

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

Sunday, January 3, 2016

## Announcements & Reminders

- **LIFT:** Tonight at 5:30pm.
  - **Conover East Action Team**
- Lunch:** Sunday, January 10 at 12 noon.
- **Lads to Leaders:** Registration due January 11. See Cole or Margo Hull.
  - **Men's Bible Study & Breakfast:** Saturday, January 16 at 8:45am.
  - **Congregational Singing:** Sunday, January 17 at 6pm.
  - **Women of Hope Conference:** Murfreesboro, TN, March 4-5. Register by 1/29. See Theresa. [www.hhi.org/womenofhope](http://www.hhi.org/womenofhope)
  - **4th Annual Blood Drive in honor of Megan Bibbee:** Sunday, March 13, 12-3pm. More details to come.

## 2016 Re-Connect!

957 - *This World is Not My Home*  
23 - *Our God, He is Alive*  
71 - *As the Deer*  
**Prayer of Praise:** Barry Smith  
**Reading:** Psalm 8, Percil Watkins  
315 - *When I Survey*  
**Communion & Offering:** Jerry Burton  
**Reading:** Lk 2:15-20, Richard Rheinbolt  
622 - *Ring Out*  
**Dismiss Kingdom Kids Bible Hour**  
**Message:** Colossians - Supreme & Sufficient  
915 - *Trust and Obey*  
**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
881 - *Mansion Over the Hilltop*

**Song Leader:** David Jernigan  
**Communion Servers:** Tim Stroud, Joey Osborne, Tom Keever, Austin Wallace  
**Sitting with the Sisters:** Henrys  
**Nursery Workers:** Patsy  
**January Greeters:** Burke Plus

## Notes from the Lesson:

**Sunday Assembly:** 10:30  
(Wireless receivers available)

## Sunday Classes 9:30am

**Adults:** "Isaiah," Bob, auditorium  
**Adults:** "To Be a Disciple," Percil, downstairs  
**College:** Tim & Debbie  
**Teens:** Tom & Janet, hut  
**Grades 4-6:** Yoders  
**Grades 1-3:** Kelsie P.  
**Ages 4-K:** Ann Stasny  
**Cradle Roll:** Barbara Gnann

## Wednesday Classes 7:00pm

**Adults:** "Deuteronomy," Bob, auditorium  
**Adults:** "The Letters," Richard, fellowship hall  
**College/Young Adult:** Tim & Debbie, library  
**Teens:** Kevin & Kamy, annex  
**Grades 4-6:** Theresa  
**Grades 1-3:** Debbie Killian  
**Preschool-K:** Tim & Missy

**Food Pantry/New 2 You:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 4:30-6:00  
**LIME:** Mondays 9:30, Theresa, "Growing & Sharing Our Faith"  
**LIFT:** 1st Sundays 5:30  
**Watkins Small Group:** Tues. 7:00

## Prayer Requests

**Pray for elder selection & training w/ Mike Cagle.**  
**Bob Belville** has a leg infection.  
**Billie Dennie** is struggling w/high blood pressure & is on meds.  
**Barbara Eddins** is having difficulties with her health.  
**Pat Dennie**, Barbara, Judy C, & Billie's sister-in-law, had a CT chest scan 12/29 & seeks prayers for good outcome on 1/5.  
**Megan Bibbee** has a viral infection & other health challenges.

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### Lectionary

**Jeremiah 31:7-14** For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

**Psalms 147:12-20** Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat. He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down hail like crumbs - who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!

**Ephesians 1:3-14** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**John 1:10-18** He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

### Prayer Requests, Continued

**Van Bodden** needs encouragement & prayers for health.

**Alice Gillison** is in hospice care; her husband Philip was an elder here.

**Dee Bingham** passed away.

**Chris Polley's**, Bobbi's nephew, cancer has returned in lungs & brain.

**Penny**, Jakis and Jaheem Harris' grandmother, has leg problems.

**Janet Keever** had staples removed Tuesday; improvement with her vision is still being evaluated.

**Murray Davis** is at Baptist, as his platelets keep dropping, indicating some cancer is present.

**Donald Headrick**, Ann Henry's brother, does not have results for PET Scan yet.

**Ramona Williams**, Theresa's sister, is looking for employment.

**Laura & Josh Gibson** are seeking a church family; he is looking for a job.

**Mary Mathis**, 93, Watkins' friend, had 1st of 26 radiation treatments for cervical cancer.

**Mrs. Ray**, Elijah White's step-dad's grandmother, is not eating or talking.

**Lewis Steelman** is at Conover Nursing & Rehab Rm. 109. Pray for wife Edith also.

**Samantha Skipworth**, Tori & Nathan's friend, had an abnormality in her post-natal checkup, will see dr this month.

**Pray for God's work in Haiti.** Jojo, 4, who was kidnapped, has not been located. Estes Church of Christ seeks couple to run Children's Home - apply/inquire: info@esteschurch.org or P.O. Box 191, Henderson, TN 38340.

### 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.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 4 Adam Smith

Jan 6 Margo Hull

Jan 7 Phillip Sumner

Jan 8 Barbara Eddins

