



THE BEACON

The Hardin church of Christ

<http://www.hardincoc.com>



Sunday, December 7, 2008

Visitors, come back as often as you can

****THE ECONOMY & GIVING****

The troubled economy and fear about it has affected many area and national charities (according to the negative news media). However, I am glad to say that it has not negatively affected your offering to God—last month had the highest average offering of any month that I have record of (my records go back to 2005). If you'd like to do more you may participate in helping a family that is less fortunate than you with some holiday gifts. To do so, please see Christie.

We will also need people to drive and get the gifts.

*****BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE*****

If you are participating or want to participate in Bible Bowl plan on meeting at the church building to practice on Wednesday night at 5.30 pm. The assignment for this week is to read Luke 8 thoroughly.

*****IN HARM'S WAY*****

Gabrielle Koym: gabrielle.koym@us.army.m12 (email)

Please let us know of any others you know!

Last Week's Memory Verse: Galatians 5.16

Today's Memory Verse:

"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

^{ESV} **Matthew 18:3**

Prepare for Next Week:

AM: First Century Challenges: Philosophy (Colossians 2.8)

PM: Words of Encouragement: Love (Hebrews 13)

CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

Dec 12: Ladies Potluck & Chinese Auction, 6pm

Dec 14: Elders/Deacons meet after pm services

Dec 19: Sing and Snack in the annex, 6.30pm

Dec 21: Singing Night followed by food fellowship

Dec 23: Midweek Bible study, 6pm (moved from December 24)

Dec 31: New Years Eve with the church, 8.30pm

Jan 9: Gospel Singing, for details see Mason T.

Jan 11: PM Pulpit Swap, Kevin Williams (W. Grove)

March 27-29: Spring Meeting (Earl Edwards)

May 8: Ladies' Day (Barbara Johnson)

Aug 28-30: Fall Meeting (David Powell)

Bus Drivers:

Dec 7, 10—Mason T.
Dec 14, 17—Mark R.
Dec 21, 23—Trice D.
Dec 28, 31—Jim H.
Jan 4, 7—Neil V.

BENEFICENCE

"...let us do good to everyone"

In October we helped 2 families with groceries, utility bills, etc with approx. \$294. Who knows the impact it will make for the Lord!!!

Record

	Actual	Goal	Last Yr
Sunday School	105	125	101
Worship AM	145	150	130
Worship PM	75	125	98
Midweek	95	125	96
Offering	\$2711✓	\$2500	\$2931
Weekly Budget:	\$2362		

AMBUSH
ARCHER
ARMOR
ARMY
ARROWS
ATTACK
AXE
BATTLE
BEAT
BOW
BRAVE
CAPTAIN
CONFLICT
COURAGE
DEFEAT
DEFEND
DUTY
ENDURE
ENEMY
FIGHT
FOE
FORCE
FORT
GUARD

HEKMET
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LANCE
LEAD
MARCH
PAIN
PREPARE
RECRUIT
SERVE
SHIELD
SLING
SNARE
SOLDIER
SPEAR
STRENGTH
SWORD
TRAIN
TROOPS
VALOR
VICTORY
WAR
WARRIOR
WEAPON
WIN

WRESTLE

Worker of the Week

WHO: Liz Schroader
WHERE: 93 Smith Lane,
Benton, KY 42025

WHAT: helps prepare and deliver Tuesday meals, helps prepare meals for young people on Wednesday night, phone tree leader, coordinated meals when there is a death

(We don't see everything...To suggest someone for worker of the week talk to Daniel)



THANK YOU!!

The Good Fight

N I A R T S T S H S W O R D E
L O N O P A E W N T E M L E H
R F R O M R A A D I D S M T V
Y W O B V Y R S K E E T G R A
E R U E N E M Y C W F N N G L
T S O L D I E R A P E R P T O
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E R A E P S A L D U U R N E E
S L I N G D L D O D I P A I N
T C I L F N O C A P T A I N W

A Sign of a Successful Church



God placed leaders in the church for the purpose of preparing and equipping disciples of Jesus to be engaged in the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12). God does not intend for leaders in his church to be

involved in everything that the local church does. Too many preachers, elders and deacons (and their wives) become burned out in doing the work of the kingdom because they try to be involved in everything. God's design is for leaders in the church to oversee, supervise, delegate, and equip disciples in the congregation to be involved in works of ministry that are specifically matched to their individual talents and abilities.

Unfortunately, some members of the church think that the leaders should be involved in everything. This unreasonable expectation is communicated by looks, verbal jabs, and even masked in jokes. Sometimes this makes leaders feel guilty and so they overload their schedules in the church's work to the detriment of their marriages, families, and personal relationship with God. The unrealistic expectations placed upon leaders in the church can be the murder weapon unwittingly used by members that kills the spirituality of their leaders.

Based upon Paul's teaching in Ephesians, I am convinced that a sign of a successful church is when its leaders are not personally involved in every activity and work of the local church. The apostles realized this when they wisely delegated the responsibility of helping widows to other men so that the study and teaching of God's word would not be neglected (Acts 6:1-4).

Elders are responsible for overseeing the ministries of the local church, but they should not be personally involved in all of them. Preachers should encourage and equip members for involvement in ministry, but they should not be involved in all these works. Deacons should not be involved in all the works in the church, but they should focus on their specific assigned tasks given them by the elders. By the way, this goes for their wives also.

God purposely gave you the abilities and talents that you possess for the purpose of advancing his kingdom. Every person has different abilities and God means for us to find what we do best and focus on that (read Romans 12:4-8). Too many of us try to be involved in everything in the church, we become burned out, and then we are involved in nothing. This is extremely unwise. Find what you do best and make it your ministry in the church.

Jonathan Jones II
Evidences of Things Unseen
<http://hopeevidence.blogspot.com>

PRAYER LIST

"The prayer of a righteous person has great power..." (James 5:16)

SHUT-INS

Britt Haven:

Patsy Farris (111A)
 Erlene Higgins (220B)
 Nadine Peck (126B)
 Pauline Shepherd (100)

Calvert Convalescent:

Fran Hendrickson (204)

Spring Creek:

Perry Cornwell (316A)
 Margaret Grogan (311)

Stilley House:

Emma Powell (201)

At Home:

Sharon Brewer
 John Grogan

Kenneth Dean, Frances Hendrickson,
 Paula Marani, Charlie Bennett, Trina
 Smittley, Breeanna Swagman, Amanda
 Clevenger, Seth Nelson, Sydney Salyer,
 David Thomas, Darla Koym, Sue Damell,
 Dwayne Johnston, Melodine Hicks, Jun-
 ior Cleaver, Donald Duke, Kaeden
 Smothers, Betty Ahart, Melissa Hilton,
 Mary Dale, Sue Dumas (tests), Norma
 Nimmo (surg. Dec 1), Mary Vick (surg.
 Dec 1), Charles Allen, James Mathis,
 Mary Nell Peck family, Ruth Knight fam-
 ily, Mamie Lawson family, Keith Nor-
 sworthy family, Frank Robinson family,
 Susie Mitcheson family, Nita Boaz 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.

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Mail Me!!!

OVERSEERS

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

DENNIS REDDEN

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437-3026 (H); 559-5014 (C)

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MISSION WORKS

CHINA \$300/month

AFRICA \$300/month

T.R. WEBB (MSOP) \$200/month

NEW PATHWAYS \$150/month

GBN-TV \$100/month