

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 11, 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

Age 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 1/1. 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

"Joy to the World"

To Canaan's Land (867)

Just a Little Talk with Jesus (959)

Seek Ye First (555)

Prayer: Cole Hull

Reading: Psalm 146:5-10 -

Jonathan Eckard

When I Survey (315)

Communion: Jerry Burton

Offering

Reading: Matthew 11:2-11-Bryan Steelman

Let Me Live Close to Thee (831)

Dismiss Kingdom Kids

Message: John 15:11 - Kevin Bibbee

Nothing but the Blood (902)

Shepherd's Prayer

It Is Well with My Soul (490)

Worship Leader: David Jernigan

Communion Servers: Jorge Pacheco, Scott Powell, David Watkins, Ron Henry

Nursery Worker: Mary Nell Covalinski

Sitting with the Sisters: Slys

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) TODAY 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 and Shut-ins** - donations of fruit are needed - please bring donations to the fellowship hall. Will fill baskets Saturday 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 grade and up)

Senior Friends: December luncheon is at Zorba's in Conover on Tuesday 12/13 at 11am. RSVP to Retta today. Jolleen Christians of Conover YMCA will speak on health and wellness for seniors.

Sign up 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 provided.

Presenters will be Owen & Lauren Mitchell (from FL). Pre-registration is required. See Watkins' with questions.

Youth Group:

-- **Christmas Party @ Bibbee's** Fri 12/16 from 6:30-9, guys bring 2L drinks, girls bring cookies. Come on over for food, games & singing!

-- **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.

On December 25th:

No Bible classes or morning assembly;

worship assembly will be at 3pm.

Come and invite family and friends for a special gathering at 3:00!

Prayer Needs

Family of Peggy Eddins (Barbara's dtr-in-law) - passed last week, pray for Barbara & her son
Family of James Franklin (Barbara Eddins, Billie Dennie and Judy Cole's cousin) - passed
Family of Pansy Duncan (friend of Judy's) - died in car accident 12/6, Pansy's husband is recovering at Frye from injuries; please pray for Judy with loss of friend and 3 relatives in past 2 months and family's health struggles
Barry Barlow (Barbara, Billie, and Judy's niece's husband) - diagnosed with liver cancer
Family of Jared Richardson (Foyle's cousin) - passed, pray for wife and two teenage dtrs, he helped 22 people with organ donation
Owen & Cameron Morrison (Bobbi's great-nephews) - into foster care with relatives
Jim Hanlon (Bobbi's uncle) - moved to rehab, family needs wisdom for future placement
Delores Hanlon (Bobbi's aunt) - in hospital in Ohio with congestive heart failure
Tracie Perkins - no surgery, to be rescheduled
John Stasny - had 3 stents placed, home now
Ann Stasny - shoulder surgery to be 12/13
Hazel Howard - pre-op appointment was done for shoulder surgery on 12/20
Bobby Ray Hanlon (Bobbi's uncle) - has cancer and heart issues, in Florida
Jean Hadden (Bobbi's mom) - has back and hip issues limiting her mobility
Tim Stroud - to get neck collar off soon
Ella Jane Mays - at assisted living in Newton for recovery after stroke, can have visitors
Marlene Matney - home with sinus issues
Valerie Keyes Streeter & kids - sinus issues
Cynthia & Tanisha Lipford - ongoing pain from car wreck before Thanksgiving
John Setzer - continued recovery at home
Casey Allen - strength for challenges
Rosa Phillips (Theresa's cousin) - in 4th week in ICU after heart attack, back on ventilator
Kay Frost (friend of Watkins) - health issues and salvation of daughter, Tina Gross
Vanderburg family - father (who was a local pastor) was killed in car wreck in Hickory
Sherri Allen (friend of Watkins) - cancer spread in jaw, chemo not option, will have radiation, unable to pay for medical cares, donations to Horseheads Church of Christ, PO Box 237, Horseheads, NY 14845

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Scripture Reading

Psalm 146:5-10 - Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.
Matthew 11:2-11 - When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: "'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Notes from today's sermon:

JOY entering the world was a...

1. D_____ JOY!
2. D_____ JOY!
3. D_____ JOY!

No Kingdom Kids on 12/25 or 1/1.
Will resume Kingdom Kids on 1/8.

Encouragement needed for the Chris Polley family - Address: 359 Flat Rock Rd, Lawndale, NC 28090

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Dec 14 - Megan Bibbee
Dec 17 - Nick Hall



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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