

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, November 29, 2015

Announcements & Reminders

- **Conover East AT** will serve as Greeters for December.
- **Winterfest Registration** is now open! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.
- **College Student December Care Packages:** Please leave candy, cookies, cocoa, tea, small toiletries, books, gift cards, notes, etc. in the donation box in the lobby. See Tim or Debbie Duncan with questions & let them know if you have a student in college.
- **Adult Christmas Party:** Sat. 12/5 at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a covered dish.
- **LIFT Meeting:** 12/6 at 5:30.
- **Senior Friends Luncheon:** Tues. 12/8 at 11am at Abernethy Laurels Bistro in Newton. RSVP to Retta by Sun. 12/6 at 5pm.
- **Free Concert:** Barry Smith & his Barbershop Singers, & Hickory High School Singers, will perform at the SALT Block Auditorium 12/13 at 2:30pm. Donations will benefit Hickory High Music Program & local charities.
- **Conover East Action Team Lunch:** Sun. 12/13 at noon.
- **Ministry Leaders' Meeting:** Sun. 12/13 at 6pm.
- Donna Covalinski will be leading Kingdom Kids for the month of December. **PLEASE NOTE:** We will NOT have Kingdom Kids on Sun. 12/27.

The Most Remarkable Thing

Luke 5:17-26

Prayer of Praise: Jerry Burton
6 - *All Creatures of Our God and King*
264 - *O Come Let Us Adore Him*
Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Tom Keever
300 - *Praise Him, Praise Him*
The Old Rugged Cross
Communion: Bryan Steelman
113 - *His Grace Reaches Me*
Offering
605 - *I Will Serve You*
Reading: Luke 21:25-36, Bob Belville
Dismiss Kingdom Kids Bible Hour
Message: Kevin Bibbee
560 - *Living By Faith*
Prayer of Thanksgiving
973 - *Everybody Will Be Happy Over There*

Song Leader: Kevin Boggs
Communion Servers: Bryce Hull, John Stasny, Jonathan Eckard, Randy Pannell
Sitting with the Sisters: Mary Nell
Nursery Workers: Debbie
November Greeters: Conover West

Sunday Classes: 9:30
Sunday Assembly: 10:30
Wednesday Classes: 7:00
(Wireless receivers are available for the hearing-impaired)

Sunday Classes

- **Adults:** "Isaiah," Bob Belville, auditorium
- **Teens:** Tom & Janet, hut
- **Grades 4-6:** Bryan & Jennifer
- **Grades 1-3:** Kelsie P.
- **Ages 4-K:** Dora
- **Ages 2-3:** Sally Cannon

Wednesday Classes

- **Adults:** "Deuteronomy," Bob Belville, auditorium
- **Adults:** "The Letters," Richard R., fellowship hall
- **College/Young Adults:** Tim & Debbie, library
- **Teens:** Kevin & Kamy, house annex
- **Grades 4-6:** Theresa
- **Grades 1-3:** Eddie & Margaret
- **Preschool-K:** Missy & Joy

Food Pantry/New 2 You: 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays 4:30-6:00
LIME: Mondays 9:30
LIFT: 1st Sundays 5:30
Watkins Small Group Study:
Tuesdays 7:00

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.

Notes from the Lesson:

Preaching Minister: Kevin Bibbee 828.228.1641

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Prayer requests and announcements: bulletin@hickorychurch.org

Lectionary

Jeremiah 33:14-16 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Psalms 25:1-10 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

I Thessalonians 3:9-13 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21:25-36 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among the nations confused by the roaring of the sea and waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Prayer Requests

Pray for our elder selection process & church leadership.

Cat Cunningham, Cynthia Lipford's cousin, passed away Wednesday, after a brief illness.

Murray Davis came home from Baptist this week. He will have 2 appts per week to assess progress, and more chemo.

Mary Mathis, the Watkins' friend, of NY will see doctors 12/7 for abdominal pain & issues.

Donna Covalinski's grandmother (100) passed away this week.

Brenda Senn, Jerry Senn's wife, of Hendersonville, was hospitalized & entered a dementia rehab unit this week. The Senns served CoCs in Hendersonville, Morganton, Spruce Pine, & Greer SC over the past 50 years.

The Eckards, Dixie Willard, Barbara Eddins, Myra Hill, & Jane Mays have all been dealing with illness recently.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 29 Marti Shirah

Dec 2 Ali Steelman

Dec 2 Shele Smith

Dec 5 Anita Wilfong

