

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

Sunday, December 27, 2015

## Announcements & Reminders

- **LAST DAY for Winterfest Registration:** Sign up on the bulletin board. Payments due! See Bryan Steelman.
- **No Kingdom Kids today!**
- **New Year's Eve Party:** Smith's home, Dec. 31, 8pm-? Food, football, fellowship, & singing in the new year! Bring snacks.
- **Burke Plus Action Team** will serve as greeters for January.
- **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.
- **Conover East Action Team Lunch:** 1/10 at 12 noon.
- **4th Annual Blood Drive in honor of Megan Bibbee:** 3/13, 12-3pm. More details to come.

## When Hope is Born...

**Prayer of Praise:** Tim Duncan  
66 - Doxology  
3 - Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah  
**Reading:** Psalm 148, Barry Smith  
57 - Great is Thy Faithfulness  
113 - His Grace Reaches Me  
16 - In Remembrance  
**Communion & Offering:** Bryan Steelman  
731 - Take Time to be Holy  
**Reading:** Luke 2:41-52, Jerry Burton  
**Dismiss Kingdom Kids Bible Hour**  
**Message:** We Celebrate! Luke 1:46-55, Richard Rheinbolt  
480 - Blessed Assurance  
**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
613 - Hold to God's Unchanging Hand  
  
**Song Leader:** Kevin Boggs  
**Communion Servers:** John Stasny, Kameron Duncan, Jorge Pacheco, Roy Henson  
**Sitting with the Sisters:** Barb G, Nancy  
**Nursery Workers:** Lisa & Sara  
**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  
**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:

## Prayer Requests

**Pray for elder selection & training w/ Mike Cagle.**  
**Cassandra Martin**, author of current LIFT study guide & other women's studies, passed 12/19. Memorial gifts may be made to Arms of Hope or Healing Hands International.  
**Doug Kienke**, the Stasny's boarder, passed 12/24 from cancer.  
**Janet Keever** is healing from brain aneurysm surgery. Pray for good report when she goes to have stitches removed.  
**Suzie Wiles**, Margo's mom, is coping w/ colon issues.  
**Mildred Carroll** had surgery for broken knee cap this week, after a fall last week.  
Rosa Pacheco's mom elected to stop chemo treatments for breast cancer. Write: **Maria Angeles Madrigal Hernandez**, Turquezas #527, Privada Real de la plata, Pachuaca HGO, 42083 MEXICO. Pray for healing.

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## Lectionary

**I Samuel 2:18-20, 26** Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

**Psalms 148** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted, his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

**Colossians 3:12-17** As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Luke 2:41-52** Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

## Prayer Requests, Continued

The **Stroud family** are all under the weather.

**Kaylin Bibbee's friend** had ear surgery recently.

**Debbie Duncan** is recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery & will have knee replacement in the summer.

**Christie Davis** had surgery this week.

**Teresa Robbins**, Hazel Howard's daughter, is doing well in her new job, and her housemates have welcomed a new baby.

Continue to pray for **Dennis Jaschob** and **Wylma Lindberg**.

**Myra Hill** will have tests on 12/29 to evaluate a growth on her side.

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

**Murray Davis** is home & receives platelets as needed. He is also having digestive issues.

**Ryan Lipford** has had many seizures & other health issues recently.

**Ivery Moss** is home & waiting to see neurologist, after fainting spells.

**Mary Mathis**, Watkin's friend of NY, learned cervical cancer has not spread!

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

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

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

**Pray for God's work in Haiti.** Jojo, 4, who was kidnapped, has not been located. Estes Church of Christ seeks couple to operate Children's Home - apply/inquire: [info@esteschurch.org](mailto:info@esteschurch.org) or P.O. Box 191, Henderson, TN 38340.

### **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.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Dec 27 Cavan Covalinski

Dec 27 Glenda Johnson

Dec 27 Mary Nichols

Dec 29 Sarah Farris

Jan 1 Tom Killinger

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Dec 27 Howard & Sheryl Carr

Dec 27 Blake & Barbara Eckard

Dec 28 Percil & Theresa Watkins

