (surg. December), Charlie Bennett, Trina Smitley, Dorris Hutchens, Kristie Moore, Steve Higgins, Keith Norsworthy, Aubrey Holland, Sreve Enoch, Doris Dumas

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

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