

# The Harmony Grit

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## Vacation Bible School Sets Record!

Is it time to build a bigger parking lot?? The week of August 5 - 10 saw an overflow crowd for our VBS activities. Over 75 students and 21 adult workers took part in a "Quest for Truth" nightly. Participants ranged in age from under one to over 81. The \$502 offering for the week was donated to the Cascade Volunteer Fire Department. Well over 100 attended the Friday night pig picking and ice cream social. Director Debbie Flint issued a hearty "Thank You" to all the hard working volunteers who made the week possible.

## Little Life Walk

On Saturday, September 29th, Harmony members will travel to Ballou Park for the 11 a.m. "Walk For Life 2007". This annual fundraiser is held to support the Little Life Pregnancy Medical Center. Our Thursday night Contemporary Service raised money to help buy t-shirts for the hundreds of walkers at the event. The shirts feature Little Life on the front and four supporting churches on the back. Our Stronghold band will provide musical entertainment at the "after the walk" festivities. Faye Smith is coordinating our participation. Last year Harmony had over 40 walkers and raised over \$1400 in donations!

## Missions Committee Update

Our church members pledged over \$6,600 for the 2007 Missions Campaign. So far we have mailed two of the quarterly checks to the three sponsored projects (God's Pit Crew, Red Bird Mission Society, and Peter & Masha Oswalt in Russia). The next checks will be sent in October. At present, giving is slightly below the projected amount, but Missions chair Ann Hardy is confident pledges will be met by the end of the year. God's Pit Crew is holding a big fundraising event on September 8<sup>th</sup> at Owen's Farm (near Stoney Mill). Our band Stronghold will be playing during the event. Also, church members John Finney (with some of his friends) and Jeanette Williams will perform. Harmony will be well represented there.

Ann wants to thank all who have deposited their Campbell Soup labels and aluminum can tabs in the containers in the church vestibule. She forwards the soup labels to the Henry Fork Center and the tabs to Habitat for Humanity. What a great way to recycle!

Ann also has an update on Bishop Dickson Ochuto of Kenya, Africa. Harmony sponsored Dickson for several years recently (wedding dresses, windows for a dormitory, food for the orphanage, and just last year, purchasing a milk cow). He and the 60 orphans are doing well. Dickson is looking forward to the "Gibson Band" (his name for the Stronghold band) coming to Africa and assisting in a crusade in his churches. Who knows, maybe one day ...??

## Homecoming is Almost Here!

The first Sunday in October is only a month away! Plans are underway for another "Special Day of Worship and Fellowship". Our church first opened its doors in 1927, eighty years ago. We will be worshipping in the same sanctuary that community members built from an old school house. The festivities will begin at 9:45 a.m. with an hour of Special Music and remembrances. If you want to sing, contact John Finney to get on the schedule. Our worship service will begin at 11. Retired former Danville District Superintendent Bob McAden will be our speaker. And who can forget the covered dish meal and fellowship that will follow? Make plans now to come join us!

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Here are some dates for your September Calendar!

Sunday, September 9 @ 8 a.m.	Faithful Few Men's Crew Meeting and Breakfast.
Monday, September 10 @ 7 p.m.	Lay Leadership Committee (Nominate 2008 Officers).
Tuesday, September 11 @ 7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (Meeting to finalize 2008 Budget).
Wednesday, September 12 @ 7 p.m.	Ladies Fellowship Meeting.
Wednesday, September 19 @ 7:30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting.
Sunday, September 23 @ 3 p.m.	Family Fun Day (games, walk to mountain top, food).
Sunday, September 23 @ 7 p.m.	Annual Church Charge Conference.
Wednesday, September 26 @ 7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice.
Saturday, September 29	Little Life Walk at Ballou Park in Danville.
Sunday, September 30 @ 7 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Community Song Service @ Harmony UMC.

These events are in addition to the regular 7 p.m. Sunday Night Bible Study and the 7 p.m. meal and 7:30 p.m. Thursday Night Contemporary Worship Services.

Harmony Homecoming will be Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Our church is 80 years young this year and lots of special activities are planned. The offering will be used to pay on the mortgage for our building addition. Start dieting now so you can join us for a day of fellowship, special music and outstanding food.

September Birthdays: 1<sup>st</sup> Kendra Hardy      3<sup>rd</sup> Mavis Finney & Brandon Davis      4<sup>th</sup> Paula Phillips  
6<sup>th</sup> Drew Madison      8<sup>th</sup> Carole Salmons      15<sup>th</sup> Debbie Flint      16<sup>th</sup> Cathy Bateman  
26<sup>th</sup> Dusty Williams & Jake Whittaker

September Anniversaries: 25<sup>th</sup> George & Angela Wellington

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# Harmony Homecoming Sunday, October 7th 80th Anniversary



Photos of our 2007 Vacation Bible School.  
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