

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Announcements & Reminders

- **Ministry Leaders Meeting** has been **CANCELLED!** Congregation-wide prayer meeting tonight at 6.
- **Winterfest Registration** is now open! Sign up on the bulletin board.
- **Conover East Action Team Lunch:** Noon today.
- **Free Concert:** Barry Smith & Barbershop Singers, & Hickory HS Singers, SALT Block Auditorium 12/13 at 2:30pm.
- **Christmas Fruit Baskets:** Sat. 12/19 at 9am in the fellowship hall. Please donate fruit 12/16-12/19.
- **Eve of Christmas Eve Devotion:** Wed. 12/23 at 7pm. Invite friends & family!
- **NOTE:** No Kingdom Kids on 12/27.
- **New Year's Eve Party:** Smith's home, Dec. 31, 8pm-? Details to come
- **4th Annual Blood Drive in honor of Megan Bibbee:** 3/3, 12pm-3pm. More details to follow.

When Hope is Born...

74 - Praise the Lord

555 - Seek Ye First

Prayer of Praise: Jerry Burton

Reading: Isaiah 12:2-6, Barry Smith

2 - We Praise Thee, O God

344 - Low in the Grave He Lay

Communion & Offering: Tim Duncan

Reading: Philippians 4:4-7, John Stasny

1001 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Dismiss Kingdom Kids Bible Hour

Message: We Praise! Luke 2:8-20

934 - Softly & Tenderly

Prayer of Thanksgiving

867 - To Canaan's Land

Song Leader: David Jernigan

Communion Servers: Jorge Pacheco, Scott Powell, Roy Henson, David Watkins

Sitting with the Sisters: Tori & Nathan

Nursery Workers: Alice

December Greeters: Conover East

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
- **College:** Tim & Debbie
- **Teens:** Tom & Janet, hut
- **Grades 4-6:** Yoders
- **Grades 1-3:** Kelsie P.
- **Ages 4-K:** Ann Stasny
- **Ages 2-3**
- **Cradle Roll:** Barbara Gnann

Wednesday Classes

- **Adults:** "Deuteronomy," Bob Belville, auditorium
- **Adults:** "The Letters," Richard R., fellowship hall
- **College/Young Adults:** 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

LIFT: 1st Sundays 5:30

Watkins Small Group: Tues. 7:00

Notes from the Lesson:

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Lectionary

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing, as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame to praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Isaiah 12: 2-6 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3:7-18 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. DO not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children of Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed to you." Soldiers asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Prayer Requests

Pray for our elder selection process & elder nominees.

Georgia Adcox has had aggressive squamous cell cancer return on her head. Her condition will not allow surgery. She began radiation treatments this week.

Murray Davis is home, receiving platelets when needed. More treatment ahead.

Janet Keever was diagnosed with an aneurysm behind one eye & had surgery this week to correct the problem.

Art & Hester's daughter-in-law lost her sister this week. She lost another sister 6 mos. ago & mother a year ago. Pray for her sister's husband Tommy Joli & 2 kids.

Barbara Pannell awaits biopsy results. Drs believe it isn't cancer & is treatable.

Gene & Sabrina Dale need prayers for wisdom, dealing with financial needs regarding their car.

Tim Stroud needs strength & comfort with aunt Freddie Dunn's recent death.

Doctors are watching **Foyle Perkins'** previous tumor site. Pray for healing.

There is a 2-3year period before he can be considered cancer-free.

Lewis Steelman, Bryan's dad, is at Conover Rehab Rm. 109 receiving therapy for the next few weeks.

Suzie Wiles, Margo's mom, is healing from colon surgery.

Brandy, 11y/o friend of Hulls, has cancer.

Adela Madrigal, Rosa's mom, needs strength while undergoing chemo.

Mary Nichols needs prayers for continued strength.

Brenda Senn is in a dementia rehab unit.

Wylma Lindberg was hospitalized with breathing problems this week.

Mary Mathis, Watkin's friend, will begin radiation for cervical cancer tomorrow.

Myra Hill needs prayers for health.

Jane Mays is better, after long illness.

Mark Roberts had back injection for pain.

Marvin Phillips is nearing death.

Rolando Llanos, Rossana's brother-in-law, is doing much better & was released from the hospital this week.

Pray for work in Ilo, Peru, & Haiti.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 14 Megan Bibbee

Dec 15 Andrea Whyte

Dec 17 Nick Hall

Dec 17 Shannon Hall

Dec 19 Deidre Keller



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec 19 Jerry & Eloise Burton

Dec 19 Richard & Karen

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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.