



The Beacon

Harrisburg Christian Church

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Greetings HCC,

If we are going to understand the teachings of Jesus, we need to have an understanding of “The Kingdom of God”. I recently saw a video clip of the NFL’s New Orleans Saints during their Super Bowl Victory Parade. The streets were lined with people chanting “Who Dat?” (If you are not familiar with this saying it means: “Who is going to beat the Saints?”) The football players were waving, throwing beads, signing autographs and the coach was holding up the Super Bowl trophy. There were an estimated 800,000 in attendance lining the street. I was rooting for the losing team in the Super Bowl, the Indianapolis Colts. Needless to say, I was not one of the 800,000 in attendance at the parade. If I had been in the area at the time, I don’t think I could have brought myself to participate in a “Who Dat” cheer. I’m not that enthusiastic about the Saints or the NFL. But, the parade gave me an analogy for the kingdom of God:

When Jesus was walking on the earth, he continually spoke about the kingdom of God. When he sent out his disciples he told them to communicate this message: “The kingdom of God is near!” After Jesus spent three years teaching about the kingdom of God, he was crucified and rose from the dead victorious. The kingdom of God had begun. The New Orleans Saints are the ‘kings’ of the NFL, but Jesus is the ‘King of kings and Lord of lords’. His kingdom has begun on this earth and will one day be consummated when he returns. It is almost like we are in the victory parade stage.

The NFL Super Bowl has already been won, yet I am still resistant to let out a “Who Dat?” cheer and celebrate with the Saints. Jesus has already won the victory over death and provided salvation for all who will place their trust in Him, yet there are still people who refuse to follow Him and cheer that “Jesus is Lord”.

It’s not that important if you root for the wrong NFL team, there is always next year. But if you choose the kingdom of darkness instead of the kingdom of God, you are headed for all kinds of trouble. Whose side are you on? Are you a part of the victory parade that honors Jesus as King and prays “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. Or are you daily rooting for the losing team and praying that your own will be done while you ignore Jesus.

It’s not too late to switch teams. HCC will be hosting a victory parade each Sunday at 10 AM. We call it a worship service, but the concept is similar; we are celebrating a battle that has already been won and joining our voices together to sing or pray in worship. “For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever!” See you Sunday.

God Loves You,
John Gillman

Other tidbits:

1. Watch for class 301.... it is coming soon.
2. Legend has it that St. Patrick used the shamrock to tell people about the Trinity. Let’s look for opportunities to point that out to our children this month.
3. Welcome to our newest members: Bob Dochler and Dianne Porter!
4. Thank you to all who are praying for the ministry of HCC (including those who receive this newsletter who are out of town). I appreciate your prayers and ask you to continue to pray that God will guide us and use us to build His kingdom.

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)

Baby, Baby, Baby



Carly Morgan

Was born to the proud parents of
Jimmy & Deana Ott
And brothers Brayden and Bryce
January 26th
6 lbs 15 oz and 20.5 inches.

Jacob Lloyd

Joined the proud parents of
Nathan & Marla Oglesby
And sister Kenlee
February 7th
7lbs 3 oz and was 19 inches.

Victoria Isabelle

Newest member of
Susan and Chris Canote family.
She joined 4 brothers and 4 sisters
February 9th
7lbs 10 oz and 20 inches



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:

March 11 April 1,15,29 May 13

(See Cec Blakemore for more information.)

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
1st 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

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

Dates to Remember!!

Worship service with the Canote Family – March 7th

Board Meeting – Second Wednesday (March 10th)
6pm

Health Clinic – Second Thursday (March 11th) 12-1pm

TLC – March 23th, 7pm

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

Men's Bible Study – Thursdays @ 6pm

Bulletin Information Due Wednesdays
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Beacon Articles due the 15th
beacon@harrisburgchristian.org

March Service Assignments:

Church Opening

- 07 Randy & Vonna Foley
- 14 Bobby & Brenda Carey
- 21 Johnny & Vickie Spry
- 28 Mary Gilbert

Greeters

- 07 Jodi Gilpin & Cecil Mae Nichols
- 14 Cory & Randi Hancock
- 21 Jeff Beringer Family
- 28 Jr. & Betty Jones

Communion

- 07 Herb Owens, Sam Coy, Vonna Foley, Judy Price, Brenda Carey, Kim Lanes
- 14 Bobby Carey, Johnny Spry, Debby Thomas, Jimmy Ott, Collin McBride, Jodi Gilpin
- 21 Randy Foley, Bobby Carey, Nancy Dixon, Roy Francis, Sean Cochran, Joy McBee
- 28 Sam Coy, Herb Owens, Cara Douglas, Cindy Roller, Anita Pingel, Angie McBride

Church Closing

- 07 Kathleen Gillman
- 14 Debbi Burks & Amy Price
- 21 Guy & Tracy Stroud
- 28 Joy McBee

Candle Lighters

- 07 Keith Overton Family
- 14 Russell Crowley Family
- 21 Troy Douglas Family
- 28 Sean Cochran Family

Nursery

- 07 Guy & Tracy Stroud
- 14 Randy Foley, Paulette Thurston, Randi Hancock
- 21 Anita Pingel, Kathleen Gillman, Keely Long
- 28 Rinda Blakemore, Meghan Sublett, Sami Dixon

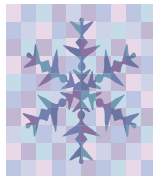


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Our intent as a church is to be open and available every Sunday for the worship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. However, if extreme weather conditions occur, such as an ice storm, a determination will be made by the Chairman of the Board and 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.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

Isaiah 35:3-4

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