



The Beacon

Harrisburg Christian Church

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Greetings HCC,

Hello, my name is John Gillman and I am a follower of Jesus.

I believe Jesus is God. He created time, space, and matter. He created all living things including humans. Beginning around 1550 B.C. and over a period of about 1,000 years, Moses and other prophets wrote the old testament of the Bible. In their writings they foretold of and foreshadowed a coming Messiah and Savior who would offer himself as a sacrifice for sin and also rule as King and Lord of all the nations. Jesus is the Messiah that they wrote of. As was foretold by the prophets, Jesus was born of a virgin from the family of King David in the town of Bethlehem. He grew up in the country of Israel. Around the age of thirty, Jesus began to teach publicly and perform many miracles. The details of his story and the story of his first followers can be found in the new testament of the Bible.

Among his many teachings, Jesus foretold that he would give his life as a sacrifice for mankind and that after his death, he would rise again. It happened just as he said it would in the city of Jerusalem. After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to over five hundred witnesses before he was taken up into heaven. Jesus foretold that he would return to judge and rule all the nations.

Jesus commissioned his followers to pass on his teachings and make more followers. His followers obeyed and Christianity began. Since that time, each generation has had followers of Jesus.

I am one of His followers in my generation. I believe that when Jesus died on the cross, that he was offering his life as a sacrifice for my sins. I believe Jesus is alive and he stands before God the Father on my behalf. I believe Jesus saved me from Hell, and I follow him as my Lord and King. I am his servant and I look forward to his return and to being in Heaven with him.

I am by no means a perfect follower and because of my sin, I am reminded daily of my need for a savior. But I am growing and learning to follow and I am thankful for his gift of salvation. He has given me the privilege of offering his gift of salvation to you as well.

Would you become a follower of Jesus? The Bible says "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

This Sunday, I and my fellow followers plan to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Would you join us?

God Loves You!

Other tidbits:

1. On September 11th HCC will be participating in a community worship service at the Lion's club shelter house. The service starts at 11 AM and there will not be Sunday school that morning.
2. Dads, don't miss the Father / Son Campout at the Coy farm on September 23rd and 24th.
3. Special thanks to those who have given financially this month. Part of your giving goes toward paying my salary. I appreciate being able to support my family and do a job that I am passionate about. I am thankful that God called me here and that he has provided income for you and through your generosity, income for me. Thank you!
4. Great job to those who helped with VBS last month. I'm always amazed at the team effort that goes into Vacation Bible School. So many people help in so many different ways. It's a beautiful picture of the Body of Christ at work.

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)

Christian Education News,

It has been several weeks since Panda Mania VBS was held at HCC but the blessings and fun we had still linger in our minds. We want to thank everyone for all the work they did to have the class rooms ready and the preparation for the Wild Adventure. Thank you to Moms and Dads who came from work to give of themselves and those without little ones who came to share too. Thank you to the youth who were always willing to go and do what we asked of them. Thank you for all the bird houses that first had to be cut and readied for the children. Thank you to the camera and power point crew and to those who facilitated registration and to our church family who gave so generously with food for treats. We thank the parents who brought their children and allowed us to share God with them. Thank you to the children themselves for their faithful attendance over the three day adventure.

We had a great staff in our kitchen who prepared a different snack each day for the children to enjoy. Our nursery crew was very much appreciated because their presence allowed parents who had other VBS duties to leave their younger children safe and happy close by.

We have special gratitude toward the Woodlandville Church for sharing their props with us. (They have a very talented art group.) A wonderful opportunity came from their sharing attitude. We thought it would be great to do the same and share our material with others once we were finished with it rather than packing it away in a closet or throwing it out. We advertised on Craigslist and a church from Columbia came out to borrow our props and they, in turn, gave the material over to a rural church in Kansas City who collected what amounts to items from three churches to be put to good use yet again.

We extend a thank you to Charles Rowland, our church neighbor, who so kindly let us use his backyard for our recreation time. We so appreciated this because it saved our VBS staff from having to walk the kids across the highway to the old school yard.

We also want to thank Suzie and Ron Rowland, who are the directors of Hope Chest for Kids, and who ordered our T-shirts for the staff and also used their professional machine to put on our decals (A hot job!)

Mostly, we thank everyone for the prayers. The prayers for the preparation of VBS, the prayers for God's touch on hearts, the prayers for those who served and gave of their talents. THANK YOU GOD!

Below is an activity that we had for the children at VBS. We had several pieces of paper for the children to share a God inspired thought, event, or blessing with us. It was a great chance to share that God is good and to give thanks. Here is a sampling of what was written.

God Loves You, Chickens, New baby (His sister had a baby...cousin Cooper), Mom had a baby boy, Baby cousin, Birds flying in the sunset, My friends and family, Having fun with our teachers, Went to the zoo, God Made You, Thank you for VBS and the helpers, I made new friends, Thank you for creating me, All the birdhouses, Thank you God for watching over me, Cucumbers from my Grandma's garden, The colors God made, He gave us a brain, Thankful for God making the world, God's nature, God and Jesus, Seeing everyone have fun

Hope Chest For Kids Respite Event – Service Opportunity

Purpose: Give foster parents a break from their children for five hours

When: September 24th from 1-6pm

Where: Kemper Arena in Columbia

Seeking Volunteers to help us watch the children and coordinate some activities such as the ones we have listed below. Estimated 100 children/Youth. May have some infants too.

- Snow Cone, Popcorn, and Cotton Candy Machines
- Christian Puppet Group
- Dance
- Face Painting and crafts
- Serving Pizza at 5:15pm

Ron and Suzie Forbis

Hope Chest for Kids, Inc.

www.hopechestforkids.com

[573-881-7339](tel:573-881-7339)

Thank you HCC

Our friends at Harrisburg Christian,

Thank you once again for the use of your bus, as well as a driver, to transport campers to the pool and back to the campgrounds. I hope you all will be able to continue your help and support of this ministry.

Love,

Your sister in Christ, Molly Weston,
Director of Mt. Zion Camp

Thank you to the church and community members who prepared, served and cleaned up our meal after the service. They did such a nice job.

Harrisburg is such a wonderful community. It's no wonder that my mom loved it so much!

Best wishes,

Nicki Ess and family (Recieved in response to our berevement dinner for Cyndie Childers)

Dates to Remember!!

Community Church Service – Sept 11th 11am @ Park

Father/Son Campout - Coy farm September 23rd thru 24th.

Jam Session – First & Third Tuesday (Sept 6th and 20th) 7pm

Board Meeting – Second Thursday (Sept 8th) 6pm

Beacon Articles due the 15th
beacon@harrisburgchristian.org

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

Fridays @ 9:30pm Starting back up Sept 9th

Young Mom's Bible Study – Tuesdays @ 7pm

Men's Bible Study – Thursdays @ 6pm

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

Service Assignments:

Church Opening

- 04 Collin & Angie McBride
- 11 Community Service
- 18 Charley & Paulette Thurston
- 25 Roy & Judy Cochran

Greeters

- 04 Lance Blakemore Family
- 11 Community Service
- 18 Elizabeth Freeman & Jodi Gilpin
- 25 Bob Mueller & Bill Farris

Communion

- 04 Ray Cochran, Bobby Carey, Jimmy Ott, Angie McBride, Shelley Perrigo, Brenda Carey
- 11 Community Service
- 18 Herb Owens, Sam Coy, Judy Price, Sean Cochran, Joy McBee, Kim Lanes
- 25 Johnny Spry, Randy Foley, Christy Blakemore, Anita Pingel, Paulette Thurston, Cec Blakemore

Church Closing

- 04 Cindy Roller
- 11 Community Service
- 18 Kim Lanes & Betty Ham
- 25 Sam & Connie Coy

Candle Lighters

- 04 Jimmy Ott Family
- 11 Community Service
- 18 Collin McBride Family
- 25 Jerry Priddy Family

Nursery

- 04 Cec Blakemore, Mike Lewis, & Marla Oglesby
- 11 Community Service
- 18 Keely Long, Mary Gilbert, & Aaron Blakemore
- 25 Charlyn Crowley, Joy McBee, & Brett Blakemore

Weedeaters

- 05 Jimmy Ott
- 12 Jake & Ron Albin
- 19 Dale Blakemore
- 26 Charles Roller



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⁸ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes
and has them inherit a throne of honor.

“For the foundations of the earth are the
LORD’S;
on them he has set the world.

1 Samuel 2:8 NIV