

Community Health Fair

Saturday, 10th at the Community Building.

We will have a booth present to hand out information about our church and spiritual wellness. The time will be 10:00-1:00. If you can help with this, please let Susan Bennett know.

Ordination Service

For

John Riggs

Saturday, October 10, at 7:00

Mystery Dinner Show

Saturday, 24th, at 6:30

This will be a night of GREAT fun and fellowship.

The program will take place at Skybird Manor in Greensburg.

Make plans now to be there. A free will offering will be taken. Watch the bulletin board for more info.

P.S. this is for adults only.

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Mike's Message... This month we will have an opportunity to be part of a historic moment in time. On the 10th of this month at 7:00 pm, John Riggs will be ordained into the ministry of Christ's work. This is a very monumental step for John and his family as well as this church. God has truly blessed us with the opportunity to ordain one of our own for His service.

Let's take a brief look at what it means to be ordained. To be ordained means to announce officially or make declaration of. It is also a type of decree which is made. In the Christian Church it has been a common practice to ordain elders and deacons. In that case, it means to officially announce to a local congregation men who desire to serve the Lord in a certain capacity. These men have been set apart for service, to minister to the flock in helping to meet their needs both physically as well as spiritually. This is a serious event in a person's life and should not to be taken lightly.

In John's case, he has announced that God has called him into the ministry and, therefore, he is answering that call. He is making an official announcement to answer God's call and in doing so, is declaring his willingness to pursue God as a full time servant. Yes, it is true that ALL believers are called to serve God, but to take the step to pursue serving the Lord on a full time basis is a great step of faith. John understands this concept and in doing so is preparing to take on a great responsibility of standing true in word and deed. He is making a declaration of his service to the King.

What does this mean for this local congregation? First, it means we are doing something right. It means that we are grasping the true concept of making disciples--sending out workers into the fields that are white for the harvest. *Continued inside. . .*

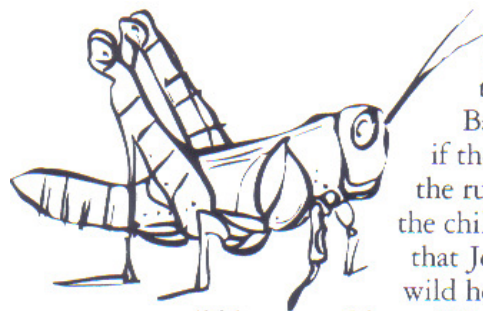
Mike's Message continued . . . Secondly, it means we are willing to take on the responsibility to train and encourage others for full time service. Thirdly, it means we are committing ourselves to do the work of and for the Lord, starting right here in our local community.

John is taking a huge step in serving the Lord in whatever capacity the Lord leads him. Because of his willingness to do so, God will bless him and his family for following through. It is **our** responsibility to pray for John and Shelley. It is **our** responsibility to encourage them both as they face uncertainties along their journey. It is **our** responsibility to hold John accountable and to do all we can to help him to remain strong and true to his calling.

This, my friends, is a life-changing moment for John and Shelley as well as this congregation. Let each of us take this wonderful moment in time to evaluate his or her own life and position in Christ. Make sure that we are answering God's calling He has placed upon our lives. If it is teaching a Sunday school class—teach. If it is taking care of the property—take care of it. If it is serving as a deacon or elder—serve. If it is being a missionary at work, school, home or on the street—tell others. In whatever area God is calling you—JUST DO IT!

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isa 6:8 NASU)

Growing together,
Mike



During a talk to children, a pastor was trying to explain the uniqueness of John the Baptist. He asked the children if they knew what kind of foods the rugged John ate? Apparently, the children had not yet learned that John had eaten locusts and wild honey, so the pastor said, "He

ate wild honey and bugs. What do you think of that?"

"Well," answered a perceptive little girl, "at least he had fiber."

Elders Express

Psalms 23:

The LORD is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;

He guides me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (NASB)

The Psalmist David wrote these words about our Lord above in the heavens. He knew that we live on earth with an omnipotent God who loves and cares for us. The analogy of the Lord as our Shepherd says much about our God, creator of the universe and all that is in it.

God leads, guides and directs our paths. He teaches us and provides for our every need. If we follow his ways, we have nothing to fear. We walk daily and as fleshly beings are prone to death and eternal damnation. If we remain faithful to him, he will abundantly fill our lives with his blessings, mercy and strength. We will live forever in heaven with him.

Be faithful to him, follow His teachings listed in his Holy inspired word. "God is our refuge and strength " Psalm 46:1, NASB.

In Him should we trust.

Serving Him

John

Proverbs 3:5,6

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>“Trunk or Treat”</i> will be an opportunity to make a positive impact. Everyone is invited to bring candy to hand out. Not only will we pass out candy, but information about our church as well as knowing who Jesus is. The information will be provided, but we are asking you to bring your own candy. Let’s serve <u>together</u> to reach people for the cause of Christ.</p>				1 Elders class 6:30-8:30	2	3 Church Work Day See Mike Hardebeck for details.
4 Family Sunday	5 Good News Club Encouraging others 6:30	6 Women’s Meeting 7:00	7 Bible Study 7:00	8 Elders class 6:30-8:30 Women Celebrating Christ 7:00	9	10 Congress of Elders—Indy John Riggs ordination service 7:00
11 Church basement reserved 1-4:30 Ministry Outreach Skybird Manor 3:00	12 Good News Club Encouraging others 6:30 Board Meeting 7:00	13 WCC God’s Men 6:15	14 Bible Study 7:00	15 Elders class 6:30-8:30	16	17 <u>Youth trip to Louisville</u>
18 <u>Youth trip to Louisville</u> All Church Pitch-In following worship.	19 Good News Club Encouraging others 6:30	20	21 Bible Study 7:00	22 Deacons class 6:30-8:30 Women Celebrating Christ 7:00	23	24 Mystery Dinner Show at Skybird Manor 6:30. Adults only. We need <u>your</u> help to make it a special night. For more info, see Carolyn Blanton or Vickie Emberton.
25 Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30	26 Good News Club Encouraging others 6:30	27 S.C.I.C.M.F. at Harts-ville	28 Bible Study 7:00	29 Deacons class 6:30-8:30	30	31 **Trunk or Treat 6-8* See above for details

Birthdays
 2nd Ann Wiley
 5th Cindy Richards
 7th Calvin Emberton
 10th Bryona Loizer
 16th Mary Clark

Anniversaries
 3rd Calvin & Vickie