



The Harmony Grit



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Finance Committee Overview

In the February, 2009 edition of the Harmony Grit the Finance Committee was able to announce that the ten year, \$80,000 mortgage on our building addition had been "Paid in Full" in only 40 months! Praise God! In October of 2008, Robert began his tenure as Harmony's very first "Full Time Pastor". The 2009 recession was felt in many churches (including Harmony) throughout the land. Some of our members lost their job. Others had their wages reduced. Church offerings for the year were down from the year before. But many committees and groups cut back on their spending. As a result, Harmony was able to meet all our financial obligations for the year. The 2010 budget offers another "opportunity for stewardship" for our members. Every little bit helps. Almost 40% of our church families gave less than \$10 per week. We are not a rich church financially, but Harmony is definitely a Blessed Church!

Missions Committee Finalizes 2010 Plans

Missions Committee Chair Ronnie Gibson reports that 2010 plans are now in place. Harmony will continue to sponsor a Local Help Ministry for our community. It is the goal of this project to ease the burden of the truly needy in our area. In addition to financial assistance, the committee will try to help the needy get in touch with other agencies that may be able to provide additional assistance. If you need help, or know of someone who does, contact Pastor Robert or one of the committee members.

In addition to the Local Help Ministry, our church will support the following Mission projects: UMCOR relief for Haiti, Doves, Good News Jail Ministry.

Funds donated to Harmony UMC Missions will be divided equally between these four causes. The Missions Committee will share more information during the February 21st Worship Service.

Training Session Set for February 20th

The leadership training program "Making the Most of our Most Valuable Asset" will be held at Harmony on February 20th from 9 AM til 3 PM. Dr. Jeffrey Harlow, Pastor of Brosville UMC, will be leading the session. Lunch will be provided. The session was rescheduled from January 30th. Twenty members of Harmony have signed up for this exciting opportunity, but there is room for ten more. Please let Robert Hardy know by February 18th if you would like to attend.

Website Changes Listed

When is the last time you visited [Harmony's web site](#)? Did you see that the "Prayer Request List" is now viewable online? Each Sunday our pastor records the prayer requests of the congregation. That list will now be uploaded early in the week (Monday or Tuesday after the service). Individuals may also request online that an individual be added to the list for the following week.

Plans have also been implemented to e-mail a "[Prayer Chain Request](#)" to members of Harmony who have supplied an email address. The "phone tree" will still function as described in the 2010 Church Directory. This is just another method to inform members of a request for prayer in a time of need.

Another feature that is now available online is "[Request the Sunday Sermon](#)". Services are recorded each week for distribution to shut-ins. Now the Sermon will be available as an MP3 file by request each week. If you have to miss Church one week (or particularly enjoyed the sermon), you may have it emailed to you. Just click the "[Contact Us](#)" button in the menu on the web page & make your request. Check it out! Send us your opinion and/or suggestions.

Back Page Bits

Friday, Feb. 5th @ 7 PM
Sunday, Feb. 7th
Tuesday, Feb. 9th @ 7 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 10th @ 7 PM
Sunday, Feb. 14th @ 8 AM
Wednesday, Feb. 17th @ 7 PM
Saturday, Feb. 20th @ 9 AM
Monday, Feb. 22nd @ 7 PM

First Friday Movie Night
Souper Bowl Sunday (Bring Soup and Crackers)
Worship Committee Meeting
Ladies Fellowship Meeting
Sweetheart breakfast by Men's Group
Ash Wednesday Service
Training Session for "Our Most Valuable Asset"
Meeting of Worship, Children, Youth, Missions,
Evangelism Committees

These events are in addition to the regular 7 PM Kids for Christ meetings and the 7 PM Bible Study on Sunday nights and the 7 PM meal and 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service on Thursday nights.

February Birthdays : 1st Millie Abbott 2nd Myrna Gibson 9th Brandon Hubbard
& Faye Smith 11th Nathan Jones 16th Tony Mosteller 22nd Noel Salmons
24th John Finney 25th Michelle Cass 28th Kurt Daugherty

February Anniversaries: 7th Sherri & Rick Hayward 25th Woodie & Robert Hardy
27th Evon & Nathan Jones

A partial schedule for the Thursday Night Contemporary Service has been announced. On Thursday, February 11th, Kyle Griffith will deliver the message. Music will be provided by Harmony's Stronghold Band.

The brothers John and Jim Finney will conduct the service on February 18th. John will provide the music while Jim will deliver the message. Check out the church web site (harmonyumchurch.org) for updates to the schedule during the month.

Harmony UMC has printed a new church directory and has them available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one so you will know when to send out birthday and anniversary cards. It also includes mailing addresses and phone numbers and a listing of members on the various church committees.



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Cast of Harmony's 2009 Annual Christmas Play.