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Haven of Hope Worship Center Newsletter March 2010



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A Word from the Pastor....

It has been said that Time flies, amen... Can you believe we are in March 2010 already? WOW! Over the past years we have been experiencing such a great move of God's Love and Grace at HOHWC. It seems like just a short time ago that pastor B. and I stood at Haven as Youth Pastors assuming the office as Senior Pastors. Here we are 7-years later – and what a ride it has been. Seven is the number of Completion in the Bible. I believe that God is completing what He has started at HOHWC this year. I challenge the members to prepare themselves for the greatest year the God has given us yet! We have seen great times at the church over the past years but I believe that God's Best for Haven of Hope is still yet to come...

Great days are before us...Keep the faith – keep focused and keep your eyes on Jesus.

Lov' ya'

Pastor Howard



~Haven on the WEB~

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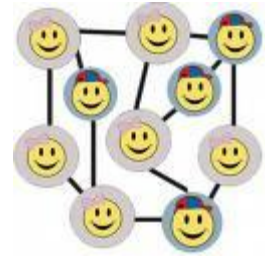
We are getting hits all around the World – HOHWC is literally touching folks World-Wide through the Website!!!

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TEEN PARTY NIGHT!!!

When: March 28th from 5:30-8pm...
 For: Jr. High and High School kids.
 Where: At the HOHWC Church
 Games, food, and Fun!!! >> INVITE A FRIEND<<



Teens get ready for Acquire the Fire 2010

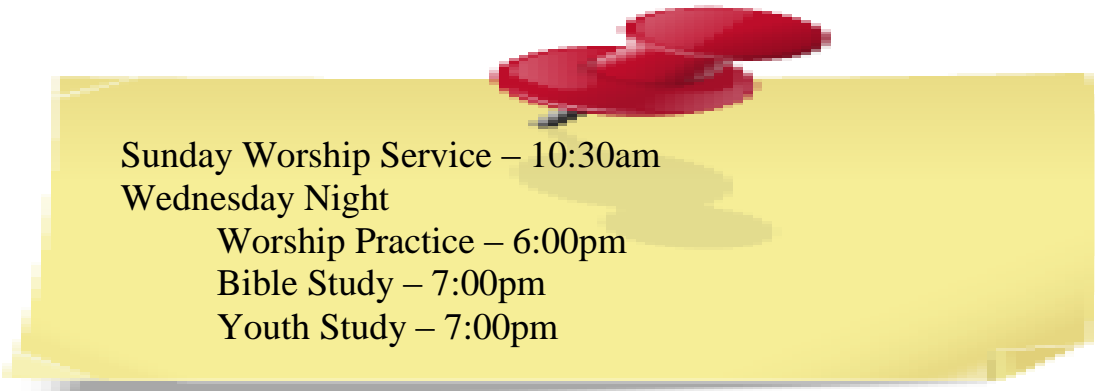
Acquire the Fire is a 27 hour life transforming event built around bringing volume and clarity to God's voice in the lives of teenagers. For more than two decades, ATF events have delivered...

- Decision-making opportunities for Christ
- Pattern-breaking challenges for living "real-life" with God
- Future-shaping perspectives that help youth see themselves in God's big plan

You'll find the greatest worship bands, the greatest audio feast, and the greatest, most mind blowing interactive ministry you have ever experienced at a Christian event. Join the hundreds of thousands of young people who will give God 27 hours at an ATF this year and walk away transformed. HOH Youth will be attending the ATF event May 7th and 8th 2010 in Pitt. PA.

Thousand Foot Krutch – Manifest – Sarah Reeves – Everyday Sunday – Joel Johnson

Weekly Church Calendar....



Sunday Worship Service – 10:30am
 Wednesday Night
 Worship Practice – 6:00pm
 Bible Study – 7:00pm
 Youth Study – 7:00pm

Food Pantry give-out

Hopes Pantry food give-away is slated for March 2nd 6-8pm : church... Please see Tammy or Pastor Benita to see how you help serve and become a blessing...





Pastor Benita's BLOG...

"Jesus is my Roommate"

I was reading one night and I heard Jesus speak to me in that still quiet voice He loves to use. He said, "You know that I live in you." I said, "Yes Lord, I know that." He said, "No, I mean I LIVE IN you", with the emphasis on LIVE and IN. And it got my attention. He said, "It's like you live in a one room apartment and I'm your roommate." My eyes opened real wide and it hit me. I thought; if Jesus is my roommate in this one room apartment then I am neglecting Him a lot of the time. You see, we like to be talked to and we like some attention from the people we live with. We don't want to be ignored. But that is what we do to Jesus. We live with this wonderful, miraculous being and a lot of the time we don't have conversation with Him. He wants us to converse with Him. He talks to us and we ignore Him. Would you dare not talk to the family that you live with; if you don't talk to your wife or husband or roommate then they probably wouldn't remain living with you. Amen?

And let's talk about how messy our apartment is. I live with some pretty messy people, and if I end up walking overtop of someone's junk then it's time to do some cleaning. Amen? I don't want someone coming to my house and see my stockings hanging from the shower. It is the same as with Jesus. If you were expecting company would you clean up? Well, Jesus LIVES IN us, so we need to do some house cleaning. We live in a mess of lies, pain, sorrow, and sickness. It's time to get out our shovel of the "Holy Spirit" and start casting out all of our garbage. We were never meant to live in all that mess anyway. 1 Peter 5:7 says "Cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you." Now tell yourself "It's time to clean house." Jesus is the "Light of the World" and darkness cannot live where there is light.

Now that we have cleaned house its time that we knew what it means to have Jesus LIVE IN you. Jesus said "In My name you will drive out demons; you will speak in new tongues; you will pick up snakes and when you drink deadly poison it will not hurt you at all; you will place your hands on sick people, and they will get well". You are using His authority when you do things in His name. That means He is there doing that very thing. The bible says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me", if Jesus LIVES IN you, then you have strength because He is your strength. I was dying until Jesus moved in with me. And now I am alive because He is ALIVE IN ME. Therefore I CAN DO ALL THINGS because Jesus is doing ALL things IN me.

When we receive this revelation I think we will start to see amazing things in our lives. You have heard the song "Oh, be careful little eyes what you see: ears what you hear; hands what you touch: and feet where you go." We need to remember that if Jesus lives IN us we take Him everywhere we go, He hears and sees what we see. So whatever you do and say should be what your Lord Jesus Christ would say or do. Amen?

So from this moment on, take notice of your roommate. He LIVES IN you. He is alive within us if we have accepted Him as our Lord and Savior.

Pastor Benita



What is IT?
What can you catch but not throw?

Lent

Pastor Howard will be speaking at the Barbour County Ministerial Association Lenten service. The Service will be March 4th at the Philippi Baptist Church in Philippi. The Lent Services start at noon and lunch is served at 12:30...



What is Lent?

Lent, in Christian tradition, is the period of the liturgical year leading up to Easter. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer — through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial — for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Conventionally, it is described as being forty days long. The forty days represent the time that, according to the Bible, Jesus spent in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry, where he endured temptation by Satan.

Fasting – Prayer – and sacrificing our wants are ways to celebrate the Lenten Season...

Keep our KIDS and Sunday School Teachers in our PRAYERS!!!



Bible Trivia

What is the longest book in the Bible?

Quote from Bill Floyd

“If the church ever loses its compassion for the people– it should shut the doors...”

Submitted by Bobby Gregory:

A Letter from Heaven:

She jumped up as soon as she saw the surgeon come out of the operating room. She said: 'How is my little boy? Is he going to be all right? When can I see him?'

The surgeon said, 'I'm sorry. We did all we could, but your boy didn't make it.'

Sally said, 'Why do little children get cancer? Doesn't God care any more? Where were you, God, when my son needed you?'

The surgeon asked, 'Would you like some time alone with your son? One of the nurses will be out in a few minutes, before he's transported to the university.'

Sally asked the nurse to stay with her while she said good bye to son. She ran her fingers lovingly through his thick red curly hair.

'Would you like a lock of his hair?' the nurse asked.

Sally nodded yes.. The nurse cut a lock of the boy's hair, put it in a plastic bag and handed it to Sally.

The mother said, 'It was Jimmy's idea to donate his body to the University for Study. He said it might help somebody else. I said no at first, but Jimmy said, 'Mom, I won't be using it after I die. Maybe it will help some other little boy spend one more day with his Mom.'

She went on, 'My Jimmy had a heart of gold. Always thinking of someone else. Always wanting to help others if he could.' Sally walked out of Children's Mercy Hospital for the last time, after spending most of the last six months there. She put the bag with Jimmy's belongings on the seat beside her in the car.

The drive home was difficult.. It was even harder to enter the empty house. She carried Jimmy's belongings, and the plastic bag with the lock of his hair to her son's room.

She started placing the model cars and other personal things back in his room exactly where he had always kept them.

She lay down across his bed, and hugging his pillow, cried herself to sleep.

It was around midnight when Sally awoke. Lying beside her on the bed was a folded letter. The letter said:

'Dear Mom,

I know you're going to miss me; but don't think that I will ever forget you, or stop loving you, just 'cause I'm not around to say 'I Love You'. I will always love you, Mom, even more with each day. Someday we will see each other again. Until then, if you want to adopt a little boy so you won't be so lonely, that's okay with me. He can have my room and old stuff to play with. But, if you decide to get a girl instead, she probably wouldn't like the same things us boys do. You'll have to buy her dolls and stuff girls like, you know.

Don't be sad thinking about me. This really is a neat place. Grandma and Grandpa met me as soon as I got here and showed me around some, but it will take a long time to see everything.

The angels are so cool. I love to watch them fly. And, you know what? Jesus doesn't look like any of his pictures. Yet, when I saw Him, I knew it was Him. Jesus himself took me to see GOD! And guess what, Mom? I got to sit on God's knee and talk to Him, like I was somebody important. That's when I told Him that I wanted to write you a letter, to tell you good bye and everything. But I already knew that wasn't allowed. Well, you know what Mom? God handed me some paper and His own personal

pen to write you this letter I think Gabriel is the name of

the angel who is going to drop this letter off to you. God said for me to give you the answer to one of the questions you asked Him where was He when I needed him?' 'God said He was in the same place with me, as when His son Jesus was on the cross. He was right there, as He always is with all His children.

Oh, by the way, Mom, no one else can see what I've written except you. To everyone else this is just a blank piece of paper. Isn't that cool? I have to give God His pen back now He needs it to write some more names in the Book of Life. Tonight I get to sit at the table with Jesus for supper. I'm sure the food will be great..

Oh, I almost forgot to tell you. I don't hurt anymore the cancer is all gone.. I'm glad because I couldn't stand that pain anymore and God couldn't stand to see me hurt so much, either. That's when He sent The Angel of Mercy to come get me. The Angel said I was a Special Delivery! How about that?

Signed with Love from God, Jesus & Me.

March's Power Verse



Isaiah 52:8 *KJV*

“Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.”