

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

Sunday, May 14, 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.

## A Favored Faith!

A New Anointing

Mighty Is Our God (41)

**Prayer:** Randy Pannell

**Reading:** Psalm 31:1-5,15-16, Bryan Steelman

On Zion's Glorious Summit (227)

A Beautiful Life (570)

Thank You For the Cross (42 PB)

**Communion & Offering:** Blake Eckard

**Reading:** I Peter 2:2-10, Jonathan Eckard

Oh, For a Faith (540)

Dismiss Kingdom Kids

**Message:** Luke 1:26-38, Kevin Bibbee

Light the Fire (19 PB)

**Shepherd's Prayer**

Bind Us Together (704)

**Worship Leader:** Dillon King

**Communion Servers:** Roy Henson, David

Watkins, Kerry Sumner, Paxton Powell

**Nursery:** Debbie Killian

**Sitting with the Sisters:** Debbie Duncan

**Kingdom Kids:** Kamy Bibbee

**Hospitality Coordinator:** Patsy Yoder

**May Greeters:** Burke Plus



Alden Dixon and family are immensely grateful for love expressed towards them, after his wife of nearly 70 years, Lucille, passed recently. Thanks for all cards, visits, prayers, and expressions of kindness shown them. Please continue to pray for their comfort.

## 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

- Sat. 5/20 at 7pm - Young adult ice cream social at Tim & Debbie's house.
- Sun. 5/21 - Special message by David Shuping for Foster Care Month on foster care in Catawba County. See David Shuping or Bernie Boags to serve in this area.
- Sun. 5/21, 12-3pm - Senior Expo/Carnival (seniors age 60+) - food, health info, fun, & fellowship! Volunteers needed, see Bernie B, Theresa, or JohnQuavis.
- Sun. 5/21 at 6:30pm - Elder's & Men's (Gr.11-up) meeting at HCOC.
- Sun. 6/4 - Senior Sunday honoring high school graduates: Alyssa Lipford, Samantha Hall, and Daniel Sigmon. Pot blessing lunch after service. Bring cards/cash/checks/gifts cards for grads & place in graduation jars in foyer.
- Sun. 6/4-7/23 at 6pm: Northview Summer Nights: "Going Deeper in Jesus - A Study of 1st John." Sunday eventings at Northview COC. Kevin Bibbee will speak Sun. 7/30 at 4pm at NCOC on "Deep Certainty."
- College graduates: Kendall Duncan (WCU), Druce Stroud (UNCC), Abby Eckard (UNCG), Nicki Steelman (CVCC)
- Tue. 6/13 at 11:30am - June Senior Friends Luncheon, Golden Corral. RSVP to Retta by 5pm on Sun. 6/11.
- Wed. 7/12 at 11:30am - July Senior Friends Luncheon at O'Charley's (Free Pie Wednesday).
- Fri-Sat. 8/11-8/12 - Church Ladies' Retreat. See Margo Hull for details.
- **Dixie Willard** moved to Jefferson, GA to be near her son. New address: Dixie Willard, Bentley Assisted Living at Northminster, 50 Summer Way, Jefferson GA 30549. Phone: 828-455-8108.
- Memorial gifts for Lucille Dixon, who passed 4/28, may be made to Hickory Church of Christ
- **Impact at Lipscomb University:** 6/19-24.
- **Carolina Bible Camp:** register at carolinabiblecamp.com. Camp weeks 6/18-8/5. Differently abled camp 6/13-6/14.
- **VBS:** 4 consecutive Wednesdays (July 12, 19, 26, and August 2) for grade 1-6.

## Prayer Requests

- Ann Stasny's grandson**, in Calif., had back surgery. He is doing well.
- Lloyd James** was born naturally, when thought too risky, to Emily, the Roberts' daughter-in-law. Weight: 7lbs 1 oz.
- Kay Smith** is coming along better with her vertigo! Praise God she was in the assembly with us Sunday.
- Ann Stasny** will finish her therapy for recent shoulder replacement next week.
- Paula**, Lisa Smith's employee, has an advanced stage of breast cancer.
- Layne Ballard** is having fewer problems with anxiety. TYL!
- Percil Watkins** is traveling for work.

**Ernie Speaks**, a Statesville preacher friend of David Bierce's, has the flu.

**Roy Henson** will have physical therapy for injuries to his arm.

**Megan Bibbee** got a 'bug' from school.

**Jeff Wright**, the Bibbees' friend, is seeking a life with Christ.

**Melissa McGrandy**, the Robertses' daughter, is also seeking a life with Christ.

**Georgiana Allen** had a fall last night - pray for no health problems from this.

**Danielle King** - recovering from cold/respiratory illness.

**Bob Foringer**, Megan Rae's mom's boyfriend, had heart attack & heart catheterization, now has blood pressure issues.

**Noah Asher Fleshman** was born 5/5 - 5lbs 2oz to Greg & Ashley. Praise God for giving Foyle & Tracie their 1st grandson.

**Tim Stroud** will need an endoscopy.

**Teresa Robbins** didn't have lumbar spinal puncture, because of life-threatening allergy to lidocaine in anesthetics.

**Abby Eckard** seeks prayers for guidance-deciding between graduate school & working.

**Drue Stroud** seeks prayers & support, for upcoming college graduation.

**Scott Fitch** had procedure for irreg. heartbeat.

**Darcy King**, Dillon's Mom, has hyperthyroidism.

**Margo Hull** will not need back surgery.

**Brian Pasch**, Mark Roberts' brother-in-law, will have a CT scan 5/30, since he's finished chemo.

**Melissa Tolden**, the Watkinses' friend, has leukemia which is in remission.

**David Bierce** seeks prayers for healing of foot.

**Verna Jordan**, Hester's Mom, for strength and healing - she's at Hester's.

**Mary Nichols** is mending slowly, with some challenges, from recent medical procedure.

**Dickie Locke**, husband of Co-Director at Debbie D's preschool, has aggressive stage 4 cancer.

**Annika Gaardsdal**, parent from Debbie D's preschool, was moved home to Sweden for intensive physical therapy, after stroke.

**Angela Arnett** will have surgery June 13 to correct torn meniscus.

**Ella Jane Mays** is at Carillon Assisted Living and doing well.

**Barbara Eddins** is having health challenges.

**Billie Dennie** is having multiple health problems.

**Foyle Perkins** - ongoing cancer treatments.

**Margaret Sigmon** has a bone fracture and torn ligament in her arm. Pray for healing.

**Barry Smith** has glaucoma in one eye.

**Guy Martin**, Art & Hester's son-in-law, has reoccurring cancer.

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

**Church of Christ-Ilo, Peru** - pray for ongoing work there and for a full-time preacher to soon be in place.

### Lectionary Readings

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 I Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

### Scripture Readings

**Psalm 31:1-5,15-16** In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God. My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

**I Peter 2:2-10** Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### Notes from the Lesson:

Why Did God Find Favor with Mary?

1. Because of her R \_\_\_\_\_ !
2. Because of her H \_\_\_\_\_ !
3. Because of her S \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_ !

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/20 Tammy Rainwater



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/17 Kevin & Nancy Boggs

5/17 Mark & Pam Roberts

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