

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Assembly: 10:30am
(Wireless receivers available)

Sunday Classes, 9:30am

Adults: Gospels, Percil, auditorium

Teens: Tom & Janet, hut

Grades 4-6: Bryan & Jenny

Grades 1-3: Kelsie Powell

Ages 4-K: Dora McDonald

Age 2-3: Tonya & Margo

Wednesday Classes, 7pm

Adults: Foyle, fellowship hall, "What's Next?"

Adults: Bob, auditorium, "The God Who Saves"

College/Young Adult: Tim & Debbie, library

Teens: Kevin & Kamy, hut

Grades 1-6: Theresa Watkins

Preschool-K: Patsy Uoder

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

Watkins Small Group: Sundays 7pm, 234 8th St NE, Conover. Call 828.994.4138 to confirm times.

LIFT: First Sunday of the month at 5:30pm. See Janet or Kamy.

LIME: Mondays 10am in the church library. Meets weekly. See Theresa or Georgiana.

Vis-a-vis with Jesus: Nicodemus

I Will Call Upon the Lord (63)

As the Deer (71)

Opening Prayer: Tim Duncan

Reading: Psalm 32, Cole Hull

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (528)

Low in the Grave He Lay (344)

Communion & Offering: Paxton Powell

Reading: Matt 4:1-11, David Watkins

Ring Out (622)

Dismiss Kingdom Kids

Message: Kevin Bibbee, John 3:1-17

Hark the Gentle Voice (907)

Closing Prayer

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (711)

Worship Leader: David Jernigan

Communion Servers: Bryce Hull, John Stasny, Jonathan Eckard, Will Snyder

Sitting with the Sisters: Lisa & Sara

Nursery: Alice Lail

Kingdom Kids: Patsy Yoder

March Greeters: Conover West

March Hospitality Coordinator: Debbie Killian



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

- Today at 5:30pm - LIFT
- Mon. 3/6 - LIME begins new study - *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado. Buy books online or from Lifeway. See Georgiana for info.
- Sun. 3/12, 12pm - Conover East Action Team Lunch at the Watkins'
- Sun. 3/19 at 6:30pm - Elders' * & Men's Meeting (Gr. 11-up)
- Please see elders for details from last Sunday's congregation meeting if you were unable to attend. A box for members to leave suggestions & concerns to the elders will be placed in the foyer soon.
- Thanks to all who participated in the annual blood drive honoring Megan Bibbee!

Prayer Requests

Pray for the spiritual needs of all in the church and those around us

Eddie Smith, of Morganton, the Burton's friend, passed Monday. His beloved wife is Ann Smith.

Jane Mays recovered nicely from her stroke; she's still at Carillon Assisted Living and will be there at least til mid-March.

Thomas Howell, a friend of Jane Mays, needs salvation from Christ.

Van Bodden was recently hospitalized with congestive heart failure, but is now back at Brian Center - Viewmont.

Foyle Perkins needs strength for ongoing chemo treatments. Praise God for how he renews Foyle.

Kevin Bibbee will have first of two cataract surgeries March 23rd.

Megan, Kaylin & Kamy Bibbee are healing from colds and respiratory problems. Pray the rest of the family stays well.

Ann Henry completed outpatient occupational therapy, after her stroke, and is doing the therapy herself at home.

Dave Bierce is mending from foot surgery; he'll see doctors Mon. Write him: 150 Peridot Dr, Statesville, NC 28625.

Retta Hughes is over her lingering virus. She praises God for her healing.

Tim Stroud is looking for men who'd be interested in joining him on a 2-week mission trip this summer. Pray & see Tim.

Barbara Gnann will have cataract surgery Wed. **Several HCoC ladies** head to Lebanon, TN this weekend for Women of Hope Conference. Pray for spiritual uplift/safety.

Kay Smith had balance test Thursday, to allow doctors to better understand her vertigo

Ann Stasny is doing well after shoulder surgery and hopes to be out of sling next week.

John Setzer (Anna's husband) is struggling emotionally, after recent stroke.

Fran Lindberg (Wylma's daughter-in-law & Nancy Belleville's sister-in-law) came thru aneurysm surgery with flying colors.

Hazel Howard and grandson, Nicholas Robbins, have respiratory infections. Hazel's daughter, Teresa Robbins has dizziness & vision problems; she'll have a spinal puncture and more tests possibly related to cancer she had last year.

Leo Lipford, Tony's Dad, is in hospital in Atlanta w/ breathing problems. Tony is in ATL helping his parents.

Melissa, Pam Roberts' daughter, has a Group Home client who has multiple cancers.

Nellie DeVault (88), mother of Pat Kidd, passed recently.

Mary Nichols needs strength for upcoming surgery.

Billie Dennie & Barbara Eddins having several health challenges.

Mina Naceanceno, Anna Setzer's Mom, is healing, after neck surgery 2/16.

Church of Christ in Ilo, Peru needs prayers; Rossana Lecaros' cousin, Jesus La Torre, is the interim preacher. Pray that prospective preacher's passport issues are resolved.

Dennis Jaschob needs prayers for strength.

Ron Nonamaker, Kevin Bibbee's cousin, is now in reg. room at Cleveland Clinic; he's very weak. Pray for wife, Sharon.

Howard & Tammy Rainwater need prayers for health challenges.

Alden & Lucille Dixon have health struggles. She has fractured pelvis- will take mos. to heal.

Brenda Deal, Jerry Burton's sister, is having complications from a stroke.

Kayla & Ethan Booms, friends of the Roberts' family, are expecting 1st child in April; the baby is not developing properly.

Guy Martin, Art & Hester Burkhalter's son-in-law, has cancer that's returned.

Verna Jordan (88), Hester's mother, is not coping well with recent move from TN to NC, to be with her daughters.

Kaleb Hoffer (5) is recovering from heart surgery.

Larry Duncan is doing well, as he adjusts to walking again. Pray for continued healing. TYL!

Sharon Duncan is healing from toe surgery.

Frances Davis, Debbie Duncan's Aunt, is in Taylorsville Rehab facility. Pray for her family, as they adjust to her condition.

Casey Allen needs prayers for complete healing. God is working.

Lucille Woodrum is thankful to not have had vertigo issues lately, after alternative treatment.

Brenda Taylor, Kamy Bibbee's friend, has breast cancer and is recovering from surgery.

Brian Pasch, Mark Roberts' brother-in-law, in in hospice care and has had some good days.

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 2:15-17 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Scripture Reading

Psalm 32 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Matthew 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Notes from the Lesson:

3 Important Truths From John 3:1-17

1. God _____ a _____ and invites us to come to Him with _____.
2. God _____ us to _____ to the action He has taken for us.
3. God _____ a _____ not just a _____ response.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/6 Charles Ferrell

3/6 Cole Hull

3/7 Kylie Covalinski

3/7 RJ Hall



3/10 Kendall Duncan

3/11 Robert Smith

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