

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 25, 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

"Mary Did You Know"

Welcome & Prayer

Reading Together: Luke 1:34-35, 37-38

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (1001)

Angels We Have Heard on High (1002)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-14

Mary, Did You Know? Part 1

What Child Is This? (958)

Mary, Did You Know? Part 2

Silent Night (1003)

Mary, Did You Know? Part 3

Joy to the World (1018)

Mary, Did You Know? Part 4

Communion: Remembering the Lamb

O Come All Ye Faithful (997)

Offering: Mary, Did You Know? Part 5

Go Tell It on the Mountain (1012)

Nursery Worker: Pam Roberts

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

- **Conover East Action Team** - Lunch January 8th at 12 noon at Percil & Theresa Watkins' home
- **Men's Meeting** with elders January 15th at 4pm

Marriage Re-Connect Workshop

Jan 13th, 5:30-9pm, Jan 14th 8am-12:30pm. Registration is \$30 per couple with childcare included.

Registration deadline is January 8th. Dinner and a light breakfast provided.

Presenters will be Owen & Lauren Mitchell (from FL). Discount on

lodging available thru Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hickory - mention 'Reconnect'.

See Watkins' with questions.

Youth Group:

-- Put your vote in for a "name" for our youth group -- see Kamy or Kaylin for a ballot!

-- **WINTERFEST** is coming!

February 17-19, 2017 - sign up on the bulletin board. \$38 for event; \$13 for t-shirt. Money due TODAY to Bryan Steelman.

College Age/Young Adults:

New Year's Eve Gathering at Tim & Debbie Duncan's home. Finger foods provided - come & go whenever you like (but arrive no earlier than 8pm).

No Kingdom Kids today or next Sunday - will resume on Jan 8th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Dec 24 - Megan Rae Hollar

Dec 26 - Sarai Burkhalter

Dec 27 - Cavan Covalinski

Dec 27 - Mary Nichols



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Dec 27 - Blake & Barbara Eckard

Dec 28 - Percil & Theresa Watkins



Prayer Needs

Our love and prayers continue to be with Steve and Debbie Killian and family in the passing of Steve's dad, Worth Killian.

Shannon Orren (Randy&Barbara Pannell's daughter) - struggle with medical issues

Ann Stasny - oral surgery went well
Hazel Howard - recovering well from shoulder replacement surgery

Barbara Gnann - so thankful to have no injuries from car accident last Sunday

Tom Killinger - having tests soon to determine treatment for colon cancer

Tracie Perkins - outpatient surgical biopsy went well, awaiting results

Foyle Perkins - had chemo on Thursday
Pray for all families traveling

Rossana Lecaros - pray for her mother's health and for safe travels to Peru

Mary Nell Covalinski - had outpatient surgery Wednesday

Ann Henry - was admitted to Frye for symptoms of stroke, tests inconclusive,

Ron Nonamaker (Kevin's cousin) - still at Cleveland Clinic following heart surgery to place heart pump

Ella Jane Mays - doing well in rehab at Carillon Assisted Living in Newton

PJ Morgan (Richard's cousin) - is out of ICU and in a regular room in Ohio

Rosa Phillips (Theresa's cousin) - improving after heart attack

Larry Duncan - foot/ankle mending after surgery, pray for continued recovery for Larry, Sharon and Deb

Ella Jane Mays - doing well at rehab

John Setzer - pray for his recovery

Casey Allen - sees God working

Ryan Lipford - needs relief from frequent seizures

Owen & Cameron Morrison - (Bobbi's great-nephews) - going into foster care with relatives

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:34-35, 37-38 - "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."

Then the angel left her.

Luke 2:1-14 - In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Notes from today's sermon:

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