

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Sunday Classes: 9:30am

Assembly: 10:30am

(Wireless receivers available)

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Adults: Gospels, Percil, auditorium

Teens: Tom & Janet, hut

Grades 4-6: Barbara Eckard

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: Next mtg on 12/4. Bring
own meal; desserts will be
provided. First Sunday/month
at 5:30. *Children of the Day* by
Beth Moore. See Janet/Kamy.

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

Series: Songs of the Season

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Here I Am to Worship (PB 11)

How Great Is Our God (PB 13)

Prayer: Percil Watkins

Reading: Psalm 86:6-12 - Jorge Pacheco

Shout to the Lord (PB 29)

In Remembrance of Me (PB 16)

Communion: Bryan Steelman

Offering

Wonderful Merciful Savior (PB 40)

Reading: Ephesians 1:6-9 -

Richard Rheinbolt

Dismiss Kingdom Kids

Message: Isaiah 7:14 - Kevin Bibbee

Year I Spent in Vanity and Pride (381)

Shepherd's Prayer

What a Day That Will Be (916)

Worship Leader: Kevin Boggs

Communion Servers: Bryce Hull, Tom
Keever, Joey Osborne, Austin Wallace

Nursery Worker: Alice Lail

Sitting with the Sisters: Lisa & Sara

December Hospitality Coordinator:

Dora McDonald

December Greeters: Conover East



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

- **HCOC Christmas Party** (adults only) Sunday 12/11 from 5-8pm. Each person bring a gift-wrapped "treasure" from your house (*no fair buying anything new!*) for the "Santa Exchange"; bring canned goods for our Food Pantry. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.
- **Filling baskets for Seniors/Shut-ins** - donations of fruit are needed - please bring donations to church building. Will fill baskets Sat 12/17 at 9am, and volunteers are welcome! See Debbie Killian with questions.
- **Men's Meeting with Elders** on Sunday 12/18 at 6:30pm (11th gr/up)

Senior Friends: December lunch is at Zorba's in Conover on Tuesday 12/13 at 11am. RSVP to Retta by 12/11, so an expected count can be given to the restaurant. Jolleen Christians of Conover YMCA will speak on health and wellness for seniors. Please come and join in!

Enrollment Kick-Off for Marriage Re-Connect Workshop - Friday 1/13 5:30-9pm, Saturday 8am-12:30pm. Registration is \$30 per couple with childcare included. Dinner and a light breakfast will be provided.

Learn more at www.familydynamics.net/reconnect. Presenters will be Owen & Lauren Mitchell (from FL). Pre-registration is required. See Percil or Theresa Watkins with any questions.

Teens: WINTERFEST is coming! February 17-19, 2017 - sign up on the bulletin board. \$38 for event; \$13 for t-shirt. Money due by 12/25 to Bryan Steelman.

Agencies available for donations to help people in Gatlinburg, TN who were affected by wildfires:

ONE: www.disasterrelief.org or mail to: Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc., 410 Allied Drive, Nashville, TN 37211.
TWO: www.disasterassistancecoc.com or mail to: Disaster Assistance CoC, c/o Lake Jackson Church of Christ, 402 Center Way St, Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Prayer Needs

Glenda Woodson (visitor last Sunday) - pray for husband to keep focus on God, even amid challenging circumstances

Brenda Smith (Debbie Killinger's co-worker) - needs prayers for her family

Sade Wilkes - was sick with a virus

Carol Shawn (Kay's sister, Kamy/Shele's aunt in OK) - funeral for her daughter was Tuesday

Pray for our college students as they are finishing out this semester

Don Amiet (friend of Bobbi's) - lost his mother in Ohio, from a massive heart attack

Rosa Phillips (Theresa's cousin in Georgia) - is off the breathing machine and has a trach after having a major heart attack

Hazel Howard - a neighbor near her beach home passed recently from COPD

Megan Hollar - had surgery 12/2

Casey Allen - strength to overcome challenges

Thank God for the much-needed rain to help wildfires, local vegetation and more

Bobbi Henson - her oldest great-nephew attempted suicide, he has a baby boy due Feb

Bobbi Henson - needs to see orthopedist about arthritis in her knee hindering mobility

Ella Jane Mays - had a stroke, is at CVMC, room 419. NO VISITORS at this time. Doing well, receiving therapy to help with walking

Layne Ballard - had a heart cath, no problems were found, TYL! Will wear a heart monitor

T.J. Pate (Hazel Howard's grandson) - had successful surgery to remove tonsils/adenoids

Charlie Ferrell - had cataract removal surgery at Baptist

Ryan Lipford -struggle with seizures continues

Teresa Robins - may be close to diagnosis for severe headaches, dizziness

John Stasny - stents to be placed 12/7

Ann Stasny - shoulder surgery set for 12/13

Barbara Eckard - has pain after fall last week

Ron Nonamaker (Kevin's cousin)-at Cleveland Clinic, is not doing well, is not heart transplant candidate

Kathy Sigmon - to have test on 12/5 for autoimmune disease

Steve Westbrook (Kevin's cousin in WV) - is not feeling well

Upcoming Marriage Re-Connect Workshop event January 13-14

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Scripture Reading

Psalm 86:6-12 - Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

Ephesians 1:6-9 - ...to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ...

Notes from today's sermon:

Emmanuel: "God with Us" is a promise fulfilled and meets our need to...

1. K_____ & be k_____ by God - 1 John 5:20

2. Have a _____ s_____ & g_____ r_____ - 2 Corinthians 5:19

3. Have h_____ for our f_____ - Ephesians 1:18

4. Have God as our c_____ c_____ - 2 Corinthians 6:16

"I am with you ALWAYS!" - Matthew 28:20

Prayer requests, cont'd:

Tracie Perkins - outpatient surgical biopsy at CVMC 12/7, continue to pray for her and Foyle

Brain Pasch (Mark's bro-in-law)-biopsy showed cancer, no treatment plans yet

Col. Carrol Sites - has stage IV cancer

Van Bodden -in rm 411 at Brian Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Dec 5 - Anita Wilfong

Dec 6 - Tyler Killian

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Dec 5 - Jerry&Patsy Yoder



Positive Boys and Girls Entertainment

presents Acapella Skate Night at The Roller Place in Lenoir on Sun 12/18 from 1:30-4:30. Admission is \$5 for 4yrs/up. Come ready to reach out to the community and share the light of Jesus with them as you skate to great music! See Lionel Ellis.

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