

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Sunday Classes: 9:30

(Wireless receivers available)

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Adults: "Isaiah," Bob, auditorium

Adults: "To Be a Disciple," Percil, downstairs

College: Tim & Debbie

Teens: Tom & Janet, hut

Grades 4-6: Bryan & Jenny

Grades 1-3: Kelsie P.

Ages 4-K: Dora McDonald

Age 2-3: Tonya & Margo

Cradle Roll: Barbara Gnann

Wednesday Classes, 7pm

Adults: "Deuteronomy," Bob, auditorium

Adults: Foyle Perkins, fellowship hall

College/Young Adult: Tim & Debbie, library

Teens: Kevin & Kamy, annex

Grades 4-6: Barbara Eckard

Grades 1-3: Margaret Sigmon

Preschool-K: Patsy Yoder

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

Watkins Small Group: Tues. 7:00

Ladies Studies:

LIME: Mondays 9:30, Theresa, "Growing & Sharing Our Faith"

LIFT: 1st Sundays 5:30

Relationships, Relationships, Relationships!

Prayer of Praise: Barry Smith

264 - O Come Let Us Adore Him

300 - Praise Him! Praise Him!

Reading: Psalm 32:6-11, Percil Watkins

837 - I Need Thee Every Hour

113 - His Grace Reaches Me

Communion & Offering: Tim Duncan

718 - We Shall Assemble

Reading: II Cor. 5:16-21, Richard Rheinbolt

517 - Heaven Came Down

Dismiss Kingdom Kids Bible Hour

Message: Col. 3:15-4:1, Kevin Bibbee

560 - Living by Faith

Prayer of Thanksgiving

916 - What a Day That Will Be

Song Leader:

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

Sitting with the Sisters: Lisa & Sara

Nursery Workers: Debbie

March Greeters: Conover West



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.

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Announcements & Reminders

- **Youth Bible Class Teachers Needed!** See Theresa Watkins or Patsy Yoder.
- **LIFT:** Tonight at 5:30pm.
- **Sr. Friends Lunch:** Tues. 3/8 at 11am at Snack Bar, 1346 1st Ave, Hickory. RSVP to Retta by Mon. 3/7 at 5pm.
- **4th Annual Blood Drive in honor of Megan Bibbee:** Sun. 3/13, 12-3pm. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. Lunch provided for those donating!
- **Burke Plus AT Meeting:** Sat. 3/19 at 5pm at the Belvilles. Theme is "green" for St. Patrick's day.
- **Young Men Lead Worship 3/20**
- **Girls'/Ladies' Tea:** Margo Hull's Home, Sun. 3/20
- **Easter Egg Hunt & Pot Blessing:** Sun. 4/3 at noon. Ages 2-10. Two & three-year-olds must have an adult with them. Please donate wrapped candy before 3/30. We will fill eggs Sat. 4/2. Help appreciated!

Notes from the Lesson:

Prayer Requests

Casey Allen, Georgia's son, needs prayers for deliverance from addiction.

Rick Bartlett, Northview COC elder, has a blood clot in his lung.

Morgan Bibbee is having medical issues.

Hershel Van Bodden is regaining strength & planning his return home.

Sally Cannon is home after knee replacement surgery.

Ruth Cloninger fell & fractured her humerus.

Marissa Baker has tumors on her optic nerves.

Murray Davis is home; Drs say there's nothing more they can do to help with his leukemia aside from giving platelets.

Barbara Gnann's daughter & son-in-law welcomed daughter **Eden Zechariah** on 2/26.

Buddy Goodyear, Ann Stasny's cousin, is recovering from back disc surgery.

Jr. Hadden, Bobbi's uncle, needs trach & feeding tube, & has very low blood pressure.

Bobbi Henson is having issues with blood thinners & bleeding.

Roy Henson has gout in his foot.

Megan Rae Hollar has seen some improvement in lingering pain.

Mike Kerigan had a heart cath on Thursday.

Maria Madrigal has 2 more chemo treatments for breast cancer.

Charlie Pacheco, Rosa's brother-in-law, had surgery recently. Pray for healing.

Tracie Perkins is a carrier of a rare kidney disease that affects her daughter; Tracie will have a kidney ultrasound 3/17.

Chris Polley, Bobbi's nephew, has lung cancer & is not well. His mom, **Diane Watson**, has stage IV lung cancer.

Mark Roberts is better after back procedure on 3/2; he has another on 3/9.

Ann Stasny's back surgery was rescheduled for 3/16. She will begin therapy 3/8.

John Stasny is receiving radiation treatments for his head.

Jelissa Stinson has job interviews.

Tim Stroud had basal cell removed in arm surgery.

Suzie Wiles, Margo's mom, will have surgery 3/13 to reconnect her colon.

Barbara Eddins is dealing with leg and shoulder pain & is to receive a new leg brace soon.

Alice Gilissen's hospice address: The Lodge at Mills River, Rm 303, 5593 Old Haywood Rd, Mills River NC 28759.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	Mar 7 RJ Hall
Mar 6 Charles Ferrell	Mar 10 Kendall
Mar 6 Bryson Henry	Duncan
Mar 6 Cole Hull	Mar 11 Robert Smith
Mar 7 Kylie Covalinski	Mar 12 Nicki Steelman

Lectionary

Joshua 5:9-12 The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalms 32 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

II Corinthians 5:16-21 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

I want to thank everyone who sent cards & letters to my mother. All this encouragement has helped my mother through her chemo treatments and all of the prayers have given her strength. My mother says a personal "Thank You" and she hopes to someday meet you.

-Rosa Pacheco