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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.



Many of you may know that our son Jordan is in Israel for the summer. He is working with a church in Nazareth. He has only been there for a week (as of this writing) and yet he has already learned something profound from these people. I would like to share that with you. Jordan wrote this: "... the believers here are wonderful. And I must explain my use of "believers." I was informed quite from the start that the term "believer" refers to someone who genuinely follows Jesus, that is, in their terms, is "born-again." "Christians," like Jews or Muslims, are born into that "heritage" and are the nominal ones..."

That really got me to thinking. The majority of Americans say that they are "Christians". According to the Barna Group (a Christian "tracking" or "survey" group) there are: 101 million "born-again" Christians (2006), 20 million Evangelical Christians (2006), and 39% (2005) of the population claim to be "notional" Christians (those who describe themselves as "Christians" but do not believe that they will have eternal life because of their reliance upon the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the grace extended to people through a relationship with Jesus. A large majority of these people believe they will have eternal life, but not because of a grace-based relationship with Jesus Christ). If my math serves me correctly (and I entered the numbers right on the calculator) when I add the three aforementioned groups together, then there is approximately 238 million who claim to be "Christians" in our country (this figure does not reflect Catholics). Our population is around 300 million. So that means around 80% of Americans (I have heard a figure of 86-87%) proclaim that they are "Christians".

If this is the case, why is this country so immoral? Could it be that the majority of these "Christians" profess to be "Christians" because they were born in this supposed "Christian" nation? They are "Christians" because they were born into that heritage (their parents were "Christians", so that automatically makes them "Christian"). People that view themselves as "Christians" because of their heritage will be "nominal" Christians.

True believers are those who genuinely follow Jesus. True, genuine believers are the ones who love Jesus with every fiber of their being and they extend that love to their neighbors, to their brothers and sisters in Christ, to those who do not know about the Jesus who loves them and wants to save them. True, genuine believers know that Jesus died on the cross for them, He rose on the third day, He sits at the right hand of God, and He expects us to "go" and make disciples by baptizing them and teaching them. True, genuine believers live their life to please their Father who is in heaven. True, genuine believers allow the Spirit of God to reign in their lives and are obedient to His leading. True, genuine believers' lives will reflect the "Fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23). That is the way Jesus lived His life, so if we genuinely want to follow Jesus then this is the way we will live our lives.

I was born into a Christian family. But, I am not a Christian because my parents were. Oh, they had a tremendous influence on me. However, I am a follower of Jesus Christ because I made the decision to follow Him. I am a believer because I know that He died and rose again on the third day and now He sits at

the right hand of God. He delivered me from my sins. He rescued me from hell. He has forgiven me, and He has made me right before God. And because of this wonderful, gracious, merciful Lord and Savior, I will one day live with Him forever.

My boys were born into a Christian family. But, that didn't make them Christians because Tammy and I were Christians. As Tammy and I did, they too had to make a decision on whether to be a genuine follower of Jesus or not.

Each of us has to choose whether we are going to genuinely follow Jesus Christ or not. And when we do choose to genuinely follow Him, as the believers over in Israel do, let us distinguish ourselves as true, genuine followers of Jesus from "nominal" Christians by the way we live our lives. Let us live in such a way that our Lord would rise to His feet and give us a standing ovation as He did for Stephen in Acts 7. Let us live our lives in such a way that when people see us they see the mighty Lord that we serve!!!

## Christian Standard On the Web

The Christian Standard magazine is posted on the web a few days prior to the publication date, and a search function has been added to search the online database of stories going back to March 2, 2003. The web address is [www.christianstandard.com](http://www.christianstandard.com).

### The Institute for Christian Resources Informational Dinner

June 16, 2007

6:30 p.m.

at HHCC

Come for a free meal and  
see how you can partner  
with Shane & Sara thro  
ICR.

RSVP

636-497-5395

or

[shatteredviewsw@yahoo.com](mailto:shatteredviewsw@yahoo.com)

<u>MAY</u>	
<b><u>GENERAL FUND INCOME</u></b>	
General Fund	\$8,797.32
Anapto	5.00
Children	5.00
We Care	10.00
Berea	463.02
TOTAL GEN. FUND INC.	\$9,280.34
<b><u>GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</u></b>	
General Fund	\$9,604.43
Gen. Fund Deficit	-324.09
<b><u>WEEKLY FIXED EXPENSES</u></b>	
	\$2142/week)
<b><u>MAY AVG. INCOME</u></b>	
	\$2,199/week

<u>MAY</u>	
<b><u>"OTHER FUNDS" INCOME</u></b>	
Building	90.00
Women's Min.	20.00

<u>MAY</u>	
Sunday School - 20	
Revelation Class - 41	
Worship Service - 84	
<b><u>Average Attendance</u></b>	
<b><u>This Fiscal Year to Date</u></b>	
(since October 1, 2006)	
Sunday School - 41	
Worship Service - 95	

## Revelation Class

Revelation class has had three sessions. The fourth session will be June 10 at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the church. Join us each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. for the remainder of the classes in this series. Shane Wood is teaching this study of Revelation using Dr. Robert Lowery's book, *Revelation's Rhapsody: Listening to the Lyrics of the Lamb*. The material for this class will be covered in ten sessions. The last session will be July 22. Each session is recorded on CD. Separate sessions can be purchased on CD or you may purchase the whole set of ten sessions for one price. See Shane to order your CD's. Note: During the duration of this evening Bible Study, there will only be an adult class studying the "Reading Thro the Bible in a Year" weekly reading during Sunday morning Bible Study time.

<u>FUNDS BALANCES</u>	
<u>As of 5-31-07</u>	
General Fund	\$-2,405.69
Insurance Escrow	2,667.00
NYR	1,426.90
Anapto	233.62
Children's Ministry	406.78
Worship Ministry	175.94
Overcomers	241.84
CIY	13.78
We Care	363.29
Women's Ministry	170.00
LG Print Bibles	55.00
Bank Balance	\$3,348.46

## Funds Balances

Budgeted funds receive a yearly budget for spending from the general fund. On the reported funds balances above, the allotted budget to this point in our fiscal year for Anapto, Overcomers and We Care ministries has been added to the balance of these funds to get them out of the 'red'. Also, the budgeted amount for our property insurance has been added to an escrow account so that we know how we stand in budgeting the funds to pay this bill when it is due in December. As you can see, this has put our general fund in the deficit. Any payments out of the general fund at this point is actually 'borrowing' from other funds. ALL funds are in one bank account so we do have the money to pay salaries and monthly bills by depending on this bank account balance. As of now, no budgeted funds have been taken out of the general fund to add to the Children's, Worship or VBS ministries since that would place an additional hardship on the general fund. The Children's and Worship ministry balances are the result of a carry-over of a balance from last year and from designated donations. The VBS budget was set at \$850 last year.

## Psalms 150:3-6

Praise God with trumpets,  
and all kinds of harps.  
Praise him with tambourines,  
and woodwinds.  
Praise God with cymbals,  
with clashing cymbals.  
Let every living creature  
praise the Lord.

## Dorce' Ministry

The Dorce' Ministry of Haiti led by Wilckly and Dee Dorce' is changing the future of Haiti in Carries. They now have a church and a medical clinic. A primary school is in the plans to open this September. This will give them the opportunity to teach the Bible in the classroom on a daily basis. The children need help with school expenses for uniforms, books and supplies. Many also have medical needs. Dee and Wilckley are looking for individuals, couples, or groups willing to adopt a child for \$40 per month to offset these needs and expenses. You can visit them on the web for contact information at <http://www.dorceministries.org/>

## Phraseology

You have probably heard this expression, "Who does she think she is? The Queen of Sheba!" She is in the Bible. Read the story about the Queen of Sheba in 2 Chronicles 9. Two of our common flower plants are mentioned in the Bible in Song of Solomon, Rose of Sharon and Lily of the Valley (2:1). In Psalms 127 are two good phrases for us to remember, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." and "Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord." Proverbs is full of wise sayings. There is also an element of humor in the book of Proverbs, such as, "Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife" (21:9) and a humorous description of the effects of too much alcohol (23:31-35). Other verses that we quote: "**To every thing there is a season**, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; **a time to be born and a time to die**" (Ecclesiastes 3:1,2), "we are made from the dust of the earth and we will return to the dust of the earth (**dust to dust**)"(Ecclesiastes 3:20); "**a still, small voice**" (I Kings 19:12); "**bite the dust**" (Psalms 72:9); "**eat, drink and be merry**" (Ecclesiastes 8:15); "**in deep water**" (Proverbs 20:5); "**pride goeth before a fall**" (Proverbs

16:18); "**spare the rod and spoil the child**" (Proverbs 13:24); "vanity of vanity, **all is vanity**" (Ecclesiastes 1:2); "**a sharp tongue**" (Psalms 52:2); "**on the one hand**" (2 Chron. 3:17).



### Anapto

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

### CMCE

June 18 at Forum Blvd. CC, Columbia.

### Ladies Bible Study

Fridays at 9:30 a.m., *Principles from the Women of the Bible*, Book One

### New Florence Nursing Home

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every other month. (Next June 17, 3 p.m.)

### Small Groups

Wed. or Thurs. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in homes.

### Kansas City NACC

July 3-6 at the KC Convention Center

### Quilt Ministry Meeting

June 4, 9 a.m.

### VBS Meeting

June 12, 6 p.m.

### HHCCamp Kitchen Duty

July 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.



### JUNE

Jeffrey Hartman – 6/8

Hadley Oden – 6/8

Tom Burns – 6/15

Jessica Stoneberger – 6/16

Kayla Sublette – 6/17

Larry Hartman – 6/28

### *Happy Anniversary*

Randy & Carrie Chesnut – 6/1

Tom & Leslie Henke – 6/2

Ed & Sheri Betke – 6/9

Rick & Diana McChristy – 6/19

Tom & Sherry Burns – 6/24

## 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 Kings, II Kings 1-17, I Chronicles, II Chronicles 1-28, Job, Psalm 1-45, 49-73, 75-78, 80-136, 138-150, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Solomon and Joel by today. Check your 'smarts' here:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the longest book in the Bible.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the longest chapter in the Bible.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the shortest chapter in the Bible.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the middle chapter in the Bible.
5. How many books are in the Bible?
6. These words of our song "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere" comes from the book of \_\_\_\_\_ chapter 84, verse 10.
7. Words of another song, "I will sing of your love forever" comes from \_\_\_\_\_ 89:1
8. "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it", words to another song from \_\_\_\_\_ 118:24
9. The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and told him to ask for anything he wanted and he would give it to him. What did Solomon ask for?
10. How long did it take to build the temple?
11. How long was Solomon king of Israel?
12. Solomon's son, \_\_\_\_\_, became king after Solomon died?
13. Solomon's wife was the daughter of the king of \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Where was King David buried? (Answers can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.)

**"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength."**

## Who's in Charge?

Have you been thinking about joining up with one of our ministry teams but didn't know whom to contact? Here is a list of our ministry teams and the deacon in charge. He can help you get involved with a ministry team of your choice.

- Adult Education – Shane Wood
- Basketball – Jason Pierson
- Building Maintenance – Jason Pierson
- Children's – Jeffrey Hartman
- Lawn Care – Jason Pierson
- Missions – Dave Wood
- Outreach – Tim Hartman
- Overcomers – Kent Hall
- Prayer – Dave Wood
- Small Groups – Dave Wood
- Teen – Donovan Golden
- We Care – Shane Wood
- Women's Ministry – Dave Wood
- Worship – Shane Wood

Sin will take you farther than you ever wanted to go, keep you longer than you ever wanted to stay, and cost you more than you ever wanted to pay.

## Answers to Bible Questions

1. *Psalms.*
2. *Psalms 119 with 176 verses.*
3. *Psalms 117.* This chapter contains the essence of *Psalms.*
4. *Psalms 117.*
5. *66*
6. *Psalms.*
7. *Psalms.*
8. *Psalms.*
9. *Wisdom.* (I Kings 3:9) So God made him wiser than anyone who had ever lived or ever will live. (I Kings 3:12) Solomon wrote 3000 wise sayings and composed more than 1000 songs. (I Kings 4:32)
10. *Seven years.* (I Kings 6:38) It had been 4 years since Solomon became king of Israel and 480 years since the people of Israel left Egypt when the temple was started. (I Kings 6:1)
11. *Forty years.* (2 Chron. 9:30)
12. *Rehoboam.* (2 Chron. 9:31)
13. *Egypt.* (I Kings 9:24)
14. *Jerusalem.* (I Kings 2:11)

## A Piece of Clay

I took a piece of plastic clay,  
And idly fashioned it one day;  
And, as my fingers pressed it still,  
It moved and yielded to my will.  
I came again, when days were passed;  
The bit of clay was hard at last.  
The form I gave it, still it bore,  
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay,  
And deftly formed it day by day,  
And molded, with my power and art,  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again, when years were gone;  
It was a man I looked upon.  
He still that early impress bore,  
But I could change it never more.

—Anonymous

**"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."**

## 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.