



THE BEACON

Hardin church of Christ

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ Sunday evening worship **tonight at 6pm!** Singing night followed by food fellowship
- ⇒ **YOU ARE INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER!!!** Given by grandparents Larry & Trena Tramel and Chae & Richard Sullivan. Given for Jacob & Eunhie and baby Jacob William Burpo II (Jake) this Saturday (4/24) in the annex from 2-4PM (Reg. at WalMart, K-Mart & Toys-R-Us)

FOR YOUTH

- ⇒ Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 14-16. If you have not already agreed to help in some way and would like to see Trice Dunn or Tim Reynolds.
- ⇒ For teenagers: Enlighten Youth Rally at Henderson church of Christ May 7-8 (over night stay most likely required) for more details or to go see Dwayne or Christie O.



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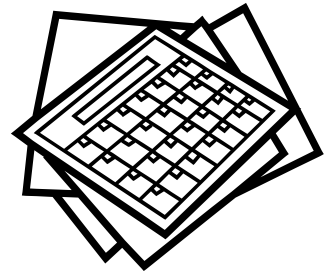
BRING A FRIEND DAY

Sunday AM Bible Class—9.15 AM

Sunday AM Worship—10.00 AM

Meal (please bring extra for all the visitors)

Sunday PM Worship—12.30 PM



NEXT WEEK



PRAYERS REQUESTED

*Neil Vick • Deanna Friend • Maria Muniz • Marsha Harper • Gaye Johnston
W.C. English • Kenneth Starks • Katy Walker • Mildred Harmon • Doug Johnson
Nancy Britton • Tommy Vied • Terry Tyler • Danny Higgins • Gary Dowdy • Kristi Allen*

**PLEASE LET DANIEL KNOW WHEN SOMEONE
NEEDS ADDED OR MAY BE REMOVED**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 17—Terry Henderson
April 22—Wes Lindsey
April 25—Ron & Linda Owen
April 30—Debbie Birdsong
April 30—Jimmie O'Bryan

April 18—Sawyer Collins
April 23—Ricky & Lydia York
April 26—Dennis Redden
April 30—Diane McWane
April 30—Gary Schroader

THIS WEEK'S BUS DRIVER IS MASON T., CALL 437-4265

RECORD

	Act.	Goal	1Yr. Ago
Sun. School	87	125	115
Worship AM	1119	150	152
Worship PM	86	125	94
Midweek	92	125	104
Offering	\$2507	\$3200	\$3033
Weekly Budget:		\$3000	

THOSE TO SERVE

THIS WEEK (4/18)

Trice Dunn
 Mason Thomson
 Josh Reynolds
 Dwayne Oakley
 Moon & Patsy Redden
 SINGING
 Mark Reynolds
 Daniel Walker
 Mason T. (437-4265)

NEXT WEEK (4/25)

Trice Dunn
 Steve Higgins
 Harold Jones
 Tim Reynolds
 Greg & Amy Nelson
 Steve Higgins
 Steve Higgins
 Dennis Redden
 Mark R. (527-2986)

THREE WEEKS (5/2)

Daniel Walker
 Jeff Edwards
 Steve Starks
 Mike Wyatt
 Mary & Mason T.
 Jeff Edwards
 Jeff Edwards
 Ricky Collins
 Trice D. (753-9163)

Announcements
Sun. AM Song Leader
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper Devo.
Greeters
Sun. PM Song Leader
Wed. PM Song Leader
Wed. PM Devotional
Bus Driver

LAST WEEK YOU BROUGHT

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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

Britthaven:

Nadine Peck (126B)
 Pauline Shepherd (100)

Spring Creek:

Deloris Pritchard (113)
 Perry Cornwell (326)
 Margaret Grogan (314)

Stilley House:

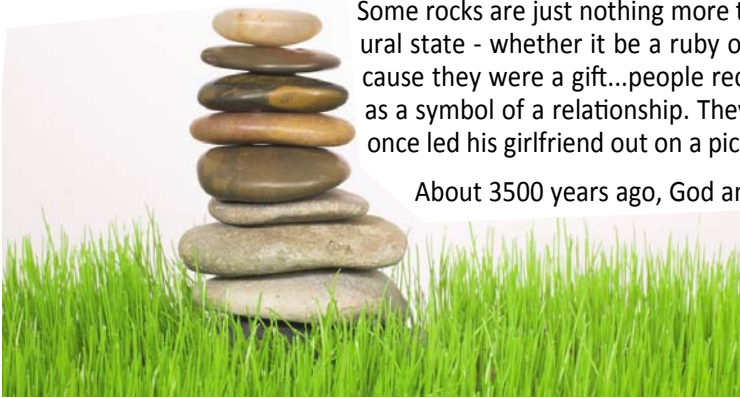
Emma Powell (201)

At Home:

Sharon Brewer
 Terrell & Barbara Darnell
 Mary Alice Johnston

VISITORS TO SERVICES WITH YOU!
THANK YOU! BY INVITING AND BRINGING VISITORS YOU ARE MAKING THIS CHURCH GROW!

Significant Stones



Some rocks are just nothing more than rocks. Others have great value. They may be valuable in their natural state - whether it be a ruby or a diamond or some other precious stone. They may be valuable because they were a gift...people receive rings set with stones for engagements, and anniversaries, or just as a symbol of a relationship. They may be valuable because of a special occurrence. I knew a man who once led his girlfriend out on a picnic to a rock on which he had engraved his marriage proposal.

About 3500 years ago, God and Israel were united by some of their own significant stones. The Israelites had just miraculously crossed the Jordan river on dry ground, even though it was the flood season. At God's command, as the priests who carried the ark of the covenant entered the mighty river, the waters stood still. By a mighty hand God had delivered his people from slavery and had brought them into the land that he had promised to Abraham.

Joshua was then commanded - "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm.'" (Joshua 4:2-3). He later explained - "that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever" (Joshua 4:6-7).

These stones were significant in their natural state. They were created by God to exist in the midst of an important river. It was the river which constituted the boundary of their freedom. It was the river of Naaman's cleansing through obedience. It was the river where the Son of God was later baptized.

These stones were significant because they represented a gift and a relationship. More than any diamond has ever told a bride that her husband loved her, twelve river stones declared - "Lord God of Israel, there is no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts" (2 Chron. 6:14).

These stones were significant because of a special moment in time. As the years passed, these stones reminded every Israelite about the goodness and providence of God in their lives. Perhaps this is why just a little while later the prophet Samuel set up a stone during a great battle and said, "So far the Lord has helped us" (1 Sam. 7:12). He understood that God had delivered them, and would deliver them all the way.

As Joshua once did, we should leave behind symbols that remind us of our God. We need to do this for ourselves. We need to do this for our children. After all, God has left a most precious Stone behind for us.