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# The High Hill Christian *Messenger*

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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.

## *Refiner of Silver*

"He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver" Malachi 3:3  
This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot. Then she thought again about the verse that says: "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver"

She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy -- when I see my image in it"

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

# July and August Newsletter

You did not miss getting your copy of the July or August newsletter. There was no newsletter those months. Therefore, the financial report for June, July and August are all included in this September newsletter.

<u>FUNDS BALANCES</u>	
<u>As of 8-31-07</u>	
General Fund	\$-3,787.35
Insurance Escrow	3,667.00
Anapto	45.55
Children's Ministry	416.78
Adopt Melissa	162.00
Worship Ministry	175.94
Women's Ministry	180.00
<u>LG Print Bibles</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Bank Balance	\$914.92

# Your Cell Phone

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several times a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it? What if we gave it to kids as gifts? What if we used it when we traveled? What if we used it in case of emergency? This is something to make you go... hmm... where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. ... Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think, "where are my priorities?" And no dropped calls!

## Funds Balances

Budgeted funds receive a yearly budget for spending from the general fund. Since the bank balance is so low, the only funds that are able to be moved at this time are just enough to get the Overcomers, We Care and VBS ministries out of the red. We Care received \$179.62, Overcomers received \$171.16 and VBS received \$47.07 from this transfer. 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 are 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 falling back on the insurance escrow balance. But, we would be short money to pay the insurance bill if we continue to rely on this balance.

<u>JUNE</u>	
<u>GENERAL FUND INCOME</u>	
General Fund	\$9,659.65
Anapto	750.00
VBS	250.00
Children	5.00
Berea	508.40
TOTAL GEN. FUND INC.	\$11,173.05
<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</u>	
General Fund	\$10,060.03
Gen. Fund Net Inc.	1,113.02
<u>WEEKLY FIXED EXPENSES</u>	
	\$2142/week
<u>JUNE AVG. INCOME</u>	
	\$2,415/week
<u>JULY</u>	
<u>GENERAL FUND INCOME</u>	
General Fund	10,766.65
Berea	566.67
Anapto	15.00
Children	5.00
Other	210.00
TOTAL GEN.FUND INC.	\$11,563.32
<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</u>	
General Fund	\$10,544.16
Gen. Fund Net Inc.	\$1,019.16
<u>JULY AVG. INCOME</u>	
	\$2,153/week
<u>AUGUST</u>	
<u>GENERAL FUND INCOME</u>	
General Fund	\$8,416.10
Berea	441.90
TOTAL GEN.FUND INC.	\$8,858.00
<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</u>	
General Fund	\$9,931.31
Gen. Fund Net Inc.	-\$1,073.31
<u>AUGUST AVG. INCOME</u>	
	\$2,104/week

<u>MAY</u>	
Sunday School	- 20
Revelation Class	- 41
Worship Service	- 84
<u>JUNE</u>	
Sunday School	- 7
Revelation Class	- 36
Worship Service	- 77
<u>JULY</u>	
Sunday School	- 7
Revelation Class	- 35
Worship Service	- 86
<u>Average Attendance</u>	
<u>This Fiscal Year to Date</u>	
(since October 1, 2006)	
Sunday School	- 34
Worship Service	- 92

## Garage Sale

The missions group will be setting up tables for the annual High Hill All-Town Garage Sale on September 22. They are trying to raise funds to make their planned trip to Haiti in February. If you have items to donate to their cause, please see Riva Ridgway or Dave Wood.

*St. Louis Christian College  
Women's Conference  
'Called to Serve'  
Featuring  
Dr. Debra Peppers  
November 9-10, 2007  
Registration 5:30 p.m.*

**God doesn't call the qualified  
He qualifies the called**

## Song of Solomon

The new Sunday morning Bible study series will be taken from Thomas Nelson's 'Song of Solomon' beginning September 9. The 'Song of Solomon' series teaches the Biblical design for relationships. For both singles and married couples, this exegetical study follows Solomon's relationship from attraction to dating and courtship, marriage and intimacy to resolving conflict, keeping romance alive, and committing to the end. This is an 11-week course. Roger and Michelle Spradley will be leading the adult class. The youth class will be led by Donovan Golden.

## Phraseology

You have probably heard this expression, "...the handwriting on the wall..." This phrase has come from Daniel 5 and refers to foreseeing of doom. Another phrase, "lamb to slaughter" meaning "in an unconcerned manner - unaware of any impending catastrophe" from Jeremiah 11:19 and Isaiah 53:7. "A drop in a bucket" (a tiny portion of the whole) is from Isaiah 40:15.



### Upcoming Events

#### 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.

#### CMCE

Sept. 17 at Middletown CC

#### Ladies Bible Study

Fridays at 9:30 a.m. will resume in the fall

#### New Florence Nursing Home

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every other month. (Next October 21, 3 p.m.)

#### Small Groups

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

#### Sew-and-Sew Quilt Ministry Meeting

September 10, 9 a.m.

#### SLCC Women's Conference

'Called to Serve', November 9-10

## Bible Reading Questions

If you are keeping up with the *Through The Bible in a Year* reading, you have read through the entire Old Testament and started reading the New Testament this week. How much do you remember?

1. What were the two separate kingdoms of God's chosen people?
2. Which kingdom was the northern kingdom?
3. Which kingdom was the southern kingdom?
4. What was the capital city of Israel?
5. What was the capital city of Judah?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ conquered the northern kingdom in 722 BC
7. \_\_\_\_\_ conquered the southern kingdom in 586 BC
8. Who was king of Babylonia when Jerusalem was conquered?
9. How many years were God's people captives and slaves of Babylonia?
10. When the Babylonian army began their attack on Jerusalem, they kept the city surrounded for how long?
11. What was Daniel's Babylonian name given to him by King Nebuchadnezzar's chief officials?
12. The temple in Jerusalem was rebuilt under the rule of \_\_\_\_\_?
13. The walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt under the rule of \_\_\_\_\_?  
(Answers can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.)

## Small Groups Kick-Off

The kick-off Oasis carry-in dinner for small groups was Wednesday evening, September 5. Weekly meetings in homes will be starting again for the next season. It is never too late to join a small group near you.



### SEPTEMBER

Patrick Broz – 9/2  
Jason Massey – 9/4  
Cari Dague – 9/6  
Florence McCreary – 9/6  
Ed Betke – 9/7  
Janet Pierson – 9/7  
Cassidy McCorkell – 9/8  
Tabitha Chesnut – 9/10  
Kristin Golden – 9/14  
Aaron Masters – 9/19  
Theresa Duncan – 9/20  
Kista River – 9/21  
Jacob Chesnut – 9/22  
Roger Spradley – 9/23  
Heather Pierson – 9/25  
Alex Hartman – 9/28  
Gail Hartman – 9/28  
Debbie Dent – 9/29  
Wesley Oden – 9/30

### BELETED BIRTHDAYS

#### AUGUST

Amanda Landwehr 8/2  
John McCorkell – 8/3  
Jerry Oden – 8/6  
Jewell Shelton – 8/7  
Chloe Betke – 8/14  
Terri Broz – 8/17  
Madison Dague – 8/17  
Diana McChristy – 8/18  
Cassie Sublette 8/20  
Dee Hall – 8/24  
Addison Massey – 8/24  
Vickie Stoneberger – 8/24  
Ryan Hall – 8/26  
Leslie Henke – 8/26  
Mary Ann Schultz – 8/31

#### JULY

Matt Matteson – 7/2  
Lauren Spradley – 7/6  
Brooke River – 7/7  
Rose Hartman – 7/13  
Eleanor Allison – 7/14  
Hannah Chesnut – 7/19  
Donna Oden – 7/21  
Donna Coleman – 7/25  
Luke Hartman – 7/28  
Marj Weeks – 7/28

**Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!**

### *Happy Anniversary*

Will & Jackie Eckert – 7/15  
Dave & Jewell Shelton – 8/7  
Chris & Carie Dague – 8/14  
Clifford & Joyce Stock – 8/14  
Ron & Carla Young – 8/16  
Jason & Heather Pierson – 8/19  
Jeffrey & Rose Hartman – 8/22  
Kenny & Carla Ridgway – 8/23  
Donovan & Meghan Golden – 8/26  
Larry & Theresa Duncan – 8/30  
Tim & Gina Hartman – 9-11  
Jerry & Donna Oden – 9-11  
Bill & Pat Kuhlmann – 9/14  
Jason & Laurie Massey – 9/26

## Answers to Bible Questions

1. *Judah and Israel.*
2. *Israel.*
3. *Judah.*
4. *Samaria.*
5. *Jerusalem.*
6. *Assyrians.*
7. *Babylonia.*
8. *Nebuchadnezzar.*
9. *70 years.*
10. *A year and a half.* (Jeremiah 39:1-3)

11. *Belteshazzar.* Daniel 1:7 (This NOT King Belshazzar who saw the writing on the wall-Daniel 5)
12. *Zerubbabel.* (Ezra 3-6)
13. *Nehemiah.* The wall was finished in 52 days (Nehemiah 4-6)

## 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.

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