

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Hopefully Devoted

I Chronicles 28:9

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Blake Eckard

Psalm Reading: Psalm 84, Tim Duncan

77 – *Glorify Thy Name*

64 – *I Worship You, Almighty God*

731 – *Take Time to Be Holy*

Prayer of Praise: Bryan Steelman

364 – *Come Share the Lord*

Communion and Offering: Barry Smith

40 PB – *Wonderful Merciful Savior*

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20, Art Burkhalter

Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69, Cole Hull

Dismiss Kingdom Kids Bible Hour

Message: Kevin Bibbee

214 – *Have You Seen Jesus My Lord*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

202 – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Song Leader: Jack Kline

Communion Servers: Randy Adcox, Kerry Sumner,

Jonathan Mayhue, Jonathan Eckard

Sitting with the Sisters: Smiths

Nursery Workers: Lisa & Sara

Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you are 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug 23 Tanner Clifton

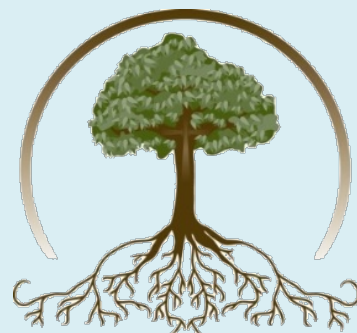
Aug 28 Tracie Perkins



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Aug 29 Bryan & Jennifer Steelman

Did you know?
**EVERY Sunday is
Visitors' Sunday
at HCOC!**
Help spread the word. Visitors
are also welcome to all our
other meetings too!



Sunday Classes: 9:30

Sunday Assembly: 10:30

Wednesday Classes: 7:00

(Wireless receivers are available for the hearing impaired)

Sunday Classes

- **Adults:** Book of Isaiah, Bob Belville, auditorium
- **Adults:** "Computer Programming Language in the Bible," Jack Kline, fellowship hall
- **College/young adult:** Tim & Debbie Duncan, upstairs
- **Teens:** Tom & Janet Keever – meeting in the hut
- **1-6th grade:** Patsy Yoder
- **Ages 4-5:** Debbie Killian
- **Ages 2-3:** Ann Stasny

Wednesday Classes

- **Adults:** "Pepperdine Class Videos", Bob Belville, auditorium
- **Adults:** "the Letters", Foyle Perkins, Fellowship Hall
- **College age/young adult:** Percil & Theresa Watkins, library
- **Teens:** Kevin & Kamy Bibbee, house annex
- **K – 6th gr:** Barbara Eckard
- **Age 2-5:** Janet Keever

Food Pantry/New 2 You:

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 4:30-6:00

LIME Mondays 9:30

LIFT 1st Sundays, 5:30

Perkins small group study 2nd/4th Mondays 7:00

Watkins small group study Tuesdays 7:00

Elders Meet Tuesdays 6:30

Announcements

- **Teachers Needed:** See Theresa Watkins if you are interested in teaching youth Bible classes. Our next quarter begins in September.
- **TONIGHT:** Ministry Leaders Meeting, 6pm.
- **September 14:** LIME begins studying Max Lucado's *You'll Get Through This*. See Lynn Benicken for info.
- **Meals for the Mayhues:** if you would like to contribute a meal for the new parents, contact Janet Keever at 828-638-0839
- **2015 CBC Bluegrass Festival:** Sat. 9/12 at 11am. BBQ, burgers, vintage cars, crafts, & kids' activities. Cabins & RV hookups available. Tickets are \$15 at cbcbbluegrass.com or \$20 at the gate. Kids under 12 attend for free.
- **Send mail to Abby in Australia!**
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Prayer Requests

Pray for the HCOC elder selection process and our church leadership.
John Stasny is recovering from lung surgery to remove a cancerous mass.
Tony Lipford is seeking employment.
Wayne Headrick, Ann Henry's brother, had skin cancer removed from his wrist but is not healing properly.
Tim Stroud is to have a needle biopsy on August 27 for his prostate.
Remember **Murray Davis** and **Foyle Perkins** as they continue in cancer treatments. View Foyle's progress: www.caringbridge.org/visit/foyleperkins.
Carolene Goins, Jonathan Eckard's former tutor, overdosed on barbiturates this week and is unresponsive in the ICU at CVMC.
Reggie Sigmon is at Brian Center recovering from his leg amputation.
Sara Temple, Retta Hughes' cousin, is fighting breast cancer.
Dennis Jaschob struggles to regain health and strength.

Scripture Readings

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah. Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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