

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Assembly: 10:30am

(Wireless receivers available)

Sunday Classes, 9:30am

Adults: Gospels, Percil, auditorium

Teens: Tom & Janet, hut

Grades 4-6: Bryan & Jenny

Grades 1-3: Kelsie Powell

Age 4-K: Dora McDonald

Age 2-3: Tonya & Margo

Wednesday Classes, 7pm

Adults: Bob B, auditorium, "The God Who Saves"

Adults: Foyle P, fellowship hall, "What's Next?"

College/Young Adult: Tim & Debbie, library

Teens: Kevin & Kamy, hut

Grades 1-6: Theresa Watkins

Preschool-K: Patsy Yoder

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/month at 5:30. *Children of the Day* by Beth Moore. See Janet/Kamy.

LIME: Mondays at 10am in the church library. See Theresa or Georgianna.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

April 4 - Mike Wilfong

April 10 - Billie Dennie

April 11 - Karen Rheinbolt

Sermon Series: God Is For Us!

"Strength and Courage"

Ring Out the Message (622)

Unto Thee, O Lord (794)

Prayer: David Watkins

Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 -
Jonathan Eckard

As the Deer (71)

Make Me a Servant

Communion, Offering: Percil Watkins

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 -
Richard Rheinbolt

We Bow Down (577)

Kingdom Kids

Sermon: Kevin Bibbee, Text: Joshua 1:1-9

Victory in Jesus (470)

Shepherd's Prayer

Sing and Be Happy (587)

Worship Leader: Paxton Powell

Servers: Jorge Pacheco, Scott Powell,
Blake Eckard, Roy Henson

Nursery: Blanche Fitch

Sitting with the Sisters: Kristen Killian

April Hospitality Coordinator:

Janet Keever

April Greeters: Conover East



Yard work will be happening at the church building every Saturday 9am. Bring wheelbarrows, yard tools, gloves, any favorite plants and supplies. See Kevin Boggs.

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

- **Burke Plus Action Team** at the Eckard's home Sunday, 4/23 at 5pm. Theme: *International food*

Serena Miller is coming! Saturday, 4/29 from 10-2. Lunch with a Christian author; come hear about her journey of faith and buy books, too! Please RSVP by signing the list on the bulletin board. Also on the board is a list to help with food. Flyers are on the back table to share with friends and neighbors. See Kamy with questions.

Youth Group:

-- CBC is coming! Registration now open at carolinabiblecamp.com. Weeks run 6/18-8/5. Differently abled camp 6/13-6/14.

Senior Friends Luncheon at J&S Cafeteria on Tues, 4/11 at 11:30am. See Retta with questions. ****PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!****

We are working on a schedule for Kingdom Kids workers. If you're interested in helping with these precious young ones (4yrs to 4th gr), please see Kamy ASAP.

April KK: Donna Covalinski

SAVE THE DATE: 8/11-8/13 - LADIES RETREAT in the mountains! See Margo Hull for details & to help with plans.

VBS is planned for 4 consecutive Wednesdays (July 12, 19, 26 and Aug 2) for grades 1-6. Please be prayerful about this new schedule.

Help needed with communion prep: See sign-up list on bulletin board

We really appreciate the support, many cards & letters, phone calls, prayers & the delicious food provided by Tonya, Janet, Alice, Linda, Sharon, Barbara G, & Brian McD. The words "thank you" seem inadequate. It's been 3 months & we're still seeking answers, but we're hoping I can be back in worship & fellowship soon. Praising God for His strength & seeking His healing. We love this Christian family.
--- Kay, Barry & Shele Smith

Prayer Needs

Verna Jordan (Hester Burkhalter's mom) - still at Baptist for health challenges, prayers for strength for family

Foyle Perkins - had treatment this week, continued prayers for his strength

Roy Henson - saw cardiologist this week

Two young children at Baptist are having difficulties (request from David Shuping)

Ceniyah Crawford - was sick this week

Percil Watkins - traveling for work

Myra Hill - has had major blood sugar problems after taking meds for flu

Gene London (Jerry & Eloise's son-in-law) - recovering from stroke, seeing doctors

Britt Charles (Blanch's cousin in KY) - had two heart attacks in two days, triple bypass plus second heart surgery, is a faithful Bible class teacher

Paul Lawson (friend of Fitch's) - now off ventilator and doing better after infection

Henry Crum (friend of Fitch's) - greatly improved after serious eye infection

Ernie Robbins (brother-in-law to Billie, Barbara and Judy) - is at Frye with late stage cancer, will have hospice care there

John Stasny - tests done to search for cancer recurrence

Emily McGrandy (Mark & Pam's daughter - in-law) - has heart problems, on bed rest for baby due in May

Lucille Dixon - was in ER this week with dehydration, continue to pray for her and Alden for improved health and strength

Sally Cannon - having thyroid ultrasound to assess nodule

Annika Gaardsdal (parent of preschoolers at Debbie Duncan's school) - had stroke with paralysis, is at Baptist, now can sit up, nod head, has four kids under 8 yrs

David Jernigan - had more surgery Friday

Tommy (Ann Stasny's former client) - at Baptist with short remaining life expectancy

Brooklyn Walker (5yrs old) - had skin, mouth, eye lesions, much improved, may leave hospital, cards may be sent to: 2140 Lake Park Blvd, Richardson, TX 75080

Jonathon Eckard - seeks prayers as he pursues learner's permit

Lectionary Readings:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Matthew 21:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 - Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Philippians 2:5-11 - In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Our hearts are with the Belville family in the loss of their 17 yr old grandson, Phineas Haq. Memorial service is set for April 15th at 1pm at Dunwoody United Methodist Church in Dunwoody, GA. Requesting memorials to Phineas Haq Memorial Fund at Dunwoody United Methodist Church in lieu of flowers.

Our love and prayers are with the Lipford family in the loss of Leo Lipford, Tony's dad. Funeral services were yesterday in Lenoir.

Notes from today's sermon:

Strength and courage come when:

L _____ G _____ of Y _____
C _____ G _____ P _____

1. I have the promise of God's _____

Discover God's will by:

a) S _____ b) P _____

c) C _____ of _____

d) C _____ e) D _____

2. I have the promise of God's p _____ and p _____

3. I have the promise of God's s _____ for my life!

Strength and courage come when:

M _____ G _____ C _____

1. Search S _____

2. O _____ God

3. Be s _____ and c _____ !

Don't tell God how big your storm is --- tell the storm how BIG your GOD is!

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