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***Announcements & Reminders***

* Please stay today (Sunday) as we recognize Mads & Elisabeth Fredskilde in a pot-blessing meal, before they return to Denmark May 15. We praise God for their faithful work among us and pray for God's favor as they plant a church in Denmark and expand God's kingdom there.
* LIFT, Today 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
* Volunteers are needed to help teach/assist with Kingdom Kids and Kingdom Kidlets- please let Kamy Bibbee know if you'd like to help
* June 3rd is the Recognition of our '18 High School graduates. Jars will be available, for depositing cards and cash tokens for the graduates. A pot blessing lunch will follow the worship assembly- please bring a main dish, vegetables, dessert, and/or drink to share. We have seven young people graduating this year.
* Sun. May 20, 9am - VBS Planning Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
* May 27 - Burke Plus Action Team Gathering at Cliff & Rhonda Dautrich's home in Morganton
* Senior Friends Lunch, Tues. May 8 at 11:30am at Snack Bar Restaurant, Hickory - Please let Retta Hughes know today if you will attend.
* Please consider being a part of one of our Discipleship Bible study groups:

- Tim Duncan's Group meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm at their home

- Kevin Bibbee's Group meets 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4:30pm at their home

- Richard Rheinbolt's Group meets Fridays at 7pm at the Stasny's home

- Percil Watkins' Discipling Group meets Sundays (except 1st Sunday) at 5:30pm at their home

Contact the Group leader or one of our elders about either meeting

* A coordinator is needed for our Terracycle Recycling Program. Proceeds from the recycling will help fund our Food Pantry. See Tracie Perkins for details.
* Congrats to all our college graduates!!!

- Kayla Powell - Lipscomb University

- Drue Stroud - Master's from UNC Charlotte

* Congrats to all our High School graduates!!!

-- Kaylin Bibbee

-- Megan Bibbee

-- Alex Boags

-- Nick Hall

-- Bryce Hull

-- Paxton Powell

-- David Watkins

**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.

**Assembly: 10:30 am**

(Wireless receivers available)

**Sunday Classes, 9:30am**

**Adults: Gospels,** Percil, auditorium

**Teens:** Tom & Janet, hut

**Grades 4-6:** Bryan McDermott

**4 Yrs – Grade 3**: Debbie Killian

**Ages 2-3:** Patsy & Blanch

**Wednesday Classes, 7pm**

**Adults:**   
- *Old Testament, “The God Who Saves,”* Bob Belville, auditorium

*- Difficult Sayings in the Bible:* Richard Rheinbolt,Fellowship Hall

**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

**LIFT:** First Sunday of the month at 5:30pm in church fellowship hall downstairs.

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

**Wifi Password:**

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**Hickory Church of Christ**

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

***Sunday, May 6, 2018***



**A Mission Focused Family**

*Our God, He is Alive (23)*

*I Kno w that my Redeemer Lives (528)*

*The Lord’s my Shepherd (134)*

**Prayer:** Jerry Burton

**Reading:** John 15:9-17, Bryan McDermott

*Tis Midnight (334)*

**Communion & Offering:** Percil Watkins

**Reading:** Psalm 98, David Shuping

*When We All Get to Heaven (853)*

**Kingdom Kids/Kidlets**

**Message:** Joshua 22:3, Kevin Bibbee

*Trust and Obey (915)*

**Shepherd’s Prayer**

*It is Well (490)*

**Song Leader:** David Jernigan

**Servers:** Bryce Hull, Roy Henson, Kerry Sumner, David Watkins

**Nursery:** Mary Nell Covalinski

**Sitting with the Sisters:** Kamy

**Kingdom Kids:** Theresa Watkins

**Kingdom Kidlets:** Janet Keever

**Greeters:** Burke Plus Action Team

**Hospitality Coordinator:** Patsy Yoder

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***Notes from the Lesson:***

*Counting the Cost: Luke 14:25-34*

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*What is a Missionary?*

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*What Makes a Mission Focused Person, Family and Church?*

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*2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Ecclesiastes 3:11*

*3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Acts 20:24*

*What Makes One a Missionary?*

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*"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."   
- John 20:21*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

May 6, Keina-Kay Martin

May 7, Koen James Killian

May 7, Ann Stasny

May 8, Steve Burkhalter **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

May 9, Linda Farris May 6, Rik & Donna Covalinski

May 10, Pam Roberts May 10, Mark & Pam Roberts

May 11, Bryan Steelman

***Prayer Requests***

**Ted Abercrombie** of FL, a close friend and Christian brother to the Stasnys, passed leaving behind a son and a daughter.

**Bob & Nancy Belville** are at Pepperdine Lectures in California.

**Van Bodden**needs prayers for healing.

**Mary Ellen Bross,** Dora's daughter, is undergoing cancer treatments.

**Eloise Burton** is home from Baptist Hospital. Meds worked so well that she didn’t need cardio shock treatment.

**Sally Cannon** saw doctors at Baptist, to make plans for needed open heart surgery.

**Billie Dennie** was under the weather Sunday recently and unable to get out.

**Sharon Duncan**had knee replacement and is taking physical therapy.

**Barbara Eddins** has health concerns that are keeping her homebound.

**Mads Fredskilde** seeks prayers for outreach to CVCC students.

**Irma Gage-Albert (54)**, Ann Stasny's cousin, died unexpectedly. She leaves to mourn a daughter, Heather.

**Ron Gemperline** is home, after having some difficulties. Praise God he’s found some work.

**Barbara Gnann** will have reverse shoulder replacement surgery Mon. May 21st.

**Judy Hall,** Joe's Mom**,** is back in Roanoke, VA and getting stronger.

**Ann Henry** is recovering from a stroke which impaired her speech somewhat. Her swallowing is improving. TYL!

**Margo Hull** needs prayers & encouragement.

**Guy Lail**, Debbie Duncan's Dad, passed from cancer. Pray for his wife, Debbie’s Mom, **Billie Lail,** Tim & all the family.

**Alicia Lipford** is seeing doctors, for swelling behind her eyes.

**Ryan Lipford** is having repeated seizures.

**Jane Mays** has physical challenges. Please visit her at Carillon Assisted Living.

**Deborah Miles** seeks prayers for her and her family for daily struggles

**Robert Max Miller**, of Lincolnton, a former Hickory COC elder, passed April 4, 2018. Remember his wife & family

**Mary Nichols** is home after having back surgery. Pray for her continued healing.

**Vic Nichols,** Mary's son, is having life difficulties**.**

**Chris Polley,** Bobbi Henson's nephew, is coping with cancer.

**Marti Shirah** finished radiation treatments and is doing well! PTL!

**Ann Stasny**is awaiting results of a cystoscopy, to determine impact of radiation on her organs.

**Kenneth Wallace,** Melody’s Dad & Austin’s Granddad, is in hospice, not expected to live much longer. Pray for his family.

**Ambae vanuatu volcano** Eruption has displaced Christians and others. Crops & water affected immensely

***Lectionary Readings***

**Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17**

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