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

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9 a.m – 12 p.m.



On Thursday morning of this past week I looked in my closet and I saw my new yellow T-shirt hanging there. I eagerly grabbed it and put it on because yellow always reminds me of Spring.

You see, my body is aching for the warm weather we had when we were in Haiti. The day that the snow and ice hit here, we were enjoying 85-95 degree weather. Not to belabor the point but it was beautiful and warm and...well you get the picture.

When we arrived back in St. Louis Kista began passing out coats because the temperatures were in the high 20's and when the wind chill was factored in it was 20 degrees and the wind was relentless. As we walked to the van, my mind and body were screaming for the warmth of Haiti.

Then, this past Sunday, though the wind was strong, the temperature was such that people were out in shorts and T-shirts. It was a fabulous day and the desire for Spring grew ever so intense.

Spring brings new life. Animals have their babies. Grass pops up green. Trees begin to bloom. Flowers add their colors to God's beautiful creation. The earth comes back to life!!!

On that Friday afternoon and Saturday some 2000 years ago all seemed bleak. The disciples must have felt as though life had come to an end. Their Master and Rabbi had been brutally murdered by people who were blinded by the evil one. Every last drop of His blood had been shed on a cross. His lifeless body was placed in a tomb by a secret follower of His. The tomb was sealed and so it seemed as though the fate of all mankind had been sealed with it.

HOWEVER, "Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb" (Mark 16:2). On that Sunday morning, some women disciples went to the tomb that Jesus' body had been sealed in and they found it EMPTY!!! What seemed like certain doom on Friday and Saturday had now turned into the triumphal joy of all mankind on Sunday morning. All of mankind now has the opportunity to be saved. Mankind's relationship with God the Father had been reconciled through the blood of the Lamb. And all of mankind has the "gift of new life" in Jesus (1 Peter 3:7).

Paul puts it this way in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a NEW LIFE has begun!"

Just as we see the "new life" that is on the horizon that Spring brings, we, too, can feel the "new life" that Jesus gives to us when we come to Him. As one who has and is and will remain in this new life, I can testify that there is no place that I would rather be.

This Easter season, remember what Jesus did for you on the cross. Remember the significance of the Resurrection. As Christians, we have new life, so let's live it to the fullest here because it will last forever in the hereafter!!!

God's Blessings to All

FEBRUARY	
GENERAL FUND INCOME	
General Fund	\$7,290.78
Berea	383.72
TOTAL GEN. FUND INC.	\$7,674.50
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	
General Fund	\$6,182.27
Gen. Fund Income	\$1,492.23
WEEKLY FIXED EXPENSES	
	\$1,538/week)
FEBRUARY AVG. INCOME	
	\$1,919/week

FEBRUARY	
"OTHER FUNDS" INCOME	
Building	\$70.00
Adopt Melissa	24.00
Adopt Jackson	20.00
Haiti trip	6.00
Haiti school supplies	50.00

FEBRUARY	
Sunday School	- 27
Worship Service	- 74

FUNDS BALANCES	
As of 2-29-08	
General Fund	\$5,814.68
Children's Ministry	416.78
Women's Ministry	148.75
Adopt Melissa	172.25
Adopt Jackson	180.00
We Care	-72.23
Haiti Trip	-14.00
LG Print Bibles	55.00
Bank Balance	\$6,701.23



Overcomers
Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m.
Basketball
Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

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

Ladies Bible Study
Fridays at 9:30 a.m., *Her Name is Woman*, by Gien Karssen

New Florence Nursing Home
3rd Sunday every other month. (Next April 20, 3 p.m.)

Small Groups
Mon., Wed. or Thurs. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in homes.



Sherry Burns – 3/4
Justin Hall – 3/6
Brian Burns – 3/7
Michelle Spradley – 3/9
Gina Hartman – 3/17
Carla Young – 3/25
Landon Massey – 3/28
Tammy Wood – 3/29

Happy Anniversary
Roger & Michelle Spradley – 3/7
Randy & Nicole Devlin – 3/24
Andy & Kista River – 3/25

New Sunday Bible Studies

Our new Bible studies began March 2, but it is never too late to join the class. The ladies are studying, *The Touch of the Master's Hand* by Max Lucado. The men are studying, *Moses: Freeing Yourself to Know God*.

Children's Church	
Sunday Mornings	
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	
Ministering 2 Future (18 mo.-3 yrs.)	
Primary Church (4 yrs. – K)	
Junior Church – (Grades 1 & 2)	

MO Christian Convention

The 34th annual Missouri Christian Convention will be April 11 & 12. The theme is "Go Missouri: Winning—Growing—Loving". It will be held at the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Springfield, MO. Registration fees are \$40 per family or \$20 per individual. Students and Senior adult's registration fees are \$10. The church will not be doing Rapid Registration this year to cover the cost. See posters and reservation sheets in foyer for additional information and to sign up.

HHCC Women's Ministry

Our Ladies Friday morning Bible Study is in full swing once again. We are studying "*Her Name Is Woman*," by Gien Karssen. Every woman today—married or single, happy or brokenhearted, secure or shaken—will find at least one of these biblical women to be surprisingly like herself. Eve, Esther, Elizabeth, and all the others step off the Bible's pages to become, as the author writes, 'real people, living and speaking....' We meet each Friday morning at 9:30 am here at the church. We have coffee and Danish, and your kids are welcome to come! It's not too late to join in!

We invite each woman to attend our Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:00. Tammy is teaching from a book by Max Lucado, "*The Touch of the Masters Hand...Studies on Jesus*." You will be blessed by this awesome study!

Coming soon... Women's retreat at High Hill Christian Camp and Retreat Center. April 18-19, with guest speaker, Dr. Debra Peppers. You may register online at highhillcamp.org.

Also... Women's retreat at Ozark Christian College, April 25-26. We will be taking the church van to Joplin, Mo. on Friday morning and returning late Sat. afternoon. Guest speaker is Cindy Sigler Dagnan the author of "*The Chocolate Side of Life*". The cost of the retreat is free, and there is no childcare provided. Their web site is OCC.edu, search 'women's retreat.' Sign up sheet is on table in front foyer. Please plan to attend either or BOTH of these retreats**YOU WILL BE BLESSED!**

May you always hold on to the JOY of Christ...no matter what!
by Tammy Wood

Serving God is an investment that pays eternal dividends.

Jonesburg/High Hill Small Group

Our group has taken a short hiatus while two of our members were on the mission trip to Haiti. The pictures and commentary of the journey is both amazing and inspiring. You'll want to be sure you check it out on the blog spot and see the smiling faces of the sweet little kids. But the most wonderful part for us staying at home is the sheer contentment shown on the faces of the missionaries as they are interacting with the children. It almost makes you envious to see how happy they look in their service to our Lord. Certainly, more of us will try to make the trip next time. Did you see the huge cartload of army duffel bags being escorted through the terminal? We were certainly blessed to have all of the bags pass through with nothing being confiscated. Our group meets on Monday nights; we are small but mighty. If you are thinking of joining a small group, give one of us a nod (Norman, Janice, Riva, Kista, Diane, Carla, or Mary Ann) and we will tell you about our studies, or lip-smacking snacks, and all the fun we have with "Lumpy". You'll be glad you did!

by Mary Ann Schultze

Easter Egg Hunt

Planning has begun for the annual Easter egg hunt at the church between our Sunrise service and our regular morning worship service. If you can help by donating eggs and candy or toys to stuff the eggs, see Kista.

Sunrise Service

Sunrise Service will be at 7 a.m., March 23. That is just two weeks away. There will be a breakfast. No Sunday morning Bible classes that day, but we will have our regular worship service at 10:30, as usual.

Haiti Sunday

Our Mission Team has arrived back home with lots of stories to tell. They will be making a presentation of their experiences the last Sunday of March the 30th. You will not want to miss this. In the meantime, you can catch up on their mission on their blog at www.hhcchaiti.blogspot.com.

*Compassion is difficult to
give away because it keeps
coming back.*

You Tell on Yourself

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,
By the very manner in which you speak,
By the way you employ your leisure time,
By the use you make of the dollar and dime.
You tell on yourself by the things you wear,
By the spirit in which you your burdens bear,
By the kind of things that make you laugh,
By the records you play on your phonograph.
You tell on yourself by the way you walk,
By the things of which you delight to talk,
By the manner in which you bear defeat,
By so simple a thing a how you eat.
By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf,
In these ways and more, you tell on yourself.
So there is not a particle of sense,
In an effort to keep up a false pretense.

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.**