

Summer 2010

Hickory Hill Baptist Church

# HHBC Happenings



HICKORY HILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Don't Waste Your Summer

### Important Dates to Remember:

- June 6, Quarterly Sunday School Breakfast
- June 6, Noon to 2 pm, Church-wide Fellowship and VBS Kickoff
- June 10, 11, 12, Church Pictures (taken at the Church), Thur. 12-9; Fri. 4-9; Sat. 10-6
- July 11-15, 6-8:30, VBS
- Aug 15 Day in the Park, Binder Lake Park
- September 8-12, Sesquicentennial Anniversary Celebration

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Friends, I'd like to issue a challenge: *don't waste your summer!* The trees have budded. The flowers are blossoming. The grass is growing faster than the mower blade can turn. Summer is nearly upon us. What exactly are you planning to do?

Perhaps you're planning on taking the kids to the beach. Maybe you're going on a camping excursion. On the other hand, maybe you're trying to pinch a few pennies this year and the backyard is looking pretty appealing. Set up a pool. Play in the sprinkler. Do a little gardening. Catch a few rounds of golf.

Here's the thing: when summer is over, what will be left of your swimming, your camping, your cheesy novels read in the sun? What will they have accomplished? Will there be any lasting effect? Or will they fade as quickly as the sun-scorched dandelion?

Hear the Word of God: "*All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the Word of the Lord remains forever.*" (1 Peter 1:24-25)

I'm not suggesting that it's sinful to relax and read a book. It's not wrong to watch a NASCAR race. But if that is all that you accomplish this summer, it was a wasted summer.

Friends, we don't have summers to waste,

As 1 Peter 1:24 suggests, we're already fading. As human beings, we shine but for a moment in the history of the universe. Our lights burn for a flash before they are snuffed out. All that counts for eternity is the Word of God and the glory of God. That's eternal significance.

So when we stand before the great tribunal of God, do we



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really want to look upon the crucified, glorified Jesus and say, "I didn't really accomplish much the summer of 2010 for your Kingdom and for your glory because, well, there was a really good race on TV"?

Beloved, don't waste your summer. Don't waste your life, and start by not wasting your summer. Pursue with all your might the glory of God and the advancement of his Kingdom, for that is never a waste.

## What Have the Ladies Been Up to Lately?

Recently the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) ladies sponsored a blanket making night, with the fruit of their labors benefiting the kids at the Prenger Juvenile Center in Jefferson City. **Everyone** enjoyed the fellowship while toiling away. There is an open invitation for all women to join in this wonderful mission opportunity to serve others. If you have a suggestion for future mission projects, contact Laura Hoskins. In addition to the blanket making, the ladies just finished a book study, "Don't Waste Your Life" by John Piper. Another study is being planned....so stay tuned!

## Vacation Bible School, July 11-15, 2010

We are going to experience *Saddle Ridge Ranch* throughout this summer. That is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. Saddle up for VBS 2010 where kids will be ridin' the range and roundin' up questions like: "What is God's plan for me?" and "How can I be like Jesus?" At the end of the day, they'll discover that God's Word has all the answers.

We will start off the summer with a BBQ and a hayride to kick off VBS and get the kids registered on June 6, 2010. This pre-registration is open to the *entire* church. We would like to use this event for church-wide fellowship. Please join us for hot dogs immediately following the

Sunday Morning worship at Curt and Bertha's lake.

VBS will then be held during the week of July 11 – 15, 2010, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. each evening. Once again we will serve a meal prior to VBS each evening. Invite all your friends and neighbors to come and join us.

June 6, 2010 is also the first session for the youth. They will meet every Sunday in June. They will have snacks, a bible study time, activities and crafts. Please contact Sandy Call and/or Curt and Bertha Busch if you need additional information regarding the youth VBS. In addition to these 4 sessions, we are asking the youth to serve during VBS for the children.

### A Guest Post

**Author: Rev. Charles Haddon Spurgeon**  
(An English Baptist Pastor – 1834-1892)

At this moment, my brothers and sisters, we who follow the footsteps of King Jesus are soldiers of an army which has invaded this world. This land belongs to our great Leader, for he made it. It was right that everywhere, all round the globe, should honor his name, for he is the King among the nations, and the governor thereof: But our race has revolted, set up another monarch, and bowed its strength to support another ruler—the ruler of darkness and death.

Our race has broken the good and wholesome laws of the great Lord, the rightful King, and set up new laws and new customs altogether opposed to right and truth. This is the Great Rebellion of Manhood. Now, no king will willingly lose his dominions, and therefore the Great King of kings has sent his Son to conquer this world by force of arms, though not by arms of steel, or weapons that cut and kill, and wound, yet by arms much more mighty; and this earth is to be yet subdued to the kingdom of the Crown Prince, the Prince of heaven, Jesus Christ, our Lord. (con't next page)



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*"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."*  
*James 1:5 (ESV)*

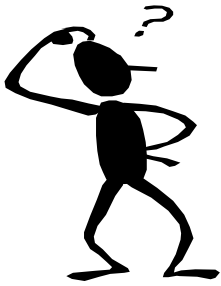
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We, his people, form part of the army of occupation. We have invaded the land. Hard and stern hath been the battle up to this point. We have had to win every inch of ground by sheer force. Effort after effort has been put forth by the church of God under the guidance of her heavenly leader, and none has been in vain.

To this point, the Lord hath helped us, but there is much yet to be done. Canaanites and Hivites, and Jebusites have to be driven out; yea, in fact, the whole world seems still to lie in darkness, and under the dominion of the wicked one. We do but hold here and there a sacred fortress for truth and holiness in the land; therefore let us have courage. The living Christ is present among us as the commander-in-chief of the church militant. Let us refresh our souls by drawing near to him by the power of the Holy Ghost.

## Time for a Challenge? Test Your Knowledge



1. What am I? Red and blue, purple and green, no one can touch me, not even a queen?
2. According to the Bible, what substance was used to caulk Noah's Ark and to seal the basket in which the infant Moses was set adrift on the Nile?
3. What am I? Without wings I fly, without eyes I cry
4. What am I? I appear once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years.

*"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity (Heb. 5:12-6:1 ESV)*

### **Moving from Spiritual Infancy to Maturity**

*An excerpt from ESV Study Bible, page 2505*

Many would like to think that just being a "good" person and "loving" God, without an emphasis on doctrine, is preferable. **But** being a good person can mean radically different things depending on what someone thinks "good" is, or what constitutes a "person". Loving God will look very different depending on one's conception of "God" or "love". The fundamental connections between belief and behavior, and between love and knowledge, demand a rigorous pursuit of truth for those wanting to love God and to be godly. Hebrews 5:12-6:1 teaches us that a deeper understanding equips us to be able to differentiate good from evil, and it exhorts believers to mature in their knowledge of God and his ways.

Loving God means loving truth. God is a God of truth; he *is* truth.

Answers to Knowledge Test  
1. A Rainbow 2. Pitch, A natural asphalt 3. A Cloud 4. The letter "M".



### **Church Family Grows**

On April 11, 2010 the church received eight new members into the body. We welcomed Jeff and Stephanie Moad; Rebekah Hines, Patrick, Kelly, Chanli and Jacob Hilburn and Clayton Hale into our family. To make the day extra special, Clayton Hale publicly proclaimed his belief through baptism. The service was followed by a *fantastic* dinner provided by the Hale family. What a wonderful day!

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*The HHBC Happenings newsletter is fulfilling God's great commission found in Matthew 28:16-20 to proclaim the gospel and make disciples of all nations.*

*If you have further questions regarding God's plan of salvation, the Bible, or about joining our local church in membership, feel free to contact Pastor Ryan Haider.*

*If you want to know more about us, the church, please explore our website at <http://www.hickoryhillbaptistchurch.org>*

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