

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 20, 2015

Announcements & Reminders

- **Winterfest Registration:** Sign up on the bulletin board.
- **Eve of Christmas Eve Devotion: No Ordinary Shepherd.** Wed. 12/23 at 7pm. Bring treats to share! Drinks will be provided. Please take flyers to invite friends & family!
- **NOTE:** No Kingdom Kids 12/27.
- **New Year's Eve Party:** Smith's home, Dec. 31, 8pm-? Food, football, fellowship, & singing in the new year! Bring snacks.
- **LIFT:** 1/3 at 5:30pm.
- See Bob Belville to update photos & info for directory.
- See Kay Smith or Nancy Posey to help with meals for Janet Keever.
- **4th Annual Blood Drive in honor of Megan Bibbee:** 3/13, 12-3pm. More details to come.

When Hope is Born...

Prayer of Praise: Percil Watkins
Reading: Luke 1:39-45, Bryan Steelman
993 - *What a Mighty God We Serve*
1001 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
1003 *Silent Night*
Reading: Luke 1:46-55, Dick Covalinski
1028 - *O Holy Night!*
PB 12 - *Great Are You Lord*
Communion & Offering: Blake Eckard
1018 - *Joy to the World*
Dismiss Kingdom Kids Bible Hour
Message: We Proclaim! Luke 1:67-80
997 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
Prayer of Thanksgiving
1002 - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Song Leader: Rik Covalinski
Communion Servers: Will Snyder, Ron Henry, Kerry Sumner, Jonathan Eckard
Sitting with the Sisters: Lisa & Sara
Nursery Workers: Tonya
December Greeters: Conover East

Sunday Assembly: 10:30
(Wireless receivers available)

Sunday Classes 9:30am

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 7:00pm

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:

Preaching Minister: Kevin Bibbee 828.228.1641
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Lectionary

Micah 5:2-5a But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth of me one who is to rule Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Hebrews 10:5-10 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39-55 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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.

Prayer Requests

Pray for our elder selection process & training with Mike Cagle.

Janet Keever came home this week & continues to recover.

Joli, Art & Hester's daughter-in-law, lost her sister to cancer, after losing her mother & another sister in the last year.

Jennifer Collins, Hester's friend, passed from cancer this week. Pray for husband Dee.

Murray Davis is home & receives platelets as needed. Pray for healing & comfort.

Debbie Duncan will have arthroscopic knee surgery 12/23.

Barbara Pannell's lymph node biopsy came back non-cancerous. Pray for treatment plan.

Lewis Steelman is at Conover Nursing & Rehab Rm. 109, receiving therapy after his fall & head trauma. Pray for wife Edith also.

Karen Rheinbolt continues to heal.

Don Headrick, Ann Henry's brother, will have a PET scan to locate potential cancer in small intestine & stomach.

Georgia Adcox needs healing from squamous cancer on her scalp & strength during radiation treatments.

Foyle Perkins is gaining strength & has CT on 1/12.

Adela Madrigal needs strength during chemo.

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

Tim Stroud has an irregular heartbeat.

Wylma Lindberg is recovering from pneumonia & recent hospitalization.

Samantha Skipworth, Tori & Nathan's friend, had an abnormality in her post-natal checkup & will see doctors in late January.

Ivery Moss is at CVMC with dehydration & repeated blackouts resulting in head injuries, after a virus.

Mary Mathis, Watkin's friend, has cervical cancer & immense pain, hopes to begin radiation soon.

Myra Hill is seeing drs for health issues.

Rossana Lecaros is recovering from sinus issues.

Pray for Christ's work in Haiti.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 21 John Posey

Dec 21 Sara Watkins

Dec 22 Cathy Hall

Dec 22 Scott Heller

Dec 22 Hannah Watkins

Dec 23 Hester Burkhalter

Dec 23 Chris Kline

Dec 26 Sarai Burkhalter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec 20 Ron & Ann Henry

Dec 23 Tony & Cynthia

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