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Music Notes

As we gear up for the remainder of the year, I would like to thank the following for allowing the Adult Choir to take a well deserved month off this summer.

Hunter Sparkman - who shared his talents on June 26th.

Jim Moon - who sang "Follow Me" on July 10th.
The Youth Group for sharing their talents on July 17th.

VBS for sharing what they learned during VBS on July 31st.

Starting August 1st, the HBUMC Music Department will follow the following weekly schedule.

Band Practice: Every Wednesday Night at 6:00 PM

Adult Choir: Every Wednesday Night at 6:45 PM

Bell Choir: Every Other Sunday after Worship
(If there is a conflict after Worship, the Bell Choir will practice the following Sunday).

We are always looking for people to join us for any of the three groups. So please stop by and check us out!

Starting in September, we will be bringing back "My Favorite Hymn" and "I Would Like to Hear..." programs. If there is something you would like to sing or hear the Music Department do, there will be forms on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. All you need to do is fill it out and put it in the Offertory Plate, or hand it to me.

Thanks!
Mark Perkins

Young Adult Group

Hickory Bend is starting our very own young adult group! Anyone from 18 to 35 years of age is welcome to join. Martial status is not important. We will meet once a month to gather and have a Bible study. We also have some planned outings as well.

If you are interested in joining please see Bethany Caldwell or Chris Rucker for more information.



*No sparrow falls without
your Father's knowing.*

Matthew 10:29

The Miracle of Service

For the last few months, I have found inspiration on Wednesday nights. It is fun to see everyone who comes for various activities and meetings, but I have also found great inspiration from those who come to clean the church. People are vacuuming, dusting, scrubbing, polishing, and tidying every inch of the building. I think the church is actually cleaner than it was when we had professionals coming! The comradery and spirit of the cleaning crew is quite contagious. I know sometimes I arrive tired and cranky, but I always leave quite cheered up.

One of my favorite heroes is Sadhu Sundar Singh, who was born into a wealthy, landowning Sikh family in India. Sundar converted to Christianity as a teenager, and renounced his wealth to travel the roads as Jesus did, preaching the gospel. Sundar and a friend were traveling through a pass high in the Himalayan Mountains. The weather was bitterly cold and dangerous. The two friends were caught unprepared in a snowstorm between two camps. Their only hope was to make their way to the next camp as quickly as possible. During this desperate rush, they came across a body lying in the snow. Sundar Singh wished to stop and help this unfortunate traveler, but his companion refused, saying, "We shall lose our lives if we burden ourselves with him."

Sundar understood his friend's reluctance but he could not think of leaving the man to die in the ice and snow. As his companion made his farewell, Sundar Singh lifted the poor traveler onto his back. With great effort on his part, he bore the man on toward the next station, knowing the risk to his own life.

But this is the miracle of service! At first traveling became more difficult for the Sudhar with the weight of the stranger on his shoulders, but gradually the heat from Singh's body began to warm up the exhausted and unconscious half frozen fellow, and he revived. Soon both were walking together side by side. Catching up with his former companion, they found him dead - frozen by the cold.

So I think about our friends who are cleaning the church together. Their service may begin as a chore, but it turns into satisfaction, service, and renewal. Come see the miracle. You'll be amazed.

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Also, Larry had a great idea. We wouldn't have to dust the pews if we just gave everyone a dust rag and asked them to wiggle around during the service. If our pews were full, we wouldn't even have to do that! So let's invite people to come, and their very presence will cut down on the need to dust!



HACK 'n SLASH

The next Hack n' Slash Golf outing will be August 20th. If you're interested in playing, contact Mark Perkins, Brian Caldwell or David Keith.



PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Mike Baker, Eddie Berry, Elizabeth Hoffman, Barry Cloyd, Murphy Edison, Caleb England, Kenny England, Brian Ginnetti, Russell Lewis Jones, Mitch McDannald, Jeff McInturff, Amanda & Brad McMahan, Matthew Miesner, Joshua Mitchner, Jason Nevitt, David Parker, Jeff Ross, Jess Summar, Zachery Taube, Luvann Whited, Bobby Woods.

SEPTEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

There will be an Administrative Council Meeting held on Sunday, September 18th, right after worship service. **COMMITTEE CHAIRS** Please be sure to have your committee meetings prior to this date and be prepared to present your committee reports to the council .

THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

If you want to be happy for an hour,
take a nap.

If you want to be happy for a day,
go fishing.

If you want to be happy for a week,
take a trip.

If you want to be happy for a year,
inherit money.

If you want to be happy for a lifetime,
serve others.

Author Anonymous

JULY 2011 STEWARDSHIP

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
6/26/11	78	\$2,319 General Fund \$ 3 Hardship Fund (Birthday / Anniversary Pig)
7/03/11	73	\$2,447 General Fund \$ 24 Hardship Fund (Birthday / Anniversary Pig) \$ 35 Seeker's Class Adopted Child Fund \$ 5 Youth Missions
7/10/11	81	\$2,710.80 General Fund \$ 17 Hardship Fund (Birthday/Anniversary Pig) \$ 50 VBS \$ 50 Father's Day \$ 25 Youth Missions
7/17/11	83	\$1,607.96 General Fund \$ 3 Hardship Fund (Birthday / Anniversary Pig) \$ 50 VBS
7/24/11	87	\$995.10 General Fund \$ 1 Hardship Fund (Birthday/Anniversary Pig) \$ 20 VBS
7/31/11	*	*

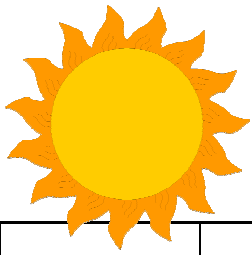
*Will be reported in the September newsletter

\$2,154 needed weekly in the General Fund to meet our 2011 Budget

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Date	Scripture Reader	Children's Sermon	Communion Stewards	Nursery Volunteers*
August 7	Sammie Perkins	Cathy Caldwell	Set Up: Troster Serve: Sharpes/Porters	Margaret Williamson
August 14	Candy Rucker	Emalie Egan		Ethel Burnett
August 21	Victoria Egan	Mitzi Anderson		Sammie Perkins
August 28	Mitzi Anderson	Bethany Caldwell		Margaret Williamson
September 4	Miranda Bilbrey	Cathy Caldwell	Set Up: Buttrey Serve: Watsons	

*If you would like to volunteer to work in the Nursery, please see Bethany Caldwell to sign up.



August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Band Practice 6pm Choir Practice 6:45pm	4 A: Brian & Cathy Caldwell	5 B: David Gurkin	6 B: Lucille Orth Thomas Petty
7  S.S. 9:45am Worship 11am A: Jim & Shari Adair B: Shirley Buttrey	8 B: Jamie Williamson	9	10 WORSHIP MTG 5pm Band Practice 6pm Choir Practice 6:45pm	11 B: Ashlee Judkins	12	13 B: Katelyn Egan
14 S.S. 9:45am Worship 11am Bell Choir Practice After Worship B: Larry Rucker	15	16	17 Band Practice 6pm Choir Practice 6:45pm B: Merisa Judkins	18 B: Miranda Bilbrey Becky Williamson	19 B: Bella Bearden	20 HACK 'n SLASH GOLF OUTING B: Shirley Lyon
21 S.S. 9:45am Worship 11am B: Charles Avery Margaret Caroline England	22 SEPT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE B: Tina England	23	24 Band Practice 6pm Choir Practice 6:45pm	25	26	27 B: Felicia Bratcher
28 S.S. 9:45am Worship 11am Bell Choir Practice After Worship	29 A: Wes & Stephanie Buttrey	30	31 Band Practice 6pm Choir Practice 6:45pm			

Holy Humor

Shirley & Marcy

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?'

Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?' 'That's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.' 'Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?' 'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, ' Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

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A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

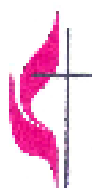
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One particular four-year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

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My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo, while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

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A ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then, one day, she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

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*A cheerful heart is good medicine. Proverbs 17:22*



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