

# Heritage Baptist College

## August Update

### Fourth Year to Begin at Hopewell

The first day of classes for the Fall 2014 semester starts on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After so many wonderful blessings, we are looking forward to the fourth year on our beautiful campus. Teachers and students are excited about the fall classes and the different college events planned for this year.

Please call the college for a brochure, or look online for the list of upcoming classes. We would love to have you join us this fall!



### Never Too Late

“The boys of summer” is an endearing phrase of America’s great pastime. Over the years, I have tried to include an illustration or story in this area every August.

Nineteen years ago, my baseball hero passed from this world.

As a little boy, my Dad had given me my first glove, a Rawlings Mickey Mantle signature outfield mitt. I learned to play ball, and enjoyed watching this famous Yankee exhibit his great talent.

Mickey Mantle retired from baseball on March 1, 1969. I can remember where I was when I first heard that radio announcement.

As I reached college, I began to hear that my baseball hero lived a very “wild” life. His exploits and troubles would become newsworthy from time to time. Still, he was “The Mick”, the greatest switch hitter of all time. His home runs were some of the longest ever hit in the major leagues, and Mickey Mantle literally hit some of those balls out of the ballpark.

In the early 1990’s, Mickey Mantle’s body began to wear down from a life filled with alcohol. The famous ballplayer changed his lifestyle, but he ended up dying on Sunday, August 13, 1995.

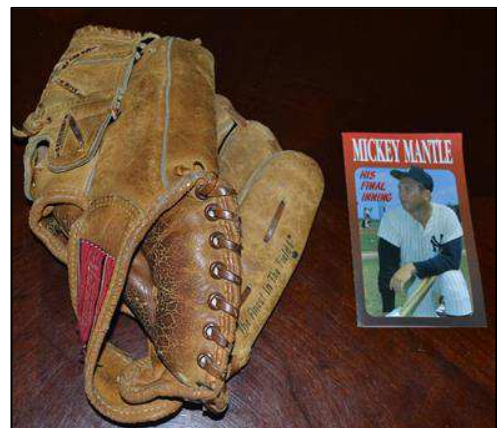
I was attending the IFFB Conference near Lexington, KY that week. Mickey Mantle’s funeral was shown that night late on ESPN. I felt compelled to stay up in the motel room and watch the farewell to my childhood baseball star.

I cannot express the joy that came over me, when Bobby Richardson, a former teammate now Baptist lay preacher, spoke at the funeral. He told how that in the last days, Mickey Mantle had accepted and confessed Christ as his Savior.

Ed Cheek later wrote a salvation tract with Mickey Mantle’s story. <http://www.crossway.org/tracts/mickey-mantle-3063/>

Luke chapter 23 tells the story of the dying thief’s salvation. D.L. Moody wrote in his Bible next to this passage: *One repentance at death that none may despair; only one that none may presume.*

What a wonderful God that saves all sinners!



# The Importance of Singing

Homer Rodeheaver led the music for 20 years for the great Billy Sunday Crusades of the past century. Playing his trombone and directing the service, Rodeheaver understood the important place that music played in the evangelistic service. “Sing to Save” was a phrase he would teach future song directors, and one that he practiced throughout his years.

At the invitation during these great tabernacle meetings, hundreds would come forward to make a decision for Christ. Billy Sunday liked to shake hands with each person before they were assisted by a personal worker.

Rodeheaver would lead the great choir as the throng of individuals walked “the sawdust trail.” The choir would begin with “Almost Persuaded,” then follow with “Oh, Where is My Boy Tonight.” As the alters filled he would change to, “Lord, I’m Coming Home,” and finally “Ring the Bells of Heaven, There is Joy Today.” (Ellis, William T. *Billy Sunday the Man and His Message*. 1914, p. 164).



## Laying an Early Foundation

Her Dad was an English pastor, songwriter, and poet. Little Frances watched as her father returned the profits he made from his songwriting, donating them for the repair of churches.

The talent and love for the Lord descended down to the daughter. At seven years old, little Frances wrote her first collection of poems. One of those poems dealt with observing the first day of the week.

Sunday is a pleasant day  
When we to church do go;  
For there we sing and read and pray,  
And hear the sermon too.

On Sunday hear the village bells;  
It seems as if they say,  
Go to church where the pastor tells  
How Christ for man has bled.

And if we love to pray and read  
While we are in our youth,  
The Lord will help us in our need  
And keep us in His truth.

Little Frances Havergal, grew into a gracious Christian woman that continued serving the Lord. From childish stanzas, her poetry took flight. She later wrote the words to the Gospel song, “Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated Lord to Thee.” Like her father, she gave away the profits from her writing to Christian ministries both home and abroad. (Miller, Basil. *Ten Girls Who Became Famous*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 1946)

## Another Poet in Heaven

On Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs. Janie Fann went home to be with the Lord. At 92 years of age, she let her family know that she was ready to leave for heaven.

Janie Fann was a prayer warrior and a supporter of Heritage Baptist College. Although she didn't travel much, she always asked about the students and continuing progress of the Heritage Campus. A plaque with her name stands outside a classroom on the second floor. The room was furnished in her honor by her daughter as a present for Mother's Day. When shown the room Janie Fann exclaimed, "This is the sweetest gift I have ever received, for long after I am gone that gift will allow me to have a small part in preparing young men and women to reach others for Christ."

Mrs. Janie Fann was saved later in life. A few years before her husband's death from cancer, the family came to know Christ. Mrs. Fann was a poet, and she began to write on spiritual topics. She also wrote a piece on attending church.



### Church – I Must Go

I must go to worship my King.  
I must go and let praises ring.  
I must go and hear His sweet voice.  
I must go, go and rejoice.  
I must go, I have accepted His name  
I must go and my adoption proclaim.  
I must go!



## IFFB Conference in Kentucky

The International Fellowship of Fundamental Baptist (IFFB) will be meeting this month near Lexington, KY. The IFFB is a fellowship of preachers. The IFFB began back in 1961, and over the years the fellowship has enjoyed the leadership of some great men of God: Dolphus Price, Bob Bevington, Harold Sightler, and many others. Indiana has contributed to the leadership of the IFFB with men like Ford Porter, Leon Maurer, B.M. Page, and Russell Dennis, Sr.

This fellowship is a "fresh breath" among many preacher's meetings. All are invited.

On Monday – Wednesday, August 11 – 13, 2014 the IFFB will hold their biannual meeting at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Nicholasville, KY. For more information and the list of speakers, please visit the website: [www.iffbonline.net](http://www.iffbonline.net)