



# The Beacon

## Harrisburg Christian Church

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**JANUARY 2010**

Greetings HCC, (January 2010)

Happy New Year! January 1<sup>st</sup> is my birthday. Not my physical birthday, but my spiritual birthday. Each New Year's Day is a reminder to me of the new life that God gave me in 1986. As a part of that new life, I was given a purpose in life that was bigger than me and I was given a hope story.

Up unto the point of my new birth, my purpose in life had basically been centered on me. I did things for other people and was willing to help out when needed, but the overall focus of my life was me. What did I want to do? How would this decision benefit me? What would make me look good in front of my peers? How could I obtain more? What relationships would benefit me? And then the new birth happened and things began to change. I started asking different questions: What does God want me to do? Is this decision God's will for me? Would this action please God? How can I serve God and people? No, the change didn't happen instantly, nor is it complete, but God began a process 24 years ago that has given me a new purpose in life.

God has also given me a hope story. I am on the winning team. When it is all said and done, Jesus will reign victorious. God will create a new heaven and a new earth and all who have been born again will serve God in this awesome place where there will be no more suffering, death, or sin. I'm going to be there with all the other believers and we will dwell eternally in this place. The struggles and trials of this world that I am currently dealing with will seem as distant and insignificant then as my kindergarten trials seem to me now. My sin that has caused me, God, and others grief has been forgiven and I will receive reward for the things that I did on earth that brought glory to God. I will be able to see loved ones who were Christians that died before me and I will be reunited with loved ones who I leave behind on this earth when I die. Most importantly, I will get to see Jesus face to face. I will have an opportunity to worship in the presence of the one who loved me enough to take my punishment on the cross. What a hope I have been given!

I want to remind those who have been born again. You have a great purpose in this life and God has given you a hope story. Let's walk in these truths in 2010.

God Loves You,  
John Gillman

Other tidbits:

1. Congratulations to our new members: Lucas and Jennette Stephenson, and Theresa Stineman. Welcome!
2. Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a member at HCC. Class 101 will be offered on January 24th right after the worship service. Lunch is provided and childcare is provided if requested. See John Gillman to sign up.
3. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, HCC will be hosting the drama team, New Edition, from Hannibal LaGrange College during our 10 AM worship service. <http://www.hlg.edu/life/newedition.php>
4. Thank you to Jodi Gilpin and to all who contributed to our Christmas outreach. Your generosity made a difference to several kids and adults in our community. Way to go! Thanks also for your generous contribution to the Shaw family after the loss of their home.
5. Bravo! Thank you to Elaina Priddy and the Christmas play cast and helpers. That was a great way to kick off the Christmas season at HCC.

**HCC is a great place to worship our Lord! We invite you to join us this Sunday!**

Bible Study for all ages at 9:00am. Worship Service at 10:00am  
(Childcare is provided for children less than 5 years during Worship Services)

Oops...(sorry this is late notice)

## Landon James Atkins

Born Sept 16<sup>th</sup>  
8lbs 21.5 inches

To Proud Parents Anthony & Andrea  
Grandparents Tony & Phyllis Atkins  
Dick & Patsy Wies

### Congratulations...

...To the parents for taking their first steps in the spiritual guidance in their new baby's lives. May we as a congregation help them in this new adventure.

Sterling and Meghan Sublett - Nash  
Brock and Jaimie Sublett - Berkley  
Gabe and Jodi Gilpin - Darian  
Craig and Lauren Williamson - Sadie  
Anthony and Andrea Atkins - Landon



Attention Students  
Grades 9-12  
Come join us!!

The Harrisburg Chapter of the  
**Fellowship of Christian Athletes**  
meetings are held in the Mrs. Blakemore's room every other  
Thursday morning at 7:30 am. This semester meeting dates are as  
follows:

Jan. 14, 28 Feb. 11, 25 March 11 April 1, 15, 29 May 13  
(See Cec Blakemore for more information.)

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**The FCA boosters provide breakfast for the students each meeting. If you would be interested in providing food or donating money toward this project, contact Rinda Blakemore 875-5758.**

### Middle School FCA

The Harrisburg Chapter of the  
**Fellowship of Christian Athletes**  
Grades 5-8

Meetings are held in the Miss Mathews' room 1<sup>st</sup> and  
3rd Tuesday from 3:15-4:15.

We are looking for Volunteers to provide snacks. If you can help out, please contact Angie Cochran

### Faith

Our faith is like the light as  
a door is opened to a dark  
room.

It grows ever so slightly then  
it lights up every corner.

### It's a Birthday Party!



For: The entire congregation.  
Where: Fellowship Hall  
When: Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.  
What to bring: A main dish and side dish.  
Birthday cake will be provided!

### What a Great Success

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Congregation and others in the community for all your efforts and support with the spirit of giving during this Christmas season.

Many of you saw what a great site the tree was with around 200 items contributed laying underneath. We also had a great turnout in cash donations.

With this great generosity of items and money, we were able to help Coyote Hill provide sporting equipment for all three of the homes and a few families in the community (more than anticipated).

Thank you again for all your support and I can't wait until next year.

### TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to know your contributions to HCC for 2008, Please call Treasurer Susan Dierker @ 442-0062 or e-mail msse4@juno.com

## December Dates to Remember!!

Board Meeting – Second Wednesday (Jan 13th) 6pm

Health Clinic – Second Thursday (Jan 14th) 12-1pm

Class 101 – January 24<sup>th</sup> following worship service

Elder's Meeting – January 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

TLC – January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Kid for Christ Club – Every Wednesday @ 7pm

Women's Bible Study – Mondays @ 6:30pm  
- Fridays @ 9:30am

Men's Bible Study – Thursdays @ 6pm

Bulletin Information Due Wednesdays  
[mcjoyellen@yahoo.com](mailto:mcjoyellen@yahoo.com) 875-5589

Beacon Articles due the 15<sup>th</sup>  
[beacon@harrisburgchristian.org](mailto:beacon@harrisburgchristian.org)

## January Service Assignments:

### Church Opening

- 03 Bobby & Brenda Carey
- 10 Johnny & Vickie Spry
- 17 Mary Gilbert
- 24 Tootie Hardman
- 31 Al & Doris Querveaux

### Greeters

- 03 Tootie Hardman & Pat Rowland
- 10 Lance Blakemore Family
- 17 Kim Lanes & Betty Ham
- 24 Keith Overton Family
- 31 John Gillman Family

### Communion

- 03 Herb Owens, Sam Coy, Angie McBride, Joy McBee, Kim Lanes, Debby Thomas
- 10 Bobby Carey, Johnny Spry, Jimmy Ott, Brenda Carey, Charlie Thurston, Mary Gilpin
- 17 Randy Foley, Bobby Carey, Colin McBride, Roy Francis, Cindy Roller, Shelly Perrigo
- 24 Sam Coy, Herb Owens, Mary Gilpin, Sean Cochran, Judy Price, Anita Pingel
- 31 Karen Kinkead, Bobby Carey, Elaina Priddy, Cara Douglas, Vonna Foley, Kim Lanes

### Church Closing

- 03 Debbie Burks & Amy Price
- 10 Guy & Tracy Stroud
- 17 Joy McBee
- 24 Cindy Roller
- 31 Kim Lanes & Betty Ham

### Candle Lighters

- 03 Alan, Jeremy, & Diana Winn
- 10 Doc Kinkead Family
- 17 Lloyd Perrigo Family
- 24 Bob Destefano Family
- 31 Jr & Betty Jones

### Nursery

- 03 Linda Buetenmiller, Wendy Hendrin, Aaron Blakemore
- 10 Stephani Richards, Cara Douglas, Brett Blakemore
- 17 Judy Owens, Judy Price, Deana Ott
- 24 Joy McBee, Angie McBride, Sami Dixon
- 31 Angie & Collin McBride

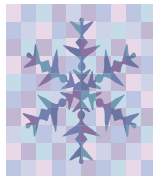


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## In Inclement Weather Conditions:



Our intent as a church is to be open and available every Sunday for the worship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. However, if extreme weather conditions occur, such as an ice storm, a determination will be made by the Chairman of the Board and Pastor to close church for the safety of the congregation. The church closing will be broadcast on television channels KOMU-8 and KMIZ-17 and radio stations KMFC 92.1, KPLA 101.5, and KRES 104.7.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

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