

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

**Sunday, December 23, 2018**

## Announcements & Reminders

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

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Senior Friends Lunch for January: Tues, 1/8, 11:30 A.M. at Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Hickory. Let Retta know by Mon, 1/7, 5P.M., if you'll be attending

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

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Please sign-up for one of our Discipleship Core Bible studies. See clip board in foyer. New sessions begin in January.

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Current and Interested Youth Bible Teachers will meet Sun. 1/13 after the worship assembly, downstairs in the fellowship hall

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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.

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

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Please continue saving & bringing your change (\$) to help AGAPE foster care/adoption service until 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/>

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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.

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

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

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Please begin giving now and/or pray about pledging a 2019 contribution to help pay off our mortgage balance which is below \$28,000. On your checks, please write 'For the mortgage' on the memo line. See Tom Keever, with any questions.

## Together in Praise

### Welcome

### Prayer of Praise

**Reading:** Psalm 80:1-7

**Sing:** We Will Glorify (578)

### Communion & Offering

**Sing:** O Come, All Ye Faithful (997)

### Jesus' Birth Medley

**Reading:** Micah 5:2; Luke 2:1-7,9-14

**Sing:** Angels We Have Heard on High (1002)

### Story Behind – "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**Sing:** O Little Town of Bethlehem (996)

### Response Request

**Sing:** Silent Night! Holy Night! (1003)

### Story Behind – "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

**Sing:** Go Tell it on the Mountain (1012)

### Prayer of Thankfulness

**Sing:** Joy to the World (1018)

### Merry Christmas Everyone!

**Nursery:** Pam Roberts

**Sitting with the Sisters:** Margaret



**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:**  
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## 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

**Amber** is looking to be baptized into Christ, when she visits family in Hickory this Christmas.

**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, as she supports her Mom and family.

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

**Jerry Burton's brother** in KY has cancer.

**Anita Creekmore**, the Watkins' neighbor, is taking chemo treatments for breast cancer.

**Ruth Crum**, Blanch Fitch's childhood babysitter, in WV, came off ventilator. Her recovery is on a day-by-day basis.

**Randy Dennie** was in a head-on car collision Sat. His car was totaled, leaving him with knee pain, but all else is well.

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

**Cathy Hall** is improving with her 3rd diagnosis of a lung condition.

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

**Mike Jordan**, Hester Burkhalter & Sharon Citsay's brother, is taking physical therapy and has several health concerns.

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

**Barbara Gnann** has been ill; pray for her healing and safe travels for Christmas.

**Anita Headrick**, Ann Henry's brother's wife, may have had a stroke, given she was unconsciousness for some time.

**Joshua**, Anna Setzer's nephew, has worsening severe anxiety, after one semester at Harding Univ. Pray for him & family.

**Tom & Debbie Killinger** will be in Pennsylvania for an extended visit.

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

**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 a car wheel in WV. Thankfully, no bones were broken. She's back home.

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

**Crystal Moody**, friend of Debbie Killinger, is having a reverse colostomy surgery.

**Mary Nichols** has extreme back and nerve pain.

**Sophia Noell** is the new granddaughter of Sally Cannon, born to John & Heather Gibson.

Born 12/10 at 5lb, 10oz., 19in.

**Ethan Parlier (12)** passed Tues from cancer. Remember his parents, brother, cousin Tyler Lowman, & other loved ones.

**Tracie Perkins'** two grandkids are recovering. Her newest grandson, **Zack**, in Wyoming, is still getting stronger.

**Carmen Pippin** is recovering from cleft palate surgery. Her family visited our Family Fun Fest. She faces more surgery.

**Scott & Kelsie Powell** are coping with respiratory issues. Scott is being treated for double pneumonia

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

## Lectionary Readings

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

## Prayer Requests

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

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

**Ann Stasny** thankfully is walking again, after ankle surgery.

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

**Rosemary Williams**, sister of Sally Cannon & Timmy Rainwater, may lose arm w/ rod, if her condition doesn't improve

**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.

**Pray for all our loved ones** who are traveling elsewhere or here over the holidays.

**Praise God** for bringing home our college and other distant-learning students.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 23, Hester Burkhalter

Dec 24, Megan Rae Hollar

Dec 27, Mary Nichols

Dec 27, Ron Gemperline

Dec 28, John Setzer

Dec 30, Mark Roberts

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec 20, Ron & Ann Henry

Dec 23, Tony & Cynthia Lipford

Dec 27, Blake & Barbara Eckard

Dec 28, Percil & Theresa Watkins



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