



# The Beacon

## Harrisburg Christian Church

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**OCTOBER 2009**

Greetings HCC,

What would you do if you only had one month to live? In the month of October, many members will be taking the challenge to live this month as if it were their last. I want to invite you to join in on the challenge. Each person taking the challenge agrees to:

1. Ask the question everyday, "What would I do if I only had one month to live?"
2. Read a chapter in the book One Month to Live each day and record the changes in your life and what God is doing in and through you.
3. Get in a Challenge Group and share your experiences with others.

I think this is going to be an exciting month at HCC. I'm looking forward to hearing the stories of those who have taken the challenge. I have started asking the question already and it is affecting my daily decisions in a very interesting way. I look forward to sharing some of the changes in my life with you next month.

I have found that I need a boost every now and then to stay on track. I tend to lose focus and drift away from what is most important in life. Often it has been a conference or sermon or talk with someone that has refocused me and gotten me back on track. I anticipate the One Month to Live Challenge to be one of those boosts that helps me to re-prioritize where I invest my time, talents and treasure. If you would like to join us in taking the challenge, please contact the church office and we will tell you how to begin.

If this were my last Beacon article, I would want each of you to know that I consider it a great honor that you would take the time each month to read this article. It is a privilege to be called your pastor and for several of you, to be called your friend. I feel like I have one of those jobs where I give, but end up receiving far more than I gave in return. I love you and I want God's best for each one of you. First, I want you to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. I have left a message for you on the home page of our website that details the good news of what God has done for each of us. Second, I want to encourage you to grow as a Christian and to pass on the faith to others. I am so glad that someone shared the gospel with me and others will be thankful that you shared the gospel with them as well. Thirdly, I would want to encourage you as a church to carry on what God has begun at HCC. I believe that the Holy Spirit has been leading us to the point where we are today as a church and that he has important plans for the future of HCC. Carry on until He comes back to take us home. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor and for being a blessing to my family. To God be the glory.

God Loves You,  
John Gillman

#### Other tidbits:

1. Youth group has started back up on Wednesday nights. 6:30 – 8 PM at the Garage!
2. What does it mean to be a member of a church? What does HCC believe? Who's in charge around here? How do I become a member of HCC? All these questions and more can be answered in Class 101 which will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> after the 10 AM worship service. Sign up with John Gillman. If you had one month to live, would you join a church?
3. Congratulations to several people who have been baptized over the last few months: Jimmy and Wendy Hendren, Sam Priddy, Joanne Macher, Gabe Gilpin and Trent Rose. Am I forgetting someone?? I love seeing people get baptized. Way to go! If you only had one month to live, would you get baptized?
4. I'm looking forward to walking through this month with you!

**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)

**75<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION**

*Elwood (Wink) and Edith Blakemore will celebrate 75 years of marriage this October. There will be a reception from 3:00 to 5:00 on Sunday, October 18, at the Harrisburg Christian Church hosted by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We hope you can stop by and help us honor their longtime commitment to each other, their marriage and their family.*



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:

Oct. 8 and 22; Nov. 5 and 19; Dec. 3 and 17  
(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.

**YOUTH GROUP**

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHTS  
AT  
THE GARAGE  
6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**VBS 2009**

**Scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.**

## **October Dates to Remember!!**

Board Meeting – Second Wednesday (Oct. 14th) 6pm

Health Clinic – Second Thursday (Oct. 8th ) 12-1pm

Women’s Bible Study – Mondays at 6:30pm

Women’s Bible Study – Fridays at 9:30am

Men’s Bible Study - Thursdays at 6:00pm

Bulletin Information Due Wednesdays  
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Beacon Articles due the 15<sup>th</sup>  
[beacon@harrisburgchristian.org](http://beacon@harrisburgchristian.org)

## ***Congregational Meetings***

The meetings are held quarterly on the second Sunday following the 10 AM church service.

October 11, 2009

January 10, 2010

April 11, 2010

July 11, 2010

October 10, 2010

## **October Service Assignments:**

### **Church Opening**

04 Ray & Judy Cochran  
11 Randy & Vonna Foley  
18 Brenda & Bobby Carey  
25 Johnny & Vickie Spry

### **Greeters**

04 Lance Blakemore Family  
11 Chris Cole Family  
18 Keith Overton Family  
25 Jr. & Betty Jones

### **Communion**

04 Bobby Carey, Karen Kinkead,  
Kim Lanes, Mary Gilbert, Joy  
McBee, Cec Blakemore  
11 Ray Cochran, Johnny Spry,  
Charlie Thurston, Cara  
Douglas, Jimmy Ott, Shelly  
Perrigo  
18 Randy Foley, Ray Cochran, Roy  
Francis, Judy Price, Nancy  
Dixon, Angie McBride  
25 Herb Owens, Bobby Carey,  
Brenda Carey, Cindy Roller,  
Vonna Foley, Elaina Priddy

### **Church Closing**

04 Dale & Rinda Blakemore  
11 Kathleen Gillman  
18 Debbie Burks & Amy Price  
25 Guy & Tracy Stroud

### **Candle Lighters**

04 Jeff Beringer Family  
11 Kim Lanes Family  
18 Bob Destefano Family  
25 Gary Blakemore Family

### **Nursery**

04 Angie Cochran, Linda  
Buetenmiller, Sami Dixon  
11 Sheri Bryan, Judy Owens,  
Marla Oglesby  
18 Joy McBee, Christa Cole,  
Brett Blakemore  
25 Judy Price, Rinda  
Blakemore, Anita Pingel



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He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.  
He keeps every promise forever

Psalm 146:6 (NLT)

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