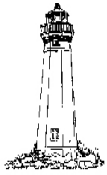
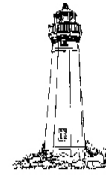


**CONTRIBUTION GOAL: CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OF 5%
(EVENTUAL GOAL 10%) OF OUR GROSS INCOME, \$3,622/WEEK!**



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Sunday, May 31, 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.

EARLY SERVICE TODAY

Today is fifth Sunday services, which means early evening services at 12.30 and a potluck meal immediately after morning worship services. All are invited and asked to stay and enjoy food and fellowship with us!

PEE WEE WEEKEND

It will be here before you know it, June 19-21. The director will hold a short meeting after our 12.30 worship today.

VBS TEACHERS & HELPERS

There is a meeting tonight at Union Hill at 7.30pm. This would be a good opportunity to look at your rooms, ask questions and get acquainted with your co-teachers at Union Hill! Be there!

**THE BUS FOR THE YOUTH SERIES
WILL LEAVE TUESDAY AT 6.10PM**

Today's Memory Verse:

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

(Last Week: Ecclesiastes 10.1) ^{ESV} **Psalms 118:8**

CALENDAR

(Hardin Activities)

TODAY: 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 31-June 3: VBS@Benton, W. Grove & O. Valley

June 2: SYS@Northside

June 5: Sing@Pottsville

June 6: VBS@Coldwater

June 7-9: Meeting @ N. Marshall (G. Colley)

June 7-10: Meeting @ Pottsville (John Dale)

June 12: Sing@Eddyville

June 14-17: Meeting @ U. Grove (Lexie Ray)

Bus Drivers:

May 31, June 3—Greg N.
 June 7, 10—Mason T.
 June 14, 17—Mark R.
 June 21, 24—Trice D.
 June 28, July 1—Jim H.

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	82	125	106
Worship AM	117	150	130
Worship PM	81	125	97
Midweek	95	125	102
Offering	\$2158	\$3000	\$2478
<i>Weekly Budget:</i>	\$2550		

Double Puzzle

Instructions:

Write the answers to the clues in the boxes to the right of each clue. Copy the letters in the numbered boxes to the other boxes in the phrase below with the same number.

HINT:

Solution to bottom puzzle is a verse in Matthew chapter 11.

Worker of the Week

WHO: Danny Higgins
WHAT: helps with selecting servants for leading in worship AND MUCH MORE



THANK YOU!!!

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

Restoration!

Last week Junior Allen confessed his sins and was restored! Continue to pray for him.

Double Puzzle

a short distance away

the distance anything extends

speak loudly

Damascus, capital of _____

_____ of iniquity (2Th.2:7)

into Abraham's _____ (Lu.16:22)

_____, fork and spoon

526182523

2993031

1622224

28631013

420113215

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16 17 18	19 20	21 22 23 24 25 26	27 28	29 27 30 31 32

John 3:16...and 17 and 18

Without question, the best-known verse in the Bible is John 3:16. Martin Luther called it the Bible in miniature, and some even go so far as to say that if the Bible were lost except for John 3:16, we would have all the Scripture we need in order to be saved. Here is how the Golden Text reads: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Guy N. Woods outlined John 3:16, saying,

In it we are told of the greatest giver (God), of the greatest gift (his only begotten Son), of the greatest measure (the world) and the greatest future blessing (eternal life). It is a refutation of Atheism (it begins with God); of agnosticism (it reveals God), of Calvinism (it extends God's provisions to all the world, and not to an arbitrarily selected few), of Unitarianism (it establishes the deity of Jesus and shows him to be of the same nature as God), of Oneness Pentecostalism (it demonstrates God and Christ to be separate and distinct persons), of Universalism (it reveals that men will perish who refuse the way of escape) and the doctrine of denominational creeds which allege that Jesus died that God might love us whereas this teaches that Jesus came to the earth and made salvation possible because God loved us. (John, 66-67)

Is John 3:16 all we need? Jesus didn't think so. John 3:16 is just one verse in a lengthy conversation with Nicodemus. And when we look at the whole picture, we are better able to flesh out what Jesus meant to summarize in this verse.

John 3:16 has often been cited to support the idea that a person can be saved by faith alone. In other words, it has been argued that since John 3:16 does not mention baptism or other commands, belief without any corresponding action is all that is necessary for salvation. Those who make this claim have not carefully studied the whole chapter.

The following information gives context to what Jesus proclaimed in John 3:16:

- Near the beginning of his conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:5). "Water" is clearly a reference to baptism. Later in the narrative we read of Jesus and John baptizing in the Jordan River (Jn. 3:22-23; 4:1-2).
- In the two verses prior to John 3:16, Jesus alluded to the bronze serpent Moses lifted up in the wilderness as a symbol of the crucifixion. In consulting the original account of that event, it is evident that the case of the bronze serpent was one of obedient faith: those who were bitten by the fiery serpents were not healed by merely believing in the bronze serpent; they had to look upon it to live (Num. 21:9).
- In the verses following John 3:16, Jesus explains what he means by "believe" in terms of "coming to the light." In verse 21 he says, "But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." What is meant by "does what is true" and "works" in this statement? Do these terms not apply to the conditions for salvation described in verse 5? If not, then the only alternative is to apply them to the meritorious works of the Law of Moses, which is powerless to save, according to the gospel (Rom. 3:27-28; Eph. 2:8-9).
- Finally, the last verse of John 3 reads, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." The close observer will notice that John the Baptist, who is speaking here, uses the terms "believes" and "obey" interchangeably. The faith of John 3 is like the faith throughout the New Testament—an obedient faith.

John 3:16 will remain the favorite text of Christians. But if we are not careful, we will damage a priceless piece of revelation with reckless interpretation. We must be careful in our excavations not to separate the Golden Text from its context.

Drew Kizer
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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)
 Margaret Grogan (317)

Stilley House:

Emma Powell (201)

At Home:

Sharon Brewer
 John Grogan

(We are always happy to pray for those who request it and for those whom it is requested for, however sometimes names are left in this limited space who have been blessed with a good portion of health since initially added. Therefore, we will periodically clear the list and "begin fresh." Please let us know what names need to be added.)

DEACONS

RICKY COLLINS	354-9362
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	
TIM REYNOLDS	703-4380
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
 437-4758 (H); 252-5734 (C)
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 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

NEXT Week—June 7, 2009:

AM Announcements: Trice Dunn
Song Leader: Mason Thompson
Scripture Reading: Terry Henderson
Opening Prayer: Louis Hendrickson
Lord's Supper Devo.: Danny Higgins
Lord's Supper:
 Mark Hendrickson Jeff Lofton
 Dub Thorn Neil Vick
 Bobby Outland Gary Schroader
Rear: Ethan & Keaton Guthrie
Closing Prayer: Steve Higgins
Greeter: Harold & Trish Jones
PM Song Leader: Mason Thompson
Opening Prayer: Jim Holland
Scripture Reading: Logan Oakley
Lord's Supper: Danny Higgins
Closing Prayer: Leon Lovett
Wed Song Leader: Mason Thompson
Opening Prayer: Erick Mackie
Closing Prayer: Greg Nelson
Devotional: Dwayne Oakley