

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

Sunday, April 2, 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.

### Thank You

We really appreciate the support, many cards and letters, phone calls, prayers and the delicious food provided by Tonya, Janet, Alice, Linda, Sharon, Barbara G, and Brian McD. The words “thank you” seem inadequate. It’s been 3 months and we’re still seeking answers, but we’re hoping I can be back in worship and fellowship soon. Praising God for His strength and seeking His healing. We love this Christian family.

– Kay, Barry and Shele Smith

## Series: GOD IS FOR US! Romans 8:31 God Makes Us Operational!

Our God, He is Alive (23)

Glorify Thy Name (77)

**Prayer:** Tom Keever

**Reading:** Psalm 130, Kerry Sumner

When the Roll (852)

When I Survey (315)

**Communion & Offering:** Jerry Burton

**Reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-14, David Watkins

**Dismiss Kingdom Kids**

This World is Not My Home (957)

**Message:** Kevin Bibbee, Exodus 3&4

Softly & Tenderly (934)

**Prayer**

It Is Well (490)

**Worship Leader:** David Jernigan

**Communion Servers:** Bryce Hull, John

Stasny, Jonathan Eckard, Will Snyder

**Nursery:** Patsy Yoder

**Sitting with the Sisters:** Kelsy P

**Kingdom Kids:** Donna Covalinski

**April Greeters:** Conover East

**April Hospitality Coordinator:** Janet Keever



## 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
- Tue. 4/11 at 11:30am - Senior Friends Luncheon at a J&S cafeteria, please note time change!
- Sun 4/23 at 5pm - Burke Plus fellowship at the Eckards’ home. Theme: international food.
- Fri-Sun. 4/28-4/30 - Lake Norman COC Youth Rally. Register at Eventbrite.com, search for LNCOC Youth Rally April 28-30th.
- Save the Date! Sat. 4/29, 10am-2pm - Lunch with a Christian Author: Serena Miller. Lunch provided, sign-up list is on the bulletin board. Come hear about her journey of faith, buy books, join in Q&A. Flyers to share with family & friends are on the back tables. See Kamy with any questions.
- Sun. 4/30 at 3pm - Skit Guys (who performed at Winterfest) will be at Bethel Lutheran Church for an area-wide event. Tickets \$8-\$10. See Kevin Bibbee for tickets.
- Fri-Sat. 8/11-8/12 - Church Ladies’ Retreat. See Margo Hull for details & to help with planning.
- Sign-up sheet for communion prep is on bulletin board.
- We are working on a rotating schedule for Kingdom Kids workers. If you are interested in helping with this precious young ones (4yrs-4th grade) please see Kamy ASAP.
- **Carolina Bible Camp:** Mocksville NC - registration for summer open at carolinabilecamp.com Camp weeks run 6/18-8/5. Differently abled camp 6/13-6/14.
- **VBS** is planned for 4 consecutive Wednesdays (July 12, 19, 26, and August 2) for grade 1-6. Please be prayerful about this new schedule.

## Prayer Requests

**Georgiana Allen** has severe back and side pain.  
**Alden and Lucille Dixon** need our prayers, visits & encouragement, given their health challenges.  
**Verna Jordan** (88), Hester Burkhalter’s mom, has to stay at Baptist; pray she improves.  
**Kamani KeyesWilkesis** fighting a fever.  
**Leo Lipford**, Tony’s Dad, left hospital Tues. He’s still very weak. Tony is in ATL with him.  
**Tony Lipford** had a 2nd cousin who passed.  
**John Stasny** will have tests April 7 on his head and stomach, to ensure no cancer has returned.  
**Jane Mays** is at Carillon Assisted Living permanently. Please call, write or visit.  
**Kevin Bibbee & Barbara Gnann** are well after cataract surgery; both will have 2nd surgery soon.  
**Wesley Thomas Miller**, Kathy Sigmon’s grandson, was born Fri. 3/24 at 9lbs 7oz, after difficult pregnancy- He is well!  
**Richard Greer**, Roy Henson’s brother, is to have stomach surgery this week.  
**Percil Watkins** needs prayers for safe return from overseas work travels.  
**Foyle Perkins** is undergoing regular cancer treatments.  
**Brooklyn Walker**, 5yo in TX, has been dealing with lesions on skin, mouth, & eyes & drs proactively detached her retinas to prevent blindness. She is recovering slowly in hospital. Send cards to 2140 Lake Park Blvd, Richardson TX 75080.

**Layne Ballard** has anxiety and emotional challenges.

**Rik & Donna Covalinski** are grieving over their late son, RJ's, 10th anniversary of his death. Jorge's friend, **Dallas**, is grieving his father's passing. Pray for God to use Jorge in this time.

**Tim Stroud** may have pericardial leak.

**Myra Hill** has the flu.

**Gene London**, Jerry and Eloise Burton's son-in-law, is doing better after having a recent stroke.

**Theresa Watkins** saw doctors and has been relieved of her positional vertigo. TYL!

**Roy Henson** seeks prayers for strength.

**Joy Heller** is recovering from recent medical procedure. Pray for healing in all respects.

**Trinity Franklin**, Art & Hester Burkhalter's niece, is grieving over passing of her 5-month old son, Camden.

**Guy Martin**, Art & Hester's son-in-law, has reoccurring cancer. Pray for his wife, Lisa, & for adjustment to the challenges.

**Paul Lawson**, friend of Scott/Blanch Fitch, is on ventilator, due to diabetes-related infection.

**Henry Crumik**, a friend of Scott & Blanch Fitch, has depression and a serious eye infection.

**Claude**, Howard Rainwater & Sally Cannon's brother, may have Parkinson disease.

**Sally Cannon** is grateful for improvements with allergies that were affecting her eyes.

**Annika Anderson**, a parent in Preschool Debbie Duncan directs, suffered a stroke leading to paralysis. She has 4 kids who are 8 and under. She's at Baptist; pray for reversal of paralysis.

**Teresa Robbins** (Hazel Howard's daughter) will have lumbar puncture May 10, to find answers for diminishing vision.

**Dennis Jaschob** needs prayers for strength.

**Ashley**, Foyle & Tracie's daughter, has gestational diabetes. Baby boy is due in May.

**Kay Smith** is progressing with managing her vertigo. Pray her therapy keeps going well.

**Ryan Lipford** is having seizures.

**Mark & Pam Roberts** have several loved ones with medical challenges.

**Kayla & Ethan Booms**, friends of Roberts' family, expecting child who is not developing properly.

**Greyson Stephens**, is 7-month-old twin with sarcoma cancer in his tongue.

**Jesse Blanton**, Kathy Sigmon's friend, is going on medical mission trip to Vietnam.

**Billie Dennie** and **Barbara Eddins** are having health challenges.

**Mary Nichols** needs strength & healing & seeks to be a good Christian example for her family.

**Angie Arnett** has a torn meniscus and arthritis in her knee & awaits treatment plan.

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

**Church of Christ-Ilo, Peru** - pray a full-time preacher will soon be in place.

**Howard & Tammy Rainwater** need prayers for health challenges.

**Larry and Sharon Duncan** are continuing to heal and adjust after car accident last fall. TYL!

### Lectionary Readings

**Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45**

### Scripture Reading

**Psalm 130** Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

**Ezekiel 37:1-14** The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

### Notes from the Lesson:

Calling = \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 3 & 4:

1. God will try to get our A \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. God will appear in the O \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. God will P \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to You!
  - c. God will make it clear that we are on H \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_!
2. God will H \_\_\_\_\_ and A \_\_\_\_\_ on your behalf!
3. God will make you O \_\_\_\_\_ to F \_\_\_\_\_ His purpose!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/2 Magen Hull  
4/2 Will Snyder  
4/4 Dick Covalinski  
4/4 Richard Rheinbolt  
4/7 Chuck Hughes



4/7 Angela Arnett

4/8 Jonathan Mayhue

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4/6 Dick & Mary Nell Covalinski

4/8 Steve & Debbie Killian

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