



# The Beacon

## Harrisburg Christian Church

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Greetings HCC,

We finished our summer worldview tour on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. No, it wasn't a summer vacation, it was The Truth Project – a video based teaching program produced by Focus on the Family that helps people develop a Christian worldview. I'm excited about the summer experience I had for a couple of reasons:

First, I had the opportunity to be a part of the discussions that followed the video. After we watched the teaching segments by Dr. Del Tackett, we went to the fellowship hall and had discussions about the issues that the video brought to light. I enjoy discussing spiritual topics with other people. I learn from others and I feel like I gain understanding when I have an opportunity to express verbally what I am thinking. Most importantly, I get to know people. Small groups have been life-changers for me in my spiritual growth; they have helped me develop friendships and grow personally in ways that I don't think could have been possible if I had only participated in large group activities. I enjoyed being a part of small group discussions and getting to know the other participants of The Truth Project. Are you connected and participating in a small group @ HCC? Sunday school? Bible Study? I want to encourage you to get connected as soon as you can. It is a great way to get to know other believers and to grow spiritually.

Secondly, I enjoyed the tour because of the information that was presented. God, in His word has certainly addressed every area of our culture. An understanding of the teachings of the Bible affects how we look at the world, how we view history, how we value other people, how we view government, our jobs, and the family. It certainly was a comprehensive tour. God has not left us without instructions for living. His word is refreshing, relevant and useful. I'm thankful for the truth. Jesus said "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free". I'm thankful for the freedom that I have in Christ. I'm thankful for those who participated in The Truth Project this summer and the blessing they were to me. I'm thankful for the Bible and even more convinced that it holds that truth that the whole world needs to have an opportunity to hear. May God continue to guide HCC as we teach and learn the truth in His word.

God Loves You,  
John Gillman

Other tidbits:

1. What 'family group' are you in? It has been our goal as a leadership team to place each member of HCC into a family group. This is helpful to the leadership as we attempt the God-sized task of shepherding the church membership in the faith. As a member of a family group, someone is praying for you on a daily basis. I want to encourage you to find out what family group you are in and to start getting to know some of the people in your group. In our fast moving, high activity culture, it is difficult to develop Christian friendships. Take the time to introduce yourself to other members; you might be surprised what a blessing it will be to them and to you.
2. Class 101 is for those interested in learning more about HCC and what it means to be a member. We hold the class after the Sunday worship service. Lunch and childcare are provided. Our next Class 101 will be in September. Contact John Gillman to sign up.
3. Parents and Grandparents: I (John) am looking for resources to help parents pass their faith on to their children. Do you have any books like family devotions or Children's Bible Storybooks that you no longer use that we could add to the resource section of our library? Let me know if you have something that you think we could use.
4. I wanted to say a special thanks to the Elders of HCC. Randy Foley, Johnny Spry, Bobby Carey, Herb Owens, Karen Kinkead, and Ray Cochran. I appreciate the dedication you have shown to the HCC membership and to the ministry at HCC. You are an encouragement to me. Thank 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)

School is starting, the leaves are beginning to change,  
the weather is cooling....  
Wait – what happened to Vacation Bible School??

VBS 2009 will be held in October! We are looking for help with the  
“HCC Hospital” as we explore 1 Corinthians 12:14-18. We will need  
teachers, music and activity leaders, food coordinators, etc.  
If you would be willing to be a “part of the body” for VBS 2009

Please contact Nancy Dixon or Cindy Roller

### **VBS 2009**

### **HCC Hospital**

**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm  
Family Night with Supper**

**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 3 pm  
Lunch and snack will be served**

## **Christian Education News**

Summer is quickly drawing to a close with end of summer camps, vacations, and hopefully, a few days rest with family and friends. June was the start of our new Sunday school year with teachers in place and ready to go. We did add a couple of new substitutes, YEAH, -Amy Kingery and Laura Lee Rose- to our roster. If you would like to get your feet wet and serve in a class when our teachers are gone this would be a wonderful place to start. If you would like to sit in with a certain age to find your fit please just let us know when and where so we can inform the teachers. We do have several classes that co-teach and it is a great opportunity for team work.

Because Sunday school offers so much the importance of dedicated volunteers cannot be stressed enough. Our Sunday school offers studies of the Bible through scriptures and discussions; there is memorization and various topic explorations and sharing of praise and prayer requests. Our church has been blessed with those who serve as teachers in these classes. At the present time we have one nursery, four classes of preschool through sixth grade, one youth class of seventh through twelfth, a young adult class and several adult classes you can choose to be a part of. In addition, during the last part of the Kindergarten through sixth grade hour there is a children’s choir available.

Besides Sunday school news we would like to offer an update concerning some other aspects of our children and new purchases made to better serve church workers and parents. Through your giving the church purchased nursery pagers to be used during Sunday school, church service and other related activities. We have several new babies and more on the way. Frequently, our nursery is busy and all workers are needed to attend to children. The pagers allow a safe and quick alternative to alert a parent he/she is needed. The pagers can beep and vibrate or just vibrate depending on the setting. Our check in and check out system is very simple. Parents sign in their children and receive a number for their children that also match the number on their pager. When you take the pagers out of the recharging bin they will beep three times and then pagers are silent until they vibrate if needed. Pagers are returned to their bin when you pick up your child. An added benefit to our pager system is the comfort and security it offers visitors who may be hesitant to leave their children. We are blessed to have funds that may be used in many ways to enhance our Sunday school and we thank the givers to our church. Parents are reminded to sign your children in at the nursery each Sunday. While many of us do know each other, at times there are volunteers who sometimes do not and signing in assures every one of parents and children’s names, allergy concerns and pager assignments. Also, if you signed up to volunteer in the nursery please email Vonna Foley [ymfo@toast.net](mailto:ymfo@toast.net) your email address so she can send a reminder of your Sunday in nursery.

Last year the church purchased new playground equipment and the height is higher than normal. We would like the volunteers not to use the playground equipment with the nursery children because of safety.

We would like to say thank you to all the teachers, substitutes, nursery volunteers, and choir leaders for their care and dedication and especially for serving again this year.

Christian Education Chairs: Elaina Priddy and Vonna Foley

## **September Dates to Remember!!**

Board Meeting – Second Wednesday (Sept. 8th) 6pm

Health Clinic – Second Thursday (Sept. 10th) 12-1pm

Women's Bible Study – Mondays @ 6:30pm

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)

## ***HARRISBURG SEPTEMBERFEST COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE***

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

LION'S PARK

10:00 A.M.

CARRY-IN LUNCH  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

11:30 A.M.

## **September Service Assignments:**

### **Church Opening**

06 Colin & Angie McBride  
13 Community Service  
20 Sam & Connie Coy  
27 Debbie Thomas

### **Church Closing**

06 Doc & Karen Kinkead  
13 Community Service  
20 Roy & Luda Francis  
27 Jodi Gilpin

### **Greeters**

06 Shawn Cochran Family  
13 Community Service  
20 Kim Lanes Family  
27 Bob Muller & Bill Farris

### **Candle Lighters**

06 Jr. & Betty Jones  
13 Community Service  
20 Guy Stroud Family  
27 Chuck Roller Family

### **Communion**

06 Sam Coy, Karen Kinkead,  
Sean Cochran, Cindy  
Roller, Brenda Carey,  
Cara Douglas  
13 Community Service  
20 Herb Owens, Sam Coy,  
Kim Lanes, Christy  
Blakemore, Angie  
McBride, Mary Gilbert  
27 Randy Foley, Karen  
Kinkead, Jodi Gilpin,  
Rinda Blakemore, Colin  
McBride, Cindy Roller

### **Nursery**

06 Mary and Dwayne  
Whaley, Keely Long  
13 Community Service  
20 Charlyn Crowley,  
Brenda Carey, and  
Brett Blakemore  
27 Mike Lewis, Cindy  
Roller, and Aaron  
Blakemore

### **HCC Board Members**

Jerry Priddy (President)  
Sam Coy (Vice President)  
Alan Graham  
Guy Stroud  
Vonna Foley  
Angie McBride  
Nancy Dixon  
Amy Kingery,  
Susan Dierker (Treasurer)  
Judy Owens (Secretary)

### **HCC Committee Chairs**

*Worship and Youth*  
John Gillman  
*History*  
Barb Comegys  
*Library*  
Cecil Nichols  
*Fellowship*  
Judy Price  
Cecil Nichols  
*Buildings and Grounds*  
Vickie Spry  
*Evangelism*  
Bobby Carey  
*Education*  
Vonna Foley  
Elaina Priddy  
*Communications*  
Kim Lanes



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A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

Proverbs 15:1 (NLT)

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