

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

Sunday, May 21, 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, Pepperdine Lectures

**College/Young Adult:** Tim & Debbie, library

**Teens:** Kevin & Kamy, hut

**Grades 1-6:** Theresa Watkins

**Preschool-K:** Patsy Yoder

**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 and LIME will not meet during the summer-**

**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.

## Religiosity vs Religion

Ancient Words (PB 1)

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (226)

Praise the Lord (74)

**Reading:** Psalm 66:8-20, David Watkins

**Prayer:** Bryan Steelman

Lord, Reign in Me (PB 21)

It Is Well (490)

**Communion & Offering:** Jerry Burton

**Reading:** I Peter 3:13-22, Kerry Sumner

Jesus Loves Me (1014)

Jesus Loves the Little Children (1015)

Dismiss Kingdom Kids

**Message:** James 1:27, David Shuping

Thank You, Lord (474)

**Shepherd's Prayer**

Where He Leads (417)

**Worship Leader:** Rik Covalinski

**Communion Servers:** Roy Henson, Tom

Keever, Austin Wallace, Art Burkhalter

**Nursery:** Georgiana Allen

**Sitting with the Sisters:** Nancy Boggs

**Kingdom Kids:** Kamy Bibbee

**Hospitality Coordinator:** Patsy Yoder

**May Greeters:** Burke Plus



## 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, 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 HCOG.
- 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 COG. Kevin Bibbee will speak Sun. 7/30 at 4pm at NCOG on "Deep Certainty."
- College graduates: Kendall Duncan (WCU), Drue 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

**John Stasny** has extreme back pain & sciatica.  
**Anthony Cambia** (38), Ann Stasny's niece's (twice widowed) husband, passed Tues. from multiple melanomas.  
**Foyle Perkin's** stepfather (in GA) is to get hospice help at home.  
**Foyle's stepbrother** had a heart attack.  
**Tim Stroud** is awaiting esophagus biopsy results.  
**Kalani Keyes** has strep throat and will have tonsils removed soon.  
**Sally Cannon** will have knee replacement surgery July 10.  
**Foyle Perkins** is having ongoing cancer treatments. Pray for God to renew him.  
**Barry Smith** has glaucoma in both eyes.

**Chris Meade** (bro in law of Amy & Rentz Johnson, nephew of Sharon & Linda, Eadie's grandson) was a hit and run victim Tuesday & is in Baptist Hospital with multiple broken bones & internal injuries. Please pray for Chris' recovery and the well being of his wife and two children.

**Mary Nichols** is some better after medical procedure. Will see doctors 5/25.

**Our college graduates-** Nicki Steelman, Drue Stroud, Kendall Duncan, & Abby Eckard. Prayers & Gifts welcome.

**Georgiana Allen** fell last week & is still sore.

**Herschell Van Bodden** is in Frye Rm 256 with severe respiratory problems. Visitors must wear gown and gloves.

**Frederick (Freddie) & Vanessa Perry** were wed Fri. May 12th by Kevin Bibbee. They have sons: Jackson & Cooper.

Hickory's mayor, **Rudy Wright**, passed tragically May 11. Remember family, friends & city staff.

**Kay Smith** is doing better with her vertigo!

**Ann Stasny's grandson**, in Calif., had back surgery. He is doing well.

**Paula**, Lisa Smith's employee, has an advanced stage of breast cancer

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

**Bob Foringer**, Megan Rae's mother's friend, had heart attack 5/8 & heart catheterization 5/9. 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.

**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 grad. school & working. Pray for safety in traveling overseas.

**Drue Stroud** finished her undergraduate studies. Pray for safety in traveling overseas.

**Alden Dixon**, Kevin & Nancy Boggs & family are coping with Lucille's passing.

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

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

**Dickie Locke**, husband of Debbie D.'s preschool co-director, has aggressive stage 4 cancer.

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

**Barbara Eddins** is having health challenges.

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

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

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

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

### Lectionary Readings

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 I Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

### Scripture Readings

**Psalm 66:8-20** Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance. I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you—vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble. I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats. Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

**I Peter 3:13-22** Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

### Notes from the Lesson:

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/23 Danielle Burkhalter

5/24 Tim Duncan

5/24 Foyle Perkins

5/25 Debbie Duncan



#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/22 Dennis & Gayle Jaschob

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