

**CONTRIBUTION GOAL: CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OF 5%
(EVENTUAL GOAL 10%) OF OUR GROSS INCOME, \$3,622/WEEK!**



THE BEACON

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



Sunday, May 24, 2009

TO OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you as our honored guests and pray that you will come and see us again soon. If you have any needs that we can assist you with please let us know and we will do our very best to see to them. If you would like to add any names to the prayer list write them on the back of your visitor's card and we will be glad to pray for them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last week Ashley Bennett gave birth to Teghan Elizabeth. She weighed 7 pounds, 12.5 ounces and was 21 inches long. Congratulations to Jesse & Ashley and the whole family.



VBS MEETING

Anyone assisting with (or wanting to assist with) the joint Union Hill/Hardin Vacation Bible School coming up needs to stay for a short meeting following our services tonight.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES



The first SYS is this Tuesday at Union Hill. For more details see Dwayne Oakley! The first week's worship will be entirely in song...come to learn some new songs plus sing some favorites!

Today's Memory Verse:

Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench; so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.

(Last Week: James 1.5) ^{ESV} **Ecclesiastes 10:1**

CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

May 31: Potluck lunch & early afternoon service

June 9: Hardin hosts SYS (Cliff Goodwin will speak)

June 15-18: Joint VBS Union Hill—Hardin, @ U. H.

Aug 28-30: Fall Meeting (David Powell)

(Other Activities)

May 26: SYS at Union Hill

June 2: SYS at Northside

June 16: SYS at Parkway

June 23: SYS at New Concord

July 24-26: Meeting at Sharpe (John T. Polk)

July 26-28: Area-Wide Gospel Meeting, Four Rivers Center (Pad.), 6pm

Sept 19: Fall Festival at Potter Children's Home

Bus Drivers:

May 24, 27—Bill D.
 May 31, June 3—Greg N.
 June 7, 10—Mason T.
 June 14, 17—Mark R.
 June 21, 24—Trice D.

MISSION WORKS

CHINA \$300/month
 AFRICA \$300/month
 T.R. WEBB (MSOP) \$200/month
 NEW PATHWAYS \$150/month
 GBN-TV \$100/month

Record

	Actual	Goal	Last Yr
Sunday School	94	125	101
Worship AM	143	150	126
Worship PM	105	125	66
Midweek	92	125	105
Offering	\$3126✓	\$3000	\$2135
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>		\$2550	

Worker of the Week

WHO: Sue Beard
WHAT: helps with meals to shut-ins and sick on Tuesdays AND MUCH MORE



THANK YOU!!!

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



Rejoice!

Cheyenne Collins was baptized into Christ last week. Welcome her as our sister in Christ!

Prodigal Son #2

Luke 15:21-31

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| FATTENED | SANDALS |
| FEAST | SERVANTS |
| FEET | SLAVING |
| FIELD | SON |
| FINGER | SOUND |
| FOUND | SQUANDERED |
| FRIENDS | YEARS |
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Abigail's Answer

Before David became king of Israel, his life was chaotic. Saul wanted his head on a platter, and survival for David depended on staying one step ahead of Saul, keeping his men on the move, and hiding out in caves.

While in hiding, David came to the Wilderness of Paran, near the territory of a wealthy man named Nabal (1 Samuel 25). Nabal may have had business sense, but his character left much to be desired. The Bible describes him as "harsh and badly behaved" (v. 3). Twice, people who were close to him called him "worthless" (vv. 17, 25). He is also called a "Calebite" (v. 3), which may be a reference to his clan, but it seems more likely that this description has to do with the literal meaning of the name "Caleb," which is "dog." His own name, Nabal, meant "fool." If we were to judge this man by the names he was called, our estimation of him would not be good: he was a dog and a fool.

David, on the other hand, had been gracious to Nabal without ever having met him. While he and his men camped in Nabal's territory, they had protected his shepherds from raiders and anything else that would seek to harm them. They had been as a "wall" of protection to Nabal (v. 16). The time for shearing sheep was at hand, a time for feasting and celebration, and David and his men asked Nabal to provide them with food and drink for the celebrations. This would not have been an unusual request in those days, but Nabal was furious. He refused, saying, "Who is David? ...Shall I take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers and give it to men who come from I do not know where?" (vv. 10-11).

David was the anointed successor to the throne in Israel. He was not accustomed to this kind of treatment, especially since it came from a man who owed him so much. He drew his sword and prepared his men for battle.

But Nabal had a wife named Abigail. She was "discerning and beautiful" (v. 3). Abigail brought gifts to David and convinced him not to seek revenge against her husband and her people. There is much wisdom in her words. She explained that God would seek vengeance against her husband for what he had done to David. And then, she explained to David, "my lord shall have no cause of grief or pangs of conscience for having shed blood without cause or for my lord taking vengeance himself" (v. 31).

Abigail's words convinced David to show mercy. And about ten days later, the Lord struck Nabal dead, and Abigail became David's wife (vv. 38, 42).

The story of Nabal is a familiar one. All of us have felt mistreated and wanted revenge. Perhaps some of us went as far as getting revenge, only to feel the "pangs of conscience" for heaping more sin on top of the wrongs that were done to us. The counsel of Abigail is wise. If we look closely, we can find at least three lessons regarding vengeance:

1. *The seeds of our good works take time to germinate.* Solomon said, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days" (Ecclesiastes 11:1, emphasis added). Likewise, Paul encouraged us not to grow weary of doing good, saying, "for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). God promises to reward our good works, but there is no guarantee that these rewards will come soon, or even in this lifetime (cf. Matthew 5:11-12).

2. *Only God is in a position to exact vengeance.* If David had gotten even, he would have only added his own bloodguilt to Nabal's evil (1 Samuel 25:33). God, on the other hand, is righteous and was able to return the evil of Nabal on his own head (v. 39). We are not in a position to bring justice to the world. Therefore, we are advised, "Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord'" (Rom. 12:19).

3. *Since we cannot bring justice, our only response to evil is to "overcome evil with good."* Paul continues his discussion of revenge, saying, "To the contrary, 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:20-21).

Revenge can be tempting, but in the end it only leads to regret. Let God make things right, and be patient as you wait for him to act. In the meantime, combat evil with good. After all, the best way to defeat an enemy is to make him your friend.

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PRAYER LIST

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

SHUT-INS

Britthaven:

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

Spring Creek:

Deloris Pritchard (113)
 Perry Cornwell (326)

Stilley House:

Emma Powell (201)

At Home:

Sharon Brewer
 John & Margaret Grogan

Dawn Mays, Antonia Dunn, Junior Cleaver,
 Barry Anderson, Amy Nelson, Jean Ross,
 Darryl Stutler, Marty Johnson, Danny Hop-
 kins, Junior Bell, Sheena Robinson, Judy
 Moore, Jeneane Overby, Pansy Black, Gary
 May, Tim Doom, Evalyn Jordan, Pat John-
 son, Vena Jones, Linda Dean, Willie Eth-
 ridge, Paula Marani, Ross Reynolds, Ricky
 York, Lydia York, Adelle Ramsey, Mike
 Boudreau, Caleb Risley, Trilma Mullins, Ella
 Collister, Taylor Grow family

DEACONS

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Missions (Africa)/Media/Visitation	
TRICE DUNN	753-9163
Education Ministry/Bldg. Maintenance	
DANNY HIGGINS	474-2728
Worship Ministry/Van Maintenance	
STEVE HIGGINS	527-5752
Fellowship & Functions/Audio & Video	
JIMMY HOLLAND	354-8616
Treasurer/Worship Ministry	
HAROLD JONES	437-4571
Beneficence	
GREG NELSON	527-5870
Pee Wee Camp/Maint. & Insurance	
DWAYNE OAKLEY	437-4314
Youth Ministry/World Bible School	
MARK REYNOLDS	527-2986
China Mission/Van Maint./Disasters	
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Visitation/Education Ministry	
GARY SCHROADER	437-4513
Fellowship & Functions	

Service Times:

Sunday School - 9.15am;
 Sun Worship - 10am, 6pm;
 Wed. Bible Class - 7pm

OVERSEERS

DENNIS REDDEN
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DAVID SMITH
 437-3026 (H); 559-5014 (C)

MINISTERS

DWAYNE OAKLEY (Youth)
 437-4314 (H); 205-1382 (C)
DANIEL WALKER (Pulpit)
 437-4413 (H); 748-6746 (C)

If leading a public prayer, please use the microphone (one in back and one up front).

THIS Week—May 24, 2009:

AM Announcements: Dennis Redden
Song Leader: Steve Higgins
Scripture Reading: Josh Reynolds
Opening Prayer: Tim Reynolds
Lord's Supper Devo.: Trice Dunn
Lord's Supper:
 Bobby Outland Gary Schroader
 Jeff Lofton Joe Redden
 Nicky Smith Kevin Bennett
Rear: Ethan & Keaton Guthrie
Closing Prayer: Jeff Edwards
Greeter: Emma R. & Terri D.
PM Song Leader: Steve Higgins
Opening Prayer: Ron Owen
Scripture Reading: Bradley Dismore
Lord's Supper: Danny Higgins
Closing Prayer: Mark Reynolds
Wed Song Leader: Steve Higgins
Opening Prayer: Nick Smith
Closing Prayer: Steve Starks
Devotional: Daniel Walker

NEXT Week—May 31, 2009:

AM Announcements: Dennis Redden
Song Leader: Jeff Edwards
Scripture Reading: Jordan Bennett
Opening Prayer: Mason Thompson
Lord's Supper Devo.: David Smith
Lord's Supper:
 Dub Thorn Neil Vick
 Bobby Outland Gary Schroader
 Jeff Lofton Joe Redden
Rear: Ethan & Keaton Guthrie
Closing Prayer: Charles Bennett
Greeter: Ronnie & Nancy Black
PM Song Leader: Jeff Edwards
Opening Prayer: Ricky Collins
Scripture Reading: Canaan Dunn
Lord's Supper: Danny Higgins
Closing Prayer: Bill Dale
Wed Song Leader: Jeff Edwards
Opening Prayer: Trice Dunn
Closing Prayer: Jeff Edwards
Devotional: Mike Wyatt