

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Sunday Classes: 9:30

(Wireless receivers available)

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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

Pepperdine 2016 lectures, Bob, auditorium

Adults: Barry Smith, fellowship hall

College/Young Adult: Tim & Debbie, library

Teens: Kevin & Kamy, hut

Grades 1-6: Theresa Watkins, Margaret Sigmon

Preschool-K: Missy & Joy

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: First Sunday of month at 5:30pm. *Children of the Day* by Beth Moore. See Janet or Kamy.

LIME: Mondays at 10am in the church library. *Traveling Light* by Max Lucado. See Theresa or Georgiana.

"Abram: Following God's Call"

Standing on the Promises (452)

Prayer of Praise: Tom Keever

Love Lifted Me! (453)

Reading: Psalm 34:1-8 - Jerry Burton

He Touched Me (527)

Have Thine Own Way (552)

Communion: Cole Hull

Offering

Redeemed (514)

Reading: Hebrews 10:19-23 - David Watkins

Blessed Assurance (480)

Dismiss Kingdom Kids

Message: Genesis 12:1-9 - Kevin Bibbee

Heaven Came Down (517)

Shepherd's Prayer

When We All Get to Heaven (853)

Worship Leader: Kevin Boggs

Communion Servers: Will Snyder, Ron Henry, Kerry Sumner, Bryce Hull

Nursery Worker: Barbara Gnann

Sitting with the Sisters: Janet Keever

October Greeters: Hickory



Lectionary Readings:

Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

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

• **FLU SHOT CLINIC** - Sunday, Oct 30, we will be offering flu shots for anyone 14 years & up immediately following morning service. Sign-up on the bulletin board, and please bring your insurance card.

• **Burke Plus Action Team** will meet at Bob and Nancy Belville's home on Sunday, Oct 30th, at 5:00.

• **ANNUAL HOT DOG ROAST AND HAYRIDE AT THE KILLIAN'S** - Sunday, 11/6 at 5:00pm at Tyler and Kristen's - all are invited! Please bring hot dogs, side dishes, desserts, and lawn chairs.

• **ORPHAN SUNDAY** 11/13 --donations will be taken for Orphan's Lifeline

• **Conover East Action Team** - lunch at Randy and Barbara Pannell's house on 11/13 at noon.

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Rossana Lecaros is retiring and moving to help care for her mother, and our love and prayers go with her! Her new address: 709 Rose Bud Circle, Pineville, NC 28134. Email: rossanalecaros@yahoo.com

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New2You (clothing ministry) needs someone to build shelves; also: **NO DONATIONS** until further notice

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Mark (Marcus) Sigmon, Reggie's son, passed away unexpectedly October 14th. His passing was one year and five days after Reggie's. Please pray for Mark's wife, Kathy, his son, Daniel, and the rest of the family. Funeral was 10/18.

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Murray Davis passed away October 19th. His daughter, Tammy: "We appreciate all the calls, visits, texts, and prayers. Dad felt so pleased to have many people love and caring for him." The family has decided not to hold a funeral service. In lieu of cards and flowers, they request any remembrances be made to the church in Murray's honor. Please pray for his wife, Donna, and the family.

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Hospitality Ministry - if you are able to help with meals when those in our church family have significant times of need, please fill out an information paper in foyer. Especially needed are more monthly coordinators.

****October Coordinator: Patsy Yoder****

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Needed: Volunteer to take Tim Stroud's place with cardboard recycling and helping with food pantry as Tim recovers from surgery. Please see Kevin Bibbee.

Prayer Needs

Robert Hadden (Bobbi's dad) - has bad case of bursitis in hip causing difficulty walking

Teresa Robins (Hazel's daughter) - is having headaches affecting her sight, was in ER this week, seeing a specialist

Juanita Henson (Roy's mom) - blood clots in legs, difficulty with mobility

Carol Monk (Roy's sister) - struggling with diabetes and heart issues

Bobbi Henson - has cellulitis in left leg from spider bite

Dave Bierce - stress/nerves affecting this wk

Bryan Steelman - had cataract surgery 10/17

Barbara Eckard - gastric bypass went well, pray for recovery and strength

Jean Barnette (Jennifer Steelman's mother) is having serious health problems.

Charlie Morgan (Kelsie's dad) - hurt his back, difficulty walking

Bernadette Haynesworth Brown (of SC) - has terminal cancer (great-nieces are Keyasia, Keyonna and Keyaira Hickman) - prayers for her family are appreciated also

Sharon Duncan - home now, on oxygen, still much pain and difficulty

Larry Duncan - at Abernathy Laurels for rehab while awaiting more surgery - 102 Leonard Ave, Newton, NC 28658. (828) 464-8260

Debbie Heitland - still recovering at Baptist Hospital, may go to rehab soon

Tim Stroud - having neck surgery 10/28 to fuse vertebrae, pain relief from pinched nerve

Family of Linda Riley (Fitch's neighbor) - Linda passed away 10/17 - pray for her son, daughter and family

John Setzer (Anna's husband) - still in rehab, unable to use arms, legs or talk, possible release 11/1, pray for progress & spiritual life

Worth Killian (Steve's dad) - has aneurysm in leg, to see doctors at Baptist on Monday

Howard Rainwater - is in ICU at Frye with congestive heart failure, pneumonia

Sally Cannon - outpatient eye surgery 10/27

John & Ann Stasny - returning from CT

Foyle Perkins - chemo treatments continue every 3 weeks, strength for each day

Ray and Karen Catlett - safe travel back to Florida

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:1-8 - I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the LORD;

let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the LORD with me;

let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me;

he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant;

their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;

he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;

blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Hebrews 10:19-23 - Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Take home questions from today's sermon:

1. How do trials and hard circumstances tend to affect your faith and obedience to God?
2. How did God's call for Abram to leave country, family and friends affect and require confidence in His promises?
3. In what areas of comfort and security is God calling you to leave?
4. In your own words, describe Abram's response to the call.

Marriage Re-Connect Workshop 1/13-1/14. This event is for couples in our church and in the community. It will emphasize positive, transformative principles. Meeting on Sunday, 10/30 for everyone who would like to help with planning. Please see the Watkins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Oct 23 - Lionel Ellis
Oct 26 - Cynthia Lipford
Oct 28 - Barbara Pannell
Oct 28 - Sara Stanley



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