

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!



**The 2010 Confirmation Class of Rose Hill UMC**

On Sunday, May 16, 2010 we were blessed to welcome 15 young people into our church through confirmation: Kayla Anderson, Erianna Appel, Kourtney Barron, Chandler Boese, Trey Boese, Jaden Campidilli, Ashtyn Cody, Madison Nelson, Gabe Nickel, Chelsea Pinkerton, Joshlyn Pinkerton, Christopher Rollins, Reed Strawn, Sean Thompson and Darby VanHoutan.

We also rejoice in the baptism of Madison Nelson, Gabe and Mason Nickel, Chelsea and Joshlyn Pinkerton and Darby VanHoutan.

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## *New Arrival*



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Emily Epperson on the birth of her daughter, Avery Lynn Dewey. She was born Monday, May 3, 2010. Avery weighed 8 lbs. 11 ozs. Proud grandparents are Jean & Kirk Epperson.



## IS YOUR CHURCH AS **FRIENDLY** AS YOU THINK?

**Become the friendliest place in town!**

### **Friendliness: It's Your Turn to Smile!**

Mike generally thought that most people were cranky. "No one smiled at me," he shared, "In fact, it seemed to me that everyone was frowning at me." Mike decided to try an experiment. He made it his personal mission to smile at every person he saw for one month. "At first it felt a little awkward. I had to force it," says Mike. "but after a few days smiling at everyone started to feel more natural, and I started to be surprised because people smiled back! I started to feel like a friendly person, and others started to seem more friendly to me." All because Mike smiled.

### **Step one. Smile.**

Smiling at people makes a bigger difference than you can imagine. A smile makes your face attractive. It makes your face welcoming. It can actually radiate a message of warmth and encouragement. Smiling makes others feel that you're approachable, that you might be able to answer a question or that you won't reject them. That's one of the first messages you'd want a visitor to your church to receive-right? "I'm friendly! Feel free to talk to me because I can help you!" It's also a message we want to spread to those who aren't visitors, to those who have been coming to church for a while. After all, everyone needs encouragement and a smile offers just that. Plus, just because someone has been coming to your church for a while doesn't mean that person is connected or feels as if he or she truly belongs at your church. Greet them with a smile.

### **You Look Marvelous!**

You receive benefits from smiling. Smiling relieves stress, lowers your blood pressure, gives your immune system a boost, makes you look younger, and releases endorphins that make you feel better. All because you took the time to smile at someone else. It's a gift to yourself that makes a difference in the life of someone else.

### **A Challenge**

Smile. Take it to the extremes and smile at every person you encounter at church this week. Smile from your heart, knowing that you're sharing a bit of God's love with each person who sees your face.

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