

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Assembly: 10:30am

(Wireless receivers available)

Sunday Classes, 9:30am

Adults: Gospels, Percil, auditorium

Teens: Tom & Janet, hut

Grades 4-6: Barbara Eckard

Grades 1-3: Kelsie Powell

Ages 4-K: Dora McDonald

Age 2-3: Tonya & Margo

Wednesday Classes, 7pm

Adults: Foyle, fellowship hall, "What's Next?"

Adults: Bob, auditorium, "The God Who Saves"

College/Young Adult: Tim & Debbie, library

Teens: Kevin & Kamy, hut

Grades 1-6: Theresa Watkins & Margaret Sigmon

Preschool-K: Missy & Joy

Food Pantry/New 2 You: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 4:30-6:00

Watkins Small Group: Sundays 7pm, 234 8th St NE, Conover. Call 828.994.4138 to confirm times.

LIFT: First Sunday of the month at 5:30pm. *Children of the Day* by Beth Moore. See Janet or Kamy.

LIME: Mondays 10am in the church library. Meets weekly. *Traveling Light* by Max Lucado. See Theresa or Georgiana.

Sermon Series: Faith Alive!

Attractive Faith

On Bended Knee (791)

We Will Glorify (578)

Reading: Psalm 27:1-5, Chris White

Prayer of Praise: Bryan Steelman

Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You (768)

Listen to Our Hearts (810)

Communion & Offering: Tim Duncan

Reading: I Cor. 1:10-18, Randy Pannell

Our God is Alive (23)

Dismiss Kingdom Kids

Message: Mark 2, Kevin Bibbee

Where He Leads (417)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed Assurance (480)

Worship Leader: Rik Covalinski

Communion Servers: Roy Henson, David Watkins, Kerry Sumner, Paxton Powell

Sitting with the Sisters: Janet

Nursery: Barbara G

Kingdom Kids: Patsy Yoder

January Greeters: Burke Plus

January Hospitality Coordinator: Nancy Belville



Welcome Visitors!

We're glad you're here today! Please fill out an information card and place it in the collection plate. Thank you!

Hickory Church of Christ Vision Statement:

We exist to connect people to the power of God. We desire to be a church family that imitates Jesus Christ, so others can find love, service, community, and hope.

Announcements & Reminders

- Today at 5pm - Burke Plus Action Team dinner at Belville's, theme is comfort food
- Sun. 1/29 at 8:55am - VBS planning meeting
- Sun. 1/29 at 6pm - 5th Sunday Singing at the Bibbee's
- Tue. 2/14 at 11am - Senior Friends Luncheon at the Snack Bar. RSVP to Retta by 5pm on Sun. 2/2.
- Fri-Sat. 3/3-3/4 - Women of Hope conference, Lebanon TN. Discount registration ends 2/3.
- Sat. 3/4 - 5th Annual Blood Drive. More details to follow.
- Read Through The Bible In A Year guide on our website at hickorychurch.org
- **Winterfest:** Fri.-Sun. 2/17-2/19 in Gatlinburg.

Prayer Requests

Barbara Eckard had medical tests Thursday.

Roy Henson prays for good results from recent medical tests.

Ella Jane Mays will be at Carillon Assisted Living for several more weeks for therapy.

Barry Barlowe, Barbara Eddins', Billie Dennie's, & Judy Cole's niece's husband, is weak & sick from chemo & can't work.

Kaleb Hoffer, Clyde & Dolly Griffith's 5y/o grandson, will have heart surgery 2/2. The Griffiths need prayers for health as well.

Sue Hawley will be traveling & staying in TN & FL for the next few months.

Brenda Taylor, Kamy Bibbee's friend, has breast cancer & will have surgery next week.

Foyle Perkins was especially weak after recent chemo, & thanks God for strength recently.

Ron & Ann Henry are grateful for flowers, food, cards, & prayers after her stroke.

Hazel Howard is grateful for flowers, prayers, & encouragement, after her shoulder replacement surgery.

Brian Pasch, Mark Roberts' brother-in-law, was not benefiting from chemo, & hospice has been called in.

Valerie Streeter's brother is battling cancer & not expect to live much longer.

Kay Smith has acute vertigo issues.

Tim Stroud has health challenges & seeks prayers for guidance as he contemplates work in missions.

Joy Heller is recovering from flu & bronchitis.

Kevin Bibbee will have cataract surgery.

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27:1-5 The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Prayer Requests (Continued)

Ashley, the Perkin's daughter in WY, is seeing neurologists for severe migraines & is expecting her first child.

Larry Duncan prays to be able to put weight on his foot again, after car accident & extensive therapy.

Reba Rhinehart, friend of several HCOC members, is at Baptist & may have Guillain-Barre syndrome.

Claude Justice, friend of Retta Hughes & family, had leg surgery & starts therapy soon.

Teresa Robbins, Hazel Howard's daughter, has chronic severe headaches.

Tom Killinger awaits an appointment to determine treatment for colon cancer.

Ron Nonamaker, Kevin Bibbee's cousin, came through surgery for blood clots well.

Casey Allen needs prayers for complete healing.

Percil Watkins needs prayers for safety with overseas work travel.

Zane (12), family of Hazel Howard, was taken to hospital in TX due to unknown problem causing double vision.

Notes from the Lesson:

Religion = _____

Christianity = _____

Denomination = _____

Faith Alive = _____

Attractive Faith:

1. Following Christ focuses on the _____ while following a Religion focuses on a _____.

2. Following Christ learns how to _____ while following a Religion can fill you with _____.

3. Following Christ is based on _____ while following a Religion bases itself on _____ taught from _____.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/23 Dennis Jaschob
1/24 Deane Valentine
1/26 Robert Link
1/27 Bernie Boags



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