Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly. Sunday, December 10, 2017

Assembly: 10:30am

(Wireless receivers available) Sunday Classes, 9:30am Adults: Gospels, Percil, auditorium Teens: Tom & Janet, hut Grades 4-6: Bryan McDermott Grades 1-3: Debbie Killian Ages 4-K: Dora McDonald

Wednesday Classes, 7pm

Adults: Old Testament, "The God Who Saves," auditorium College/Young Adult: Tim & Debbie, library Teens: Kevin & Kamy, hut Grades 1-6: Theresa Watkins Preschool-K: Missy Stroud

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

LIFT: First Sunday of the month at 5:30pm, studying Echoing His Heartbeat: The Life of David by Casandra Martin.

LIME: Mondays 10:30am in the church library, studying the Gospel of John

Spiritual Vision

To God Be the Glory (4) **Prayer:** Tom Keever **Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-11, Richard Rhinebolt My Hope Is Build on Nothing Less (538) I Need Thee Every Hour (837) My Eyes Are Dry (792) **Communion & Offering:** Paxton Powell **Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Bryce Hull Standing on the Promises (452) **Dismiss Kingdom Kids Message:** Mads Fredskilde, Matt. 6:22-24 Where He Leads I'll Follow (417) **Shepherds Prayer** Sowing the Seeds of the Kingdom (643)

Song Leader: Dillon King

Servers: David Watkins, Jonathan Eckard, John Stasny, Will Snyder Nursery: Mary Nell Sitting with the Sisters: Slys Kingdom Kids: Janet Keever & Debbie Duncan Greeters: Conover East Hospitality Coordinator: Dora McDonald



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

• Monday 12/11, 10:30-11:30am - LIME meeting on "The History of Islam and the Quran." We will learn what the Quran says about the trinity, Jesus, and salvation. We will also discuss the mindset of Muslims compared to the Western culture, & learn effective ways to dialogue with Muslims about their faith & ours. Presenter: Jorge Gil. Everyone is invited - males and females. Please come and bring a guest.

• Sat. 12/16, 8am - **Torl & Nathan Sly** would be grateful for some help moving out of their apartment in Statesville. Coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks will be provided. Please call or text Tori at 828.308.7653 for the address if you can help.

• Sat. 12/16, 9am - A sign-up form is on the bulletin board, for donations needed for **holiday fruit baskets** for our senior citizens. Please give whatever you can and come help assemble these baskets. Everyone's help is appreciated.

• The **Senior Friends** will not meet in December, but will start again in January, 2018. The restaurant will be decided upon at a later date.

• Our church leaders will soon offer a New Member/ New Christian Class and a Difficult Sayings/Questions from the Bible Class. More details will follow.

• Winterfest sign-up is on the bulletin board. See Bryan Steelman with any questions or to pay.

• If you'd like to be added to, removed from or make any changes to the **Sitting with the Sisters List**, where volunteers sit with the Bibbee sisters during the worship service, please contact Megan Rae Hollar - meganhollarot@gmail.com

• Please **pray for and write to Samantha Hall**, as she completes her Basic Training for the Army National Guard. Her mailing address: PFC Hall, Maegan, Delta Battery, 1/19th, 2nd Platoon "HellRaisers", 5960 Rothwell Street, Fort Sill, OK 73503-6204

• Please consider bringing donations, even your loose change, to help with our **'Burn the Mortgage'** effort. You may give these directly to Tom Keever, rather than putting them in the collection plates.

• Tim Duncan is looking for a few good **handymen** to help HCOC members with home projects that resulted from the recent tornado.

• Current and former military personnel or law enforcement officials and other interested HCOC members are asked to contact Tim Duncan, tim. duncan@embarqmail.com, to let him know of your interest in helping with a church safety/security program.

• Visit www.worldenglishinstitute.org/register/ teacher, to register to become an **Internet Bible Teacher** with World English Institute.

• If anyone has twin or full-size bed frame or headboard / footboard you are not using and would like to donate to those in need, please see Theresa Watkins.

• Please consider helping a family in need in Ecuador- with financial assistance to complete home construction. See Elisabeth Fredskilde, to help. Pray for the faith of our children, teens and college students to endure; for God's favor with efforts to start a Bible study group at CVCC; for several recent visitors who have immense life challenges. Juanita Henson, Roy's Mom, passed in Bristol, TN. Donations for funeral costs may be made to HCOC. Alicia Hollar (Megan Rae's mother) will have a cardiac ablation on 12/28 to address her tachycardia Barry Smith passed 11/13. Please pray for the family. Memorial gifts may be made to HCOC Food Pantry. Kenneth Wallace, Melody's Dad and Austin's Granddad, has cancer in several parts of his body. Ann Stasny started radiation treatments Wed; she'll take it daily for six weeks. Back pain is improving. PTL! Drue Stroud will have foot surgery Tues. 12/12/17. Guy Lail, Debbie Duncan's Dad, had a kidney biopsy 12/6; will get results 12/12 & have 2nd opinion 12/14. Jane Mays is having health struggles. Her roommate at Carillon Assist. Living passed recently. Tom Killinger is having heart problems and will see doctors soon for more tests.

Barbara Gnann had surgery to reattach tissue to bone in right shoulder, is not having excessive pain. **Harry**, a friend of Dillon & Danielle King, is having issues with his US work visa.

Noah Franks, the Kings' cousin, moved to Hickory & is staying with them. Please welcome him to the area. Teresa Robins and her boys are now in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, should be in their own home soon. Isabella Robins, Hazel Howard's granddaughter, was born last week via emergency C-section. Pray for Mom's recovery & heart to be open to God's Word. Deborah Miles is home recovering from surgery. Clyde and Dolly Griffith (KY) both fell and nothing was broken. Dolly has been bedridden, as a result. Franchesca Uribe, Flavio's daughter & Rheinbolt's granddaughter, has pain in her left leg, after surgery. Mary Nichols had cortisone shot which is helping with pain from a bulging disc and pinched nerve. Rentz Johnson (Eadie's grandson) is taking IV antibiotics thru outpatient care at CVMC each day. Margo Hull seeks prayers for her health and family. Tracie Perkins needs ongoing prayers & encouragement, given Foyle's passing. Terry Dennie (59), Billie's son, is healing from surgery. **Carol Ferrell** is recovering from triple bypass surgery. Jeff Rikard, the Boggs' nephew, is recovering from a

motorcycle accident. Billie Dennie needs prayers for healing. Barbara Eddins has several health challenges. Chris Polley, Bobbi Henson's nephew, is growing weaker, in his battle with cancer.

Sade Wilkes is dealing with great challenges. David Bierce is recovering from foot surgery. Marti Shirah is taking chemo, begins radiation in Feb. Mark Roberts has liver & lung condition that's treatable.

April McGrandy learned her one kidney is doing well. Lloyd, the Roberts' infant grandson, has sleep apnea. Van Bodden was moved to a Specialty Hospital in Greensboro. His direct number: 336-832-5713.

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2,8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8

Notes:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/14 Megan Bibbee 12/15 Danielle King 12/15 Andrea Patterson



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