

"Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs"		Foyle Perkins
♪	<i>What a Mighty God We Serve</i>	993
♪	<i>Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah</i>	3
♪	<i>Step by Step</i>	15
Read: Isaiah 63⁷⁻⁹		Barry Smith
Prayer		Dick Posey
♪	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	202
Communion Offering		Joe Hall
Read: Hebrews 2¹⁰⁻¹⁸		Barry Smith
♪	<i>Sanctuary</i>	
"God's Gift of a New Life!"		
Romans 6⁴		Kevin Bibbee
♪	<i>Nothing But the Blood</i>	902
Shepherd's Prayer		Bob Belville
<i>Assist with Communion:</i>		
J. Eckard, L. Ellis, J. Mayhue, K. Sumner, (L. Arnett)		
<i>Nursery:</i> B. Snyder		<i>Next Week:</i>
<i>Bibbee Girls:</i> Youth		<i>Next Week:</i> Henrys

Bible Study Opportunities		
Sunday 9:30		
Adults, "Mark":	auditorium	Bob Belville
Adults, "faith":	house annex	Percil Watkins
Young Adults:	lower level	McDermotts
Teens:	education wing	Nancy Posey
Grades 4-6:	education wing	Bryan Steelman
Grades 1-3:	education wing	Patsy Yoder
Ages 4-5:	education wing	Kim Adcox
Ages 2&3:	education wing	Ann Stasny
Birth thru age 2	education wing	Barbara Gnann
<i>(& we care for special needs children at both hours)</i>		
Monday		
12:15 L.I.M.E. Ladies Class:	<i>"That You May Believe"</i>	
	lower level	Tracie Perkins
7:00 Burke Plus	Perkins	home 397-5065
Tuesday small group studies		
7:00 Conover East	Watkins	home 994-4138
Wednesday 7:00		
Adults:	<i>"Acts"</i>	lower level
Adults:	<i>"What Must the Church of Christ Do To Be Saved?"</i>	
	auditorium	Bob Belville
Teens	house annex	Kevin Bibbee
Grades 4-6	education wing	Lionel Ellis
Grades 1-3	education wing	DJ Keller
Preschool	education wing	Kamy Bibbee
Thursday small group studies		
7:00 Conover West	Bibbee	home 228-1641

New adult classes:

There are two new adult class coming in January. D.V.

The **Sunday auditorium class** will spend about a year in a study of Isaiah, the "fifth gospel". Riddle: what book is divided into 2 sections of 39 and 27 totaling 66? The Bible you say? Right, but also Isaiah. But besides trivia there is much more to learn about the faithfulness of God and the promise of a savior. You will not need a book, we plan to have a weekly handouts which will become a handy commentary, but if you'd like to drink deeper we recommend commentaries by **John Oswalt** and **Christopher Seitz** along with favorite ACU OT scholar John Willis who wrote Isaiah in the old Sweets Living Word Commentary and also the new **Transforming Word Commentary**. Books are not cheap but we hope you budget for a few good books every year. A mind is a terrible thing to waste.



The **Wednesday night "seminar" class** meeting in the auditorium is about to finish a Leroy Garrett book and will be beginning a study of the very important book of 1 John using another study from our friend Tom Olbright. "Life Together, The Heart of Love and Fellowship in 1 John". There is a small supply of books in our library to get us started.

By design, these classes are not highly structured and class participation is encouraged. We will discuss whatever questions come up at whatever depth we need to. Our tradition (from the time of Barton Stone and Thomas Campbell) is one that respects differences of opinion and interpretation. Join us!

2012/2013 averages		Last Week
71/66	Sunday School	65
120/117	Assembly	115
65/64	Wednesday	
\$2,976/\$3,298	Contribution	\$2,963
(\$4000/week meets our expenses & services our mortgage)		



HICKORY CHURCH OF CHRIST

IMPERFECT PEOPLE... LEARNING TO LOVE PERFECTLY

DECEMBER 29, 2013

Isaiah 63⁷⁻⁹

God's Mercy Remembered

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely";
and he became their savior in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Hebrews 2¹⁰⁻¹⁸

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Wireless receivers for hearing impaired are available in the mail room – ask a greeter

Sunday School 9:30; Assembly 10:30; Wednesday 7:00
Pantry distribution: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 4:30-6:30
1218 Fairgrove Church Road, Hickory 28602
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9-3

"...let him call the elders of the church..." James 5¹⁴
Ron Henry ☎ 256-8437 Steve Killian ☎ 256-9142 Bob Belville ☎ 221-0356

Post your prayer requests or download our current prayer list @ www.hickorychurch.org or use the back of a visitor card.
...pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5¹⁶

Sympathy:

The family of **Lynn Villines** of Springfield, TN, who passed away December 24. The funeral was Saturday. She was a cousin of Retta Hughes.

Special Prayer Requests:

Betty Eckard (81), Eloise Burton's sister, is in Charlotte hospital with brain bleeding.

Lucille Dixon is recovering from intestinal pain. TYL!

Eloise Burton will have heart surgery at Duke Monday, December 30.

Jim Sidbury has moved to Cypress of Charlotte Care Facility and continues doing well. PTL!

Carrie Phillips, Theresa's mom, is hospitalized due to acute skin pressure issues.

Carter Krenicki (3), the Stasny's nephew, has Cerebral Palsy and has not walked on his own. His family is trying to raise funds for surgery.

June Colman, Watkins' friend, has adverse reaction to recent carcinoma treatments.

Regina Newkirk, Watkins' family friend, struggling with grief & with paying college tuition after her mother's recent death.

The Rheinbolts are in Guatemala visiting their son and family. Karen plans to remain there about a month.

Our Members are Job Seekers

(Let us know, we'll pray and network!)

David Bierce, Harley Bumgarner, & Mark Powers seek work.

Our shut-ins are not out of our mind or prayers:

Georgia Adcox – Abernathy Center.

Kathleen Kirby – Hickory Manor.

Jim & Deane Valentine – Home.

God bless those serving in distant lands:

Robert & Regina Lewis – Chemnitz, Germany

Craig & Teresa Phillips – Mumbai, India

Eduardo & Veronica Beltran – Ilo, Perú

Friends remain in our prayers

(Please keep the editor advised of any condition updates)

Casey Allen † John Alwran † Dan Anderson † David Barnes † Roger Bass † James Belcher † Paul Berton † David Bierce † Jim Birdwell † Madeline Blau † Michael Boggs † Mary Bolch † Eric & Carrie Bowen † Olivia Brank † Kathy Brookshire † Evelyn Brown † Jennifer Brown † Paul Brown † Rita Burns † Eloise Burton † Jane Cannon † Joyce Champion † Bart Clements † David Clements † Octavia Cook † Samantha & Sydney Cook † Marsha Cooper † Lincoln Cox † Billie Dennie † Kevin Dill † Frances Dula † Art Duncan † Tina Duncan † Curtis Forbes † Marie Forrester † Desiree & Ramae Foster † Tammy Fox † Kathy Gamble † Audra Gibson † Ernestine Gibson † Mary Bell Gouge † Donna Green † Patsy Green † Marla Greer † Eric Hadden † Robert Hadden † Cathy Hall † Kelly Hammons † Jim Hanlon † Heather Harrison † Paul Headrick † Bobbi Henson † Rachael Heater † Jennifer Heavener † Elizabeth Herman † Shannon Horton † Marc Hull † Gladys Hull † Verna Jordan † Sandy Kane † Susan Kelly † Sam Kenyon † Dora Knox & her daughter † Debbie Lawing † Serenity Lawrence † Adam Lewis † Tracy Linton † Robert Link † Mike Lipford † Zora Marley † Michael Martin † Valerie McCala † Gary McLean † Marsha McNeely † Patricia Meadows † Cheryl Miller † Ellen Miller † Paul Moody † Adam Moore † Warren Newberry † Jerry Olsen † Mary Jane Patton † Carrie Phillips † Julie Phillips † Eddie Pippin † Ashlyn Pope † Martha Plott † Grady Rector † Daniel Reid † Jeff Rikard family † Charlotte Rogers † Kelly Rogers † Caleb Sams † Brigham Sapp † Sue Sexton † Roger Shanks † Rose Mary Shepherd † Jim Sidbury † Alice Sigmon † Luke Wesley Sigmon † Richard Sigmon † Erin Sipe † Jim & Kathy Smith † Joel & Michelle Smith † Gwen Smith † Michael Smith † Mary Smith † Steve Smith † Tony Smith † Marsha Speigle † Nate Steele † Jim Teague & family † Joyce Thompson † Debbie Tucker † Isaac Walker † Jack Warner † Ben Watson † Melissa Johnson-White † Elaine Whitlock † Bobby Whitt † Faye Jean Wiggins † Kyler Wilfong † Ted Wilfong † Sam Wilfong † Phyllis Winters † Johnny Wood † Joyce Wright † Danni Zavadil

ALL IN THE FAMILY...

December:

- ☞ **31–Tuesday, 9:00 'til midnight, New Year's Eve @ the Bibbee home:** singing, games, fun and fellowship!
- ☞ **31–Tuesday, 9:00 'til... New Year's Eve @ the McDermott home:** for young adults and youths. See Bryan/Meredith for details.

January:

- ☞ **4–Saturday, 11:00 bible class teacher workday.**
- ☞ **5–Sunday, 5:30: L.I.F.T.**
- ☞ **12–Sunday, 12:00: Conover East A.T.** meal in fellowship hall.
- ☞ **14–Tuesday, 11:00 Senior Friends Luncheon.** @ Jason's Deli. (Please note a change of venue.)
- ☞ **17–20 Friday evening through noon Monday, Carolina Bible Camp Winter Camp, "Facing the Lions":** ages 13-21; \$60. adult workers needed too - details @ www.carolinabiblecamp.org/winter
- ☞ **18–Saturday, 8:15: men's Bible study, breakfast.** Let Kevin Boggs know you're coming.
- ☞ **26–Sunday, 12:00: LtL Bible Bowl: Acts.** Bring covered dish or \$3 for pizza.

February

- ☞ **7, 8: "A Living Hope" Women of Hope Conference,** Murfreesboro, Tennessee (Early-Bird registration is January 6) www.hhi.org/womenofhope.
- ☞ **14-16 Winterfest! 2014**

- ☞ **Joe Hall** needs to borrow a trailer January 3-5 to take some furniture to Nashville and to help Shannon move into her new apartment. If you have something that might work for him call Joe @ 828-228-2905.
- ☞ (Oddly, there are no birthdays or anniversaries this week except for good friends **Kristi Stephenson** and son **Will** who share December 31.)