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Love God and Serve Him Faithfully

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VBS

July 6th
Swimming at
the Osborn's

July 10th
Water Park in
Independence, KS

July 20th
Hayride at
the Marrs'

July 27th
Crafts at
the Church

1st - 5th Grade

From the Mess on the Desk of Van



I did this morning what I do every weekday morning. I strap my knee brace on and lace up the shoes and briskly walk the concrete paths around the golf course. Today is Thursday June 16th. A front is moving through. The clouds are dark and moving quickly across the sky. The sidewalk shows a few droplets of rain. The trees are being bent and waved by the wind. Funny thing is, I don't see the wind. I see the effects of the wind. I hear it, feel it, see what it's doing. Outside of those senses, the wind is a phantom.

Jesus made it clear to His disciples that the Holy Spirit would come. You can read His comments in John 14 and 16. Then in Acts 1:4, some of His last encouraging words to His men were to "wait for what I promised you, the Holy Spirit." They waited, prayed and watched. And boy howdy, just like He said, the Spirit of God came upon them and filled them with power and courage to do what? One main purpose - to witness. To speak the truth of what they knew about Jesus.

They wasted no time. Peter and his friends spoke. The Holy Spirit, like the wind, moved, not the trees, but men's hearts. Thousands were cut to the heart. Healings took place. Racial and ethnic animosity was broken. All believers gave and gave to each other. Persecution would stop it; NO, it actually fanned the flame. Eventually the Gentiles heard the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection and the Unleashed Holy Spirit worked and moved. Brothers and sisters were unleashed upon their communities and many believed and made Jesus Lord! Amen! Today O God, send the rain!!

MISSION MOMENTS

HIDDEN HAVEN CHRISTIAN CAMP Thayer, Kansas Rick and Kim Powers, Camp Managers

Our missions focus for July is Hidden Haven Christian Camp in Thayer, Kansas. Hidden Haven was established in 1948 and is currently in its 62nd year. The camp is an extension of each church's education and youth departments. It is run by the ministers and members of each supporting congregation. The purpose is to provide a place to teach the Bible to our youth as well as adults in a place apart from the world. The week a child spends at camp is probably the best spiritual training he will receive each year, except for VBS.

Many of us have fond memories of our church camp experiences. Camp is also where many young people make decisions for Christ – to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, to go into full-time service, to become missionaries. Camp has far-reaching effects.

In July many of the children from Hillside will be attending camp at Hidden Haven. We will be providing the names of the children and the workers in the weekly prayer lists.

Hidden Haven depends entirely upon the support of approximately 60 Christian Churches in northeast Oklahoma and southeast Kansas, as well as the volunteer labor they provide to run the camp program each summer.

The future goals are to continue with the capital improvements on the facilities. Hidden Haven is currently raising money for a new pool, and last year the lake was repaired and is now a beautiful part of the scenery at the camp. It is also planned to build a new dining hall in the next five years. Other goals are to add more programs that will appeal to young people and enhance the ministry.

Money for these projects as well as volunteer labor from our churches to run the camp program is always needed. The biggest need will always be your prayers.

Hidden Haven may be contacted at:
Hidden Haven Christian Camp,
8001 Hidden Haven Road
Thayer, KS 66776



From the Desk of Larry Osborn



Fun in the Sun - Horses

God truly is amazing. We have had three of the Fun in the Sun activities, and the students are having a

blast. The lessons, the application to life, the opportunity to learn from some of our more mature



Fun in the Sun - Bikes



Fun in the Sun - Hayride

followers. It has really been a blessing. If you have not signed up to help, we still need a few more adult helpers for

CAMP

upcoming weeks.

July is our big month for church camp. I will be attending two weeks this year. I am directing Junior High 2, July 12 - 15 and then helping with the High School. We have about 20 pre-registered so far. We are hoping to have more attend. Please be in prayer for the students, staff and themes that the Holy Spirit will work



(Grade Going Into This Fall)

- **Junior High 2**
Grades 7-9 July 10 - 15
- **Junior 2**
Grades 4-6 July 17 - 21
- **High School**
Grades 9-12 July 24 - 29

Registration forms are in the office. The Church will pay half of the fee for students who regularly attend Hillside.

New Board Members

We need to welcome our newest elders and deacons to the church board.

Elders are:



John Riner



Dan Marrs

Deacons are:



Ryan Harrington



Todd Cummings

Board Officers are:

Gary Kulchinski - President
Donnie Parris - Vice President
Mike Williams - Secretary
Larry Dunn - Treasurer

Notes of Thanks

To my Hillside Family,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift card. That was so nice and completely unexpected. Thank you all so much for all of the prayers and words of encouragement throughout my entire education; and life for that matter. I'm so blessed to have this congregation and truly appreciate all that you do. Thanks again.

Love,
Ashley Johnson

Dear Hillside Christian Church,

Thank you for thinking of me during graduation time. I really appreciate the Wal-mart gift card! Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts. I hope to be able to see you all soon!

Love,
Tabitha Longbons

To my Friends of Hillside,

My family and I want to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, calls and visits for me during my (3) falls. I'm okay except sore and bruised. Most of all, during this past week, the tragic death of my sister Jo Allen.

Ben, Van, the service was beautiful. As was the music by Margie and Marilyn. Van, for your concern for me, we can't say thank you too much or enough.

To the ladies of the kitchen, for the lovely lunch you prepared for this family of Jo Allen. We thank you and love you all.

God Bless
Darlene, Steve,
Cindy, & Joe

Dear Van & Larry,

I want to say a big "Thank You" for the lovely Ladies Banquet. The food was very delicious and the men servers did a marvelous job. The singing was wonderful and the games were a lot of fun.

Molly was a wonderful speaker. I shed tears from time to time during her testimony, it was very touching for me.

Again, thanks for all the effort and planning put into our ladies banquet. It was great!

Bonnie Workman