

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

## Announcements & Reminders

Kingdom Kids/Kidlets Worship Time is canceled for December. There is an urgent need for teachers in 2019. Sign-up on bulletin board

The December Senior Friends Luncheon is moved to Tues, Dec 18, at Carillon Assisted Living facility, 1088 Radio Station Rd., Newton, We'll eat with our dear Sister Jane Mays. Meet in the lobby at 11:45 am before going to the dining room. For Carillon to plan for the right amount of food, please let Retta know by 5pm, Monday, 12/17, if you plan to attend.

Annual Fruit Baskets will be done on the 22nd. Everyone needs to have their fruit at church by the 22nd. Let Debbie Killian know if you can help assemble them.

Please see Kevin Bibbee for details of a church fellowship at their home, Sun. Dec. 30, 3pm.

Winterfest (Feb. 15th - 17th) registration is open through Dec. 30th. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the lobby. The event price is \$39; payment is due Dec. 30th. THERE ARE SOME SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE, for those needing financial assistance. The church is supplying transportation and lodging. Questions-contact Bryan Steelman 828-729-3148.

Wed. Jan. 2 at 7pm - Prayer and Singing Night - Basement/Fellowship Hall

Please continue saving & bringing your change (\$) to help AGAPE foster care/adoption service til the year-end. Give to Tom Keever. You can also be a respite caregiver or adoptive parent with AGAPE. Contact Joe Hall, to get involved with AGAPE. Enjoy their recent video: <https://www.agapeofnc.org/news/>

Please consider making a donation to Eastern European Missions (EEM). An info/donation table is set-up in the foyer. Make check payable to EEM, from now until the end of the year.

Please visit our website: [www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org) under the Members tab, to see updated directory.

Thanks to all who helped with or contributed to the Picnic Shelter, recently constructed in the back parking lot.

Adults, please come out for our new Sunday class on "The One Anothers." Workbooks are available. Please come and bring children to our Sun. and Wed. classes.

## A Season of Promise

**Sing:** To God be the Glory (4)

**Sing:** Is it for Me? (483)

**Prayer:** Roy Henson

**Reading:** Isaiah 12:2-6, Dillon King

**Sing:** Listen to our Hearts (810)

**Sing:** Lily of the Valley (548)

**Sing:** I stand Amazed (147)

**Communion & Offering:** Jerry Yoder

**Reading:** Luke 3:7-18, Ron Gemperline

**Sing:** You are the Words & the Music (238)

**Message:** Isaiah 7:14

**Sing:** Tell it to Jesus Alone (542)

**Prayer**

**Sing:** Higher Ground (539)

**Servers:** Brett Citsay, Mike Wilfong, Randy Pannell, Bryan McDermott

**Nursery:** Lisa & Sara

**Sitting with the Sisters:** Barb E



**Assembly: 10:30 am**  
(Wireless receivers available)

### Sunday Classes, 9:30am

**Adults:** Prayer, auditorium

**Teens:** Kevin, hut

**Grades 4-6:** Bryan McDermott

**4 Yrs - Grade 3:** Debbie Killian

**Ages 2-3:** Patsy & Blanch

### Wednesday Classes, 7pm

**Adults:** "A Spirit that Produces", Kevin Bibbee, Fellowship Hall

**College / Young Adult:** Dillon King, Hut

**Teens:** Percil Watkins, Library

**Grades 1-6:** Theresa Watkins

**Preschool-K:** Patsy Yoder

**Food Pantry/New 2 You:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 4:30-6:00

**LIFT:** First Sunday of the month. See Kamy or Janet for details.

**LIME:** "Unshakable Hope", Max Lucado. Meets Mondays at 10:30am. See Georgiana Allen for info.

**Wifi Password:**  
gentlesquash101

## 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.

## Prayer Requests

**Megan Bibbee** is being treated for a cough possibly related to reflux. Praise God her gall bladder surgery was a success.

**Lillie Brewer**, Tonya Osborne's Mom, has cancer; pray for Tonya, in supporting her Mom and family.

**Mary Ellen Bross**, Dora McDonald's daughter in NY, has cancer.

**Anita Creekmore**, Watkins' neighbor, is on her 2<sup>nd</sup> course of chemo treatments for breast cancer.

**Barbara Eddins** is homebound with several health concerns.

**Zack Fleshman**, Tracie Perkins' new grandson, is home. He was six weeks premature. He's using oxygen, but doing well.

**Robert Hadden**, Bobbi Henson's Dad, is home from hospital, with Bobbi tending to his needs.

**Cathy Hall** is improving, though challenged by a 3<sup>rd</sup> diagnosis of a lung condition.

**Eadie Hopkins** is being treated for high blood pressure.

**Mike Jordan**, Hester Burkhalter & Sharon Citsay's brother, will be moved to CVMC from Charlotte hospital, for therapy.

**Klinge Family**, friends of Scott & Blanch Fitch, have had many loved ones to pass this year and other challenges.

**Sophia Noell** is the new granddaughter of Sally Cannon, born to John & Heather Gibson. Born 12/10 at 5lb, 10oz., 19in.

**Gene London**, the Burtons' son-in-law, has cancer; his surgery was Thurs. 12/6 at CVMC.

**Eric Luckadoo**, Megan Rae Hollar's friend, fell from roof onto cement. He's at Baptist; some responsiveness seen.

**Marlene Matney** got her leg pinned under her car wheel for 20 mins., while in WV. Thankfully, no bones were broken.

**Jane Mays** is at Carillon Assisted Living.

**Mary Nichols** has extreme back and nerve pain, but is grateful to meet with us when she can.

**Carmen Pippin** is recovering from emergency surgery. Her family visited our Family Fun Fest.

**Louise Sconce**, Fitch's neighbor, is looking to hear if she has lung cancer. She has leukemia. Pray for her husband, **Bob**.

**John Setzer**, Anna's husband, is walking fairly well, after hip surgery and therapy.

**Marti Shirah** has pulmonary fibrosis and COPD; medications are helping her. She's done with chemo for now.

**Ann Stasny** is recovering from ankle surgery. She's still not able to put weight on her foot, but is doing well.

**Rose Ettia Tucker**, Cynthia Lipford's sister, has health concerns.

**Rosemary Williams**, sister of Sally Cannon & Timmy Rainwater, had rod put in her arm and hasn't been doing well. If her condition doesn't improve, she may need to have her arm removed.

**Zelda Wilson (2)**, Megan Rae's friend, is taking new anti-seizure medicine for her 600 seizures/day.

**Pray** for our college students' continued spiritual growth, as they have finished their fall semester.

**Pray** for those contemplating being baptized into Christ to be open to following Him.

**Pray** for opportunities to share the good news about Jesus with others.

## Lectionary Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philipians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

### NOTES:

A SEASON OF PROMISE:

1. GOD WILL \_\_\_\_\_ !

2. GOD WILL \_\_\_\_\_ !

3. GOD WILL \_\_\_\_\_ !

*"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:14*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 14, Megan Bibbee

Dec 15, Danielle King

Dec 15, Andrea Whyte Patterson

Dec 17, Nicolas Hall

Dec 19, Deidre Keller

Dec 21, Sara Watkins

Dec 22, Cathy Hall

Dec 22, Hannah Watkins

Dec 23, Hester Burkhalter



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec 19, Jerry & Eloise Burton

Dec 19, Richard & Karen Rheinbolt

Dec 23, Anthony & Cynthia Lipford

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