

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 31, 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

The Invincible Church!

Just a Little Talk with Jesus

As the Deer (new version)

Prayer: David Watkins

Reading: Psalm 148, Jonathan Eckard
Humble Yourself

Communion & Offering: Dillon King

Reading: Galatians 4:4-7, Will Snyder
Our God, He is Alive

Message: Matthew 16:13-18, Kevin Bibbee
I'll Fly Away

Shepherds Prayer

Days of Elijah

Song Leader: Bryce Hull

Servers: Tom Keever, Tim Stroud, Art Burkhalter

Nursery: Mary Nell Covalinski

Sitting with the Sisters: Tracie / Barb E

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

• **New Year's Eve Gathering** at the Watkin's Home this evening at 8pm. Everyone is invited. Come and bring an appetizer, drink, or dessert to share. Address:

234 8th St NE, Conover NC

• **Sally Cannon** is grateful for all prayers and food and acts of love shared with her after her knee replacement surgery.

• Please check the basket in the church foyer for **holiday cards**.

• For those going to **Winterfest**, payments are due today. 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.

• If anyone has 1 or preferably 2 single (twin) **beds and a mattress**, please contact Dave Shiping: 828-238-9527

• If anyone has a **clothes dryer**, there is a family in need. Please contact Kevin Bibbee.

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.

Debbie Duncan is getting relief from medications, for respiratory ailments

Alicia Hollar, Megan Rae's Mom, had her third cardiac ablation on Thurs. Dec. 28th

Billie Dennie is having high blood pressure.

Randy Dennie, Billie's son, has been sick for several days and unable to work.

Terry Dennie, Billie's other son, started chemo & radiation treatment for bile duct cancer.

Ann Stasny has immense back and leg pain and is resuming radiation treatments

Ann Stasny's cousin's husband passed away from a heart attack

Jessica Abercrombie's grandmother passed away last week in Michigan

Jon Bohm and family are continuing to cope with his Mom's, **Faye**, recent passing in Michigan.

Lionel Ellis' father is out of the hospital in SC. Pray for his continued healing.

Bobbi Henson was recently in hospital for dizziness and falling a lot. She's is home on a heart monitor for a month.

Sam Dennis is facing cancer treatments. Prayers requested by Scott & Blanch Fitch.

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.

Ron Henry is healing from a surgical procedure

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.

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 surgery.

Barbara Eddins has several health 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.

Ann Henry's Brother was in the hospital with COPD and congestive heart failure.

Ron & Ann Henry's Daughter-in-law's

Grandmother, Ocie Setzer, passed Christmas Eve. Pray for her and her family.

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40

Notes from the Lesson:

The Church is invincible because of...

1. The _____
of its People!
2. Its _____
to Christ!

ABCs of this Relationship:

- A. The church is _____ Christ!
- B. The church is _____ Christ!
- C. The church is _____
through Christ's Power!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 1, Sharon Duncan

Jan 1, Tom Killinger

Jan 6, Margo Hull

Jan 7, Phillip Sumner



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