

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, January 8, 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!

Adventurous Faith

Unto Thee, O Lord (794)

I Love You, Lord (779)

Prayer of Praise: Randy Pannell

Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6, David Watkins
When the Roll (852)

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (324)

Communion & Offering: Richard Rheinbolt

Reading: Matthew 2:1-11, Kerry Sumner
When We All Get to Heaven (853)

Dismiss Kingdom Kids

Message: James 2:18, Kevin Bibbee
Jesus is Tenderly Calling (947)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

On Jordan's Stormy Banks (886)

Worship Leader: David Jernigan

Communion Servers: Bryce Hull, John Stasny, Jonathan Eckard, Will Snyder

Sitting with the Sisters: Kristen

Nursery Workers: Blanch Finch

Kingdom Kids: Patsy Yoder

January Greeters: Burke Plus



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 noon - Conover East Action Team lunch, at the Watkin's home
- Tue. 1/10 at 11am - Senior Friend's Luncheon at The Snack Bar. RSVP to Retta by 5pm tomorrow.
- Sun. 1/15 at 4pm - Men's meeting with elders
- Sat. 1/21 at 8:45am - Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
- Sun. 1/22 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
- Read Through The Bible In A Year guide on our website at hickorychurch.org

Marriage Re-Connect Workshop

Fri. 1/13 at 5:30-9pm, & Sat. 1/14 8am-12:30pm

REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY!

\$30 per couple with childcare included
Dinner & light breakfast provided. Presented by Owen & Laura Mitchell (of FL). Discount lodging through Crowne Plaza in Hickory (mention Reconnect). See Watkins with questions.

Youth Announcements:

- New youth group name: **R1:sixTEEN**
Based on Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."
- **CBC Winter Camp:** 1/13-1/16, register on CBC website.
- **Winterfest:** Fri.-Sun. 2/17-2/19 in Gatlinburg.

Prayer Requests

Lucille Dixon has a cold with coughing and congestion.

Peggy "PJ" Morgan, the Rheinbolt's cousin, passed recently.

Casey Allen needs prayers to overcome long-term struggles.

Kevin Bibbee will have surgery for cataracts.

Mary Nell Covalinski needs prayers for various health challenges.

Tim Stroud seeks prayers for guidance as he considers work in missions.

Steve Killian has an upper respiratory infection.

John Stasny has an upper respiratory infection.

Dolly Griffith is recovering from acute sinus troubles.

Lucille Woodrum is having some improvement in her vertigo.

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

Ann Henry will have speech, physical, & occupational therapy after major stroke.

Sally Cannon did well with cataract surgery.

Joy Heller has the flu and bronchitis.

Roy Henson seeks a spiritual lift. Pray for him & Bobbie to overcome challenges.

Hazel Howard is recovering well from shoulder replacement.

Shannon Orren, the Pannell's daughter, has medical issues.

Steve Killian & family are grateful for prayers, plant, cards, & all expressions of sympathy after his dad's passing.

Tom Killinger will have more tests to determine treatment for colon cancer.

Foyle Perkins needs strength for ongoing chemo treatments.

Ron Nonamaker, Kevin Bibbee's cousin, is at Cleveland Clinic with a blood clot in his lung.

Brian Pasch, Mark Robert's brother-in-law, started chemo treatments.

Ella Jane Mays is at Carillon Assisted Living in Newton - visits are welcomed!

John Setzer is home recovering from a stroke; please pray for him & wife Anna.

Ryan Lipford needs relief from frequent seizures.

Deb Heitland, Larry & Sharon Duncan, for continued healing.

Our college students need prayers for safety, success, & spiritual focus in returning to school.

Our upcoming Reconnect Marriage event, for safe travels of speakers & participants.

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesian 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2:1-11 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Notes from the Lesson:

Adventurous Faith is a faith in...

1. The U _____ - Mark 1:16-20
2. The E _____ C _____ - Mark 1:21-26
3. The D _____ K _____ - Mark 1:27-28
4. The T _____ C _____ - Mark 1:32-42

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/8 Barbara Eddins
1/10 Ron Henry
1/10 Bryan McDermott
1/11 Lynn Benicken
1/12 Blake Eckard



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