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**Service Times**

Sunday School

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Small Groups

Tues., Weds. or Thurs. 6:30 p.m.

**Office Hours**

Mon-Thurs. 9 a.m – 12 p.m.



I mowed my lawn for the first time in 2007 on the last Saturday of March. I can't say that I love to mow, but I don't mind it. I especially didn't mind it this year.

This winter was a brutal one (compared to the last few mild ones we have had). Everything was dead. There was the brownish color of winter that signified that the season of death was upon us. Everywhere you looked there was brown, brown, brown. It kind of puts a person in a depressed mood (you know what I mean?).

I wonder if that is the way the disciples felt on that Friday some 2000 years ago. They were depressed because their Rabbi, their Leader, their Mentor was in a tomb. He had been executed by the Romans because the Jewish elite had falsely accused Him of blasphemy. Jesus' claims of deity had driven them to the point of saying or doing anything they had to, to get the Romans to hang Jesus on a cross. They accomplished what they had set out to do and now the disciples' Teacher was dead. Depression and despair must have been descriptive of what they were feeling.

But then came dawn on the first day of the week. The Sabbath was over and some women disciples of Jesus go to the tomb to anoint His body. When they arrived there, they find the stone had been removed and the tomb was empty. The angel told them, "He is risen from the dead!" Jesus was alive! The gloom and depression of His death turned to exaltation as the realization set in that He had risen from the dead as He said He would. There was no more reason to be sorrowful. Jesus Christ was alive! He had overcome death and life for the disciples and for us would never be the same.

I love what Paul says in Romans 6:3-4: **Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined Him in His death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.**

Just as the springtime ushers in new life, when we surrender ourselves in baptism Christ brings us into new life. Our old life of sin is buried and we resurrect to a new life in Him.

I didn't mind mowing grass on that last Saturday of March because I was reminded that new life had begun. And when I see someone stepping down into the baptistery, I know that in just a few moments a new life for them will commence.

This Easter remember that Christ died for you and He rose again on the third day for you. He loved you so much that He willingly did that for you. You can have a new life in Jesus. All that is required of you is your life. If you will give Him your life while you live here, one day He will resurrect you in the life hereafter and you will spend eternity with your Majestic King.

Tammy and I wish you and your family a Very Happy Resurrection Day!!!

<u>MARCH</u>	
<u>GENERAL FUND INCOME</u>	
General Fund	\$9,200.75
Berea	484.25
Designated Donations:	
Children's	10.00
We Care	25.00
TOTAL GEN. FUND INC.	\$9,720.00
<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</u>	
General Fund	\$9,530.70
Gen. Fund Net Inc.	\$189.30
<u>WEEKLY FIXED EXPENSES</u>	
	\$2142/week)
<u>MARCH AVG. INCOME</u>	
	\$2,300.18/week

<u>MARCH</u>	
<u>"OTHER FUNDS" INCOME</u>	
Building	95.00
NYR	1,252.00

<u>FUNDS BALANCES</u>	
General Fund	\$472.48
NYR	995.69
Anapto	-27.38
Building	45.06
Children's Ministry	401.78
Worship Ministry	175.94
Overcomers	-45.66
CIY	13.78
We Care	-46.71
Women's Ministry	120.00
LG Print Bibles	55.00
Bank Balance	\$2,159.98



**APRIL**  
 Jay Broz – 4/1  
 Cindy McCorkell – 4/12  
 Rick McChristy – 4/15  
 Bill Broz – 4/17  
 Lucas Pierson – 4/19  
 Pat Kuhlmann – 4/23  
 Timothy Hall – 4/25  
 Carrie Chesnut – 4/30  
 Wanda Masters – 4/30

*Happy Anniversary*  
 Kent & Kee Hall – 4/20

## Bible Reading Questions

If you are keeping up with the *Through The Bible in a Year* reading, you should have read from Genesis through I Samuel, Job, I Chronicles 1-2:2, I Chronicles 10, 12:1-22, II Samuel 1-4, Psalm 34, 52, 54, 56, 57, 59, 90 & 142 by today. Here is more Bible questions from the past month's reading:

1. Who became leader of Israel after the death of Moses?
  2. Who was the first Judge in the Bible?
  3. Who wrote the *Book of God's Laws*?
  4. Who buried Moses when he died?
  5. When did God stop sending manna for the Israelites?
  6. God parted \_\_\_\_\_ for the Israelites to cross and escape the Egyptians. He provided dry ground for the Israelites a second when he parted \_\_\_\_\_ for the Israelites to enter the Promised Land.
  7. The Lord told the Israelites to march around Jericho once a day for \_\_\_ days and on the \_\_\_ day march around \_\_\_ times while the priests blew their trumpets. What happened then?
  8. Every person in Jericho was killed except \_\_\_\_\_ and family.
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ took things from Jericho even though everything was suppose to be destroyed?
  10. Joshua commanded \_\_\_\_\_ to stand still until Israel defeated their enemies?
  11. \_\_\_\_\_ was the only female judge.
  12. \_\_\_\_\_ was the last judge of Israel.
  13. \_\_\_\_\_ was the first king of Israel.
- (Answers can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.)

**Life is Fragile:  
 Handle with  
 Prayer**



### Anapto

Sundays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for teens. No Anapto on the last Sunday of each month.

### CMCE

April 16 at Southern Randolph Christian Chapel, Higbee.

### Ladies Bible Study

Fridays at 9:30 a.m., *Walking by Faith* by Jennifer Rothschild

### New Florence Nursing Home

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every other month. (Next April 15, 3 p.m.)

### Small Groups

Mon., Wed. or Thurs. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in homes – Faith lessons. Ask about joining a small group today.

### Relay for Life Crop for a Cure

April 21, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Relay for Life 3-on-3 Co-Ed Basketball Tournament** – May 5

### MARCH

Sunday School - 49  
 Worship Service - 106

**Average Attendance**  
**This Fiscal Year to Date**

(since October 1, 2006)

Sunday School - 48  
 Worship Service - 98

## Common Bible Phrases

There were more common quotes and phrases in the last month's Bible readings? Here's one from I Samuel 13:14, "**A man after my own heart...**" Here are more: "**How the mighty fall**" from I Samuel 1:19,25,27, meaning "No matter how great you think you are, there comes along someone better". "**I'll pin him to the wall**", meaning acting out of danger from I Samuel 18:10-11, "**The apple of his eye**" from Deut. 32:10. "**A heart of stone**", hardhearted, unfeeling, uncaring. This refers to Nabal in I Samuel 25:37.

## MO Christian Convention

The Missouri Christian Convention is back in Springfield this year this weekend, April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Living in Grace – Standing in Truth." We will be taking advantage of Rapid Registration again this year. This means that the registration fee will be covered for any one attending for one flat fee paid by the church. You will still need to register by filling out the registration forms available at the church.

MCC will be held at the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center. The main speakers are Jack Cottrell and Robert Cox. Dr. Cottrell will be speaking Friday afternoon about "Receiving God's Grace" and on Saturday morning about "Practicing God's Grace". Robert will be speaking on Friday evening about "Loving the Truth" and Saturday afternoon about "Speaking the Truth in Love". There will be a Friday night Comedy Concert with Daren Streblov.

The theme for the teens is "CONSUMED, Mission: Possible", with Matt Proctor, President of Ozark Christian College and "front line" worship band.

## Answers to Bible Questions

1. *Joshua*. He had been Moses' personal assistant during the 40 years of wilderness wandering. (Joshua 1:2)
2. *Othniel*. He was Caleb's nephew. (Judges 3:9)
3. *Moses*. Deut. 31:24
4. *The Lord*. Deut. 34:6 And no one knew exactly where.
5. *Right after the Israelites crossed into the Promised Land*. (Joshua 5:11-12)
6. *The Red Sea*. (Gen. 14:21, 22). *The Jordan River* (Joshua 3:16, 17)
7. *Once a day for six days and on the seventh day march seven times*. (Joshua 6:2-4) *The walls of Jericho fell down* (Joshua 6:20)
8. *Rahab*. She helped the Israelite spies. The story is in Joshua 2. She was a Canaanite and later became an Israelite.
9. *Achan*. Joshua 7:1, 21-22
10. *The sun*. Joshua prayed for more daylight to complete victory of the famous battle of Gibeon. (Joshua 10:12,13)
11. *Deborah*. You can read about Deborah beginning in Judges 4.
12. *Samuel*.
13. *Saul*.

## The Bible in 50 Words!

God made  
Adam bit  
Noah arked  
Abraham split  
Joseph ruled  
Jacob fooled  
Bush talked  
Moses balked  
Pharaoh plagued  
People walked  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided  
Promise landed  
Saul freaked  
David peeked  
Prophets warned  
Jesus born  
God walked  
Love talked  
Anger crucified  
Hope died  
Love rose  
Spirit flamed  
Word spread  
God remained.

## God Grades on The Cross Not the Curve

## Ministries at High Hill Christian Church

Basketball Ministry  
Building & Grounds  
Children's Ministry  
Missions Ministry

Outreach Ministry  
Overcomers  
Prayer Ministry  
Small Groups

Teen Ministry  
We Care Ministry  
Women's Ministry  
Worship Ministry

## Strengthening God's Family One Life At A Time

High Hill Christian Church exists to bring Jesus to people,  
To bring people to Jesus,  
And together grow in complete devotion to Him.