



Ashton Chapel Newsletter

*The Little Country Church
God is Blessing in a Big Way!*

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Sunday School and Seatbelt Laws

BY MRS. TERRY (PAM) HINSHAW

Last fall we began attending Ashton Chapel church services regularly. Our daughter, Alice (age 8), rode to Sunday School with her grandparents, Bob and Lois Hinshaw, and cousin, Derek Ball. Terry and I drove up an hour later to arrive in time for church.

We thought this was a great arrangement. We could take our time getting ready and have an hour of leisure all to ourselves. We didn't see any need to attend Sunday School. We all know it's important for kids, but adults can opt out. They're too busy, right?

This went on for a few weeks until Bob began his cancer treatments and became too ill to stay the entire time for Sunday School and Church. When Bob and Lois couldn't attend Sunday School the next Sunday, we asked ourselves, "How were Alice and Derek going to get to Sunday School?" Sure, they could ride up with Tenny and Christy, but there wouldn't be enough seatbelts for all the kids. Clearly, that wasn't only dangerous but illegal as well.

Reluctantly, we decided there was only one option. We would attend Sunday School so that Alice and Derek could ride in seat-belted safety all the way to Ashton. We'd make the big sacrifice and give up another hour of our precious Sunday morning at home. We hadn't been to Sunday School in years. Anticipating boredom, we drove to Ashton.

To our great surprise and delight, we actually enjoyed Sunday School! We had to admit, there was so much about God's Word that we'd forgotten, didn't understand or never learned in the first place. As a teacher, Craig absolutely bowled us over. His knowledge and scholarly approach led us to a better understanding of God's Word, while his dry wit was thoroughly enjoyable. Lee Ann and Rita helped us, often with humor, to see how we can keep Jesus in our hearts in our daily lives. At the end, we both felt Sunday School had been, well, fun.

We couldn't wait for the next week. And it's been like that ever since. Now we realize that by studying the Word of God with our friends each Sunday, we experience a stronger fellowship with our Ashton Chapel community. In our Sunday School lessons each week, we gain a better understanding and love of the Bible, the life and teachings of Jesus, and God's love for all of us.

If you haven't been attending Sunday School, won't you join us next Sunday? Don't wait until your only choices are violating a law and attending Sunday School. Come find out what you've been missing!



Ashton Chapel Board Members Reelected

On Sunday, October 7, 2001, the congregation elected the Ashton Chapel Board for the 2001-2002 year. All seven sitting Board members were reelected. Pictured from left in the back row: Pam Byal and Mary Maxwell. Front row: Blaine Byal, Lee Ann Ball, Karen Pierce, Tenny Hinshaw and Craig Stratton. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to Ashton Chapel. Let's all support the Board members by sharing our thoughts and concerns on Ashton issues with them. Your participation in this way, along with God's guidance, helps each Board member make sound decisions.

Milk of the Word

BY TENNY L. HINSHAW

1st Peter 2:2 says: *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.*

Those of you who raise livestock for a living can surely relate to this verse. In the spring when you have new calves, a sign of good health is a strong desire for milk. If you have a calf that doesn't drink well, you know it will never thrive. As the calf starts to mature, you don't expect it to survive just on milk. You expect it to start eating more substantial food.

Our spiritual life is like this. When we become new Christians, we desire the "sincere milk of the Word", but over time, maturity requires more than just the milk. It requires the meat that is obtained by reading and studying God's Word. Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity to study God's Word with fellow believers, and I would like to encourage everyone to attend.

Ashton Sunday School – Start Sunday Right

- ✝ Our Sunday School is one of the few in the area that holds classes for every age all year round.
- ✝ Youth classes enjoy motivated, dynamic teachers as well as colorful, relevant and fun Sunday School materials. A highlight of each year is the annual Sunday School Christmas Program in which every child participates.
- ✝ The Adult class is currently studying the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, focusing on Jesus' Ministry. Insightful, in-depth and thought-provoking, the Adult class is a world-class learning experience right here at Ashton.
- ✝ We do invite everyone to come just an hour earlier, at 9:00, and join in our Sunday School. You'll be glad you did!

Schedule of Services

Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice.....Wed., 6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study *Traveling*Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

Serving You at Ashton Chapel

Mr. Tenny Hinshaw.....Acting Pastor
 Mrs. Jim (Alice) Beavers..... Pianist
 Mr. Melvin Montgomery..... Song Leader
 Mrs. Norman (Lee Ann Ball)SS. Supt.
 Mrs. Larry (Rita) Milligan.....Asst. SS. Supt.
 Mrs. Gerald (Mary) Maxwell ... Choir Director



Picnic Perfect, Period.

With memories of last year's picnic and its "arctic" atmosphere still vivid in our minds, we just couldn't allow ourselves to count on good weather for the 2001 picnic. But as last Sunday developed into a picture-perfect autumn day, we knew we were getting the weather we prayed for.

The Board members prepared the picnic fare and the fun activities, capped off with an old-fashioned hayride. Thanks to Mary Maxwell, Pam and Blaine Byal, Craig Stratton, Karen Pierce, Lee Ann Ball and Tenny Hinshaw for making the 2001 Ashton Church Picnic a success and a truly memorable event for our families to enjoy.



Brandon Byal enjoyed the picnic and was very brave on the hayride.



As Ron roasts the franks, Shirley, Larry, Myrma and Judy enjoy the food, conversation and campfire.



Picknickers enjoyed hotdogs, beef chili, chips, brownies, bars and cookies, lemonade, hot chocolate, and last but not least, toasted marshmallows.



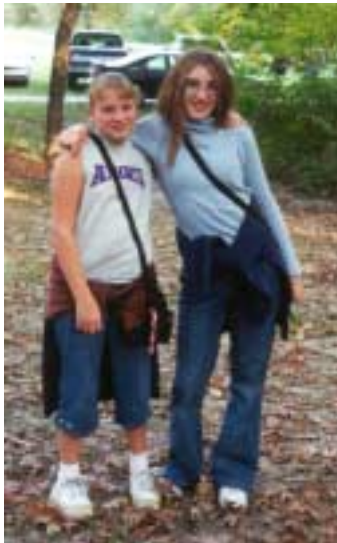
Miss Callaway finds a bale of straw works just as well as a picnic table.



Jared Patterson expertly toasts marshmallows as Dorothy, Leah, Brett and Jessie Callaway look on.



Leo Draeger and his six-string.



Whitney Mitchell and Chelsea Sexton having a good time at the picnic.



Lee Ann, Pam & Karen work on the food table.



Pam gives the kids final instructions as they select their pumpkins for the "Pumpkin Toss."



Look! It's Ashley Girard, Katie Hinshaw and Patrick Girard.



The picnic affords an opportunity for Ashton folks to gather in fellowship.



As Tina Wheeler and Alice Hinshaw demonstrate, when marshmallows catch fire, you blow them out.



After football, hikes and a prayer, the crowd was ready to fill their plates.