



The Beacon

Harrisburg Christian Church

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Greetings HCC,

One of my greatest desires is to be able to communicate to you the love that God has for you. When we place our trust in Jesus as our Savior and Lord, the Bible says that we are adopted into God's family and he becomes our heavenly Father. For many, the idea of the love of God being like a father's love for a child is very helpful because their earthly father modeled love to them. Unfortunately for others, thoughts of a father's love only bring up reminders of abandonment, or failure, or an angry authority with unrealistic expectations.

I have the privilege of having a father who has helped me understand what love is. I want to share some of the ways I've experienced the love of a dad, but as I do I want you to consider that our heavenly Father loves us in much the same way.

Because my dad was a farmer, I had the privilege of being able to go to work with him each day when I wasn't in school. We spent hours together working on farm projects, using the tractor or checking cattle in the truck. My dad wanted me to be with him; from the time I was just a little child singing songs to him on the tractor to my older years when I was a more capable work partner. He enjoyed being with me because he loved me. We have a heavenly Father who loves us like that, whether we are singing simple songs to him or sincerely praying to be a part of his kingdom work that day. We have a Father who enjoys our devotion and attention because He loves us.

My dad was a protector. The farm can be a dangerous place. My dad warned and instructed me about getting between a cow and her calf, about spinning PTO shafts, and about old cisterns to stay away from. His warnings were given out of love. For this same reason God has given us commands in the Bible out of love. He is a protector of those He loves and He has warned us in His word of things that will destroy us.

Because I was loved, I was also disciplined. Because I was loved by my dad, I had a bedtime and a wake time. I had chores and I had expectations on my behavior and when I started heading down the wrong path I could expect a spanking and as I grew older, a grounding. Though not pleasant at the time, it's easy to see now that a father who loves his child disciplines him. Our heavenly Father loves us enough to discipline us in order to help us get off the path that leads to destruction.

No earthly dad is perfect; we all fall short of the mark. But we have a heavenly Father who is perfect and I desperately want you to know of His love for you and so I pray for you a prayer that was voiced by the Apostle Paul "...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:17-19)

Happy Father's Day!

God Loves You,
John Gillman

Other tidbits:

1. Congratulations on your baptism to Ty Lewis, Jimmy LeBlanc and Jericho LeBlanc. Way to Go!
2. Welcome to our newest members: Jake Albin and Amy Bohr. We are excited to have you as a part of our congregation!
3. To the HCC Dads: You are tops! Thanks for your commitment to be involved with and encourage your children and grandchildren. Happy Father's Day.

Christian Education:

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for man. Mark 10:45

There has been a great start to the new church year with two new Sunday School Teachers. Keely Long and Marla Oglesby will begin co-teaching 3-5 year olds. Shelly Perrigo is taking a little reprieve from teaching to attend an adult class for herself. Shelly has been teaching close to nine years. A great big thank you to Shelly for serving our little ones and watching over them. Marla and Keely have two small children of their own but have graciously stepped out in faith and service to teach our little ones.

All the classrooms have a teacher for 2011 and some even have two. As of yet, no new classes are to start but we don't know who God might still call to step forward. Currently, we have three Bible study classes: Women's Monday evening, Women's Friday morning and Men's Thursday evening. The women's Friday and the men's Thursday will be taking a short break over the summer and will announce their new fall start date later. Bible study is a great way to grow spiritually and develop trusting friendships.

The first week in August, HCC will have an evening VBS. It was amazing to see so many people (men, women, boys and girls) say yes to participating in VBS this year.

We have two areas that could use some strengthening in volunteers: nursery program and substitute teacher list. Nursery rotates every 10-12 weeks. Over 70% of our nursery volunteers do not have children in nursery anymore but still serve where they can be a blessing to parents with little ones. If you have children in the nursery program we ask you to sign up for a rotation. Substituting in a class room is a great way to see if God is calling you into full time teaching or co-teaching. In addition, our teachers, at times, would like a weekend off or an illness may come up. Please pray about serving on one or both of these ministries and give us a call.

Christian Education which includes, Sunday School classes, Bible studies, VBS, and Nursery, takes many faithful servants to exist. We want to say thank you to each of you who have served, are serving, and those who will serve. Through your service His work is done.

Christian Education
Vonna Foley & Elaina Priddy



Thank you DADs!!!

Let's BBQ for the dad's on Sunday June 12th at 5:30 at the park in Harrisburg. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish, a lawn chair and any outdoor games you would like to play.

Did you sign up?

VBS, Vacation Bible School, meeting – June 5th following service in fellowship hall. for all who signed up. Teachers, Co-Teachers, Aides, Recreation, Music. Snack Volunteers do not have to attend.

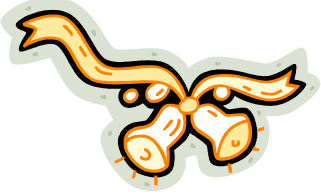
Beacon History

My name is Herb Owens and I signed up to write articles for the Beacon. I am not really sure what I will write about, but I hope to write about things that will be informative, interesting, and will bless you as you read. Some may not know how the beacon began and so to the best of my recollection I will give a brief history of the beginnings of the Beacon. The Church wanted to reach out to our congregation, both those who were active and inactive and the community at large. We chose the name Beacon as that is what we wanted it to be, a light to the pathway of our readers leading them hopefully to the grace of God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the early years I wrote a lot of what went into the Beacon and Faye Arnold Morgan would type them up and also write some of the articles and Mr. Lynch (an elderly member who was a former teacher) would proof read and check for grammar. Another member Jack Slaughter had access to a copier and would make as many copies as we needed and other members would fold, address, and mail them. There were a great many members who helped out and I don't remember all of their names or all of the details. Over the years we have gained tools to assist in getting the Beacon out, computers, e-mail, and a copier, but it still takes a lot of hands to get the finished product to you.

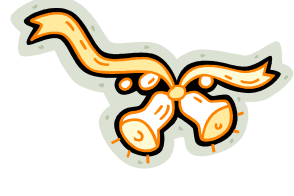
I would be interested in your input about the Beacon and the information it provides and stories you might want to share with our readers. Also any questions you might have about the church and our beliefs. You can send all information and questions to me; Herbert Owens 9200W Callahan Creek Road-- Harrisburg Missouri 65256 or e-mail Owenshh@aol.com. Remember space is limited, so be as brief as possible.

Community Wedding Shower



Shauna Blakemore & Ryan Woods

June 5th at 3pm
HCC Fellowship Hall
Registered at Walmart, Target, and Amazon.com



Dates to Remember!!

JUNE 5TH – VBS meeting in Fellowship hall following service

JUNE 5TH – Fellowship committee meeting following service

JUNE 5TH – Community Wedding shower Fellowship hall at 3pm

JUNE 12TH – Fellowship Dinner Honoring Dads at the Park at 5:30pm

Beacon Articles due the 15th
beacon@harrisburgchristian.org

Jam Session – First & Third Tuesday (May 3rd & 17th) 7pm

Board Meeting – Second Thursday (May 12th) 6pm

Women's Bible Study – Mondays @ 7pm

Men's Bible Study – Thursdays @ 6pm

Bulletin Information Due Wednesdays
amy@covotehill.org or 573-819-1906

Service Assignments:

Church Opening

05 Johnny & Vickie Spry
12 Mary Gilbert
19 Tootie Hardman
26 Al & Doris Querveaux

Greeters

05 Joy McBee & Marla Oglesby
12 Nannie Lewis & Jodi Gilpin
19 Amy Price & Debbie Burks
26 Anita Pingel & Betty Jones

Communion

05 Herb Owens, Bobby Carey, Vonna Foley, Elaina Priddy, Cec Blakemore, Christy Blakemore
12 Sam Coy, Johnny Spry, Collin McBride, Brenda Carey, Angie McBride, Shelly Perrigo
19 Ray Cochran, Bobby Carey, Judy Price, Sean Cochran, Charlie Thurston, Jimmy Ott
26 Herb Owens, Levi Graham, Cec Blakemore, Cara Douglas, Cindy Roller, Debby Thomas

Church Closing

05 Guy Stroud
12 Joy McBee
19 Cindy Roller
26 Kim Lanes & Betty Ham

Candle Lighters

05 John Gillman Family
12 Roger Lanes Family
19 Steve Moore Family
26 Jerry Priddy Family

Nursery

05 Guy & Tracy Stroud
12 Paulette Thurston, Keely Long, Judy Owens
19 Sheri Bryan, Kristina Stroud, Mary Gilbert
26 Dwayne & Mary Whaley, Aaron Blakemore



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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)

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¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-13 (NIV)