

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Assembly: 10:30 am

(Wireless receivers available)

Sunday Classes, 9:30am

Adults: Gospels, Percil, auditorium

Teens: Tom & Janet, hut

Grades 4-6: Bryan McDermott

Grades 1-3: Debbie Killian

Ages 4-K: Dora McDonald

Wednesday Classes, 7pm

Adults: Old Testament, "The God Who Saves," auditorium

College/Young Adult: Tim & Debbie, library

Teens: Kevin & Kamy, hut

Grades 1-6: Theresa Watkins

Preschool-K: Missy Stroud

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

LIFT: First Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm, studying *Echoing His Heartbeat: The Life of David* by Casandra Martin.

LIME: Mondays at 10:30 am in the church library, studying the Gospel of John

Before the Manger:

"Prince of Peace"

O Come, All Ye Faithful (997)

Hark! The Herald (1001)

Prayer: Blake Eckard

Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7, John Stasny

Silent Night 1,3,4 (1003)

O Holy Night 1,3,4 (1028)

Communion & Offering: Jerry Burton

Reading: Psalm 98, Dick Covalinski

Angels We Have Heard 1,4 (1002)

Dismiss Kingdom Kids

Message: Isaiah 9:6-7, Kevin Bibbee

Beautiful Star 1,3 (1005)

Shepherds Prayer

Go Tell It on the Mountains (1012)

Song Leader: Rik Covalinski

Servers: Roy Henson, David Watkins,

Paxton Powell, Kerry Summer

Nursery: Pam Roberts

Sitting with the Sisters: Henrys

Kingdom Kids: Donna Covalinski

Greeters: Conover West

Hospitality Coordinator: Dora McDonald



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

•Attention Parents: No Kingdom Kids next Sunday, Dec 31st.

•For those going to **Winterfest**, payments are due by Dec 31st. Please see Bryan Steelman for any details: 828-729-3148

•For January only, **the Food Pantry / New 2 You Clothes** will be open the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (Jan 9th and 23rd) rather than the usual 1st and 3rd Tues.

•Please be prayerful and consider how you can give to **Mads & Elisabeth Fredskilde's** financial support effort by year-end. Elisabeth looks to do an internship with us, for her Master's Degree in Counseling, as Mads did. Please see our elders, for the Pledge Sheet which was distributed last Sunday and should be submitted by 12/31/17.

•Anyone having a **high chair** they are not using and would like to donate these to someone in need, please let Theresa Watkins know.

•If you'd like to be added to, removed from or make any changes to the **Sitting with the Sisters OR Nursery Volunteer Lists**, please contact Megan Rae Hollar: meganhollarot@gmail.com. Sitting with the sisters volunteers sit with the Bibbee sisters during the worship service.

•Thank you note:

"God is so good, but life this past year has been really hard! Through it all, this church family has supported and sustained us with prayers, cards, food, visits, phone calls and "taxi" help --- thank you all for everything you've done to walk with us through these hard times. A special thanks to the hospitality ministry for their beautiful food display at the celebration of life service in honor of Barry. The basket of flowers from the church family added such a special touch to our family's display. "Thank you" seems so inadequate --- but thank you!

With love,
from the Barry Smith family"

Prayer Requests

Pray for and encourage those who are facing holidays without their deceased loved ones, for the first time.

Pray for safety for all holiday travelers.

Tommy Fisher, Ann Stasny's cousin's son, was hit by a car. He has problems with his ribs and possibly his liver.

Danny Chrisman, Elsa Barnes' friend, had seizures and was in ICU with possibly a stroke or other brain issues.

Jon, Linda & Cayleigh Bohm are grieving the passing of Jon's Mom, Faye, in MI.

Ron Henry had an emergency surgical procedure last Sat. night and is healing.

Fred Davis, brother of the late Murray Davis, has cancer and is taking chemo. Fred's prognosis does not appear good.

Judy Hall, Joe's Mom, is recovering from surgery and improving since temporarily having dialysis and a respirator.

Ann Stasny experienced safe travels to/from CT and is to continue taking daily radiation treatments.

Kimberly Sigmon, Georgiana's friend, has stomach issues

Alicia Hollar (Megan Rae's mother) will have a cardiac ablation on 12/28 to address her tachycardia

Kenneth Wallace, Melody's Dad and Austin's Granddad, has cancer in several parts of his body. Pray for God's blessings.

Guy Lail, Debbie Duncan's Dad, has two cancer types in his kidneys. Pray insurance covers meds or for better diagnosis.

Deborah Miles is recovering from and is facing more surgery.

Terry Dennie (59), Billie's son, will begin chemo and radiation treatments for bile duct cancer

Barbara Eddins has several health challenges.

Sade Wilkes is grateful for encouragement received amid her challenges.

Marti Shirah is taking chemo treatments. She's to begin radiation in February.

Van Bodden was moved to a Specialty Hospital in Greensboro. His direct number: 336-832-5713. He welcomes calls.

Lectionary Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16. Luke 1:46-55, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Nativity of the Lord – Proper I:

Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20

Nativity of the Lord – Proper II:

Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2: 1-20

Nativity of the Lord – Proper III:

Isaiah 52: 7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-12, John 1:1-14

Notes from the Lesson:

What we each must do:

1. Seek Peace with _____
Romans 3:23, Luke 2:14, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:1
2. Seek Peace with _____
John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-7
3. Seek Peace with _____
Ephesians 6:15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 24, Megan Rae Hollar

Dec 26, Sarai Burkhalter

Dec 27, Cavan Covalinski

Dec 27, Mary Nichols

Dec 29, Sarah Farris



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec 27, Black & Barbara Eckard

Dec 28, Percil & Theresa Watkins

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