

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

**Sunday, January 6, 2018**

**Assembly: 10:30 am**

(Wireless receivers available)

## Sunday Classes, 9:30am

**Adults:** Prayer, auditorium

**Teens:** Kevin, Fellowship Hall

**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

\*This month: Jan 15<sup>th</sup> only\*

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

**LIME:** Will resume 1/14/19

**Wifi Password:**  
gentlesquash101

## Poor in Spirit

### **Announcement / Greeting**

**Prayer:** Steve Killian

**Sing:** Hallelujah Praise Jehovah (3)

**Sing:** Come Thou Almighty King (19)

**Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6 – Dillon King

**Sing:** Alas! And Did my Savior Bleed (324)

**Communion & Offering**– Bryan Steelman

**Sing:** I Love You Lord (779)

**Reading:** Matt 2:1-12 - Randy Pannell

**Sing:** Just a Little Talk with Jesus (959)

**Message:** Matthew 5:3

**Sing:** Hark the Gentle Voice (907)

**Prayer**

**Sing:** We're Marching to Zion (869)

**Servers:** Brett Citsay, Tom Keever, Mark Roberts, Jerry Yoder

**Nursery:** Mary Nell Covalinski

**Sitting with the Sisters:** Kamy

**Kingdom Kids:** Janet Keever

**Kingdom Kidlets:** Danielle King

**Communion Prep:** Ron & Ann Henry

**Hospitality:** Nany Belville



## 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

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

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

**Teens:** Carolina Bible Camp's Winter Camp "Imagine", Jan. 18-21, 2019, Mocksville, NC.

[www.carolinabiblecamp.com/register/](http://www.carolinabiblecamp.com/register/)

Burke Plus action team will meet Sun., Jan. 27th at 5 pm at Bob & Nancy Belville's, 518 Lenoir St., Morganton. 828.221.0356 home. Bring whatever food you like.

Women of Hope Conference, Lebanon, TN, March 1-2, Early Registration thru Jan. 31. [www.hhi.org/womenofhope/register](http://www.hhi.org/womenofhope/register)

Changes/additions to Sitting with the Sisters or Nursery Worker Lists, contact Megan Rae: [meganhollarot@gmail.com](mailto:meganhollarot@gmail.com) or 446-9524. Our Communion Preparation list is on the bulletin board; monthly assignments will remain as is for 2019; see Ron or Ann Henry with updates.

Adults, please come out for our new Sunday class on "The One Anothers." Workbooks are available.

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.

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

Thanks to everyone for past help with our Terracycle Recycling Program; we are no longer participating in this program, so no more recycled items are needed.

A couple more volunteers are needed to help with monthly communion preparation. Please sign-up on bulletin board or see the Henry's.

Ministers' Challenge for HCOC for 2019: Pray everyday for the church's spiritual growth and for souls to be added to God's kingdom (numerical growth)

Updated server schedule is located on the bulletin board.

## Prayer Requests

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

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

**Pray** for all on our prayer list to acknowledge the power of God in their situation.

**Deborah Miles** is seeing improvements in strained relationships in her family.

**Timmy Rainwater** acknowledges his complacency in his Christian walk. He repents and asks for forgiveness.

**Dave Bierce** is grateful he does not have mouth cancer.

**Jon Bohm's** is coping with a small amount of blood that was found on his brain.

**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.

**Elvira Bryant**, a dear friend of Rossana Lecaros, went to be with the Lord a month ago in Tucson. She was in the hospital, when she died from pneumonia. Please pray for her daughter Ann Bryant and her 3 grandchildren.

**Jerry Burton's brother** (KY) has cancer and will be starting treatments

**Brett Citsay** is back home, after hospitalization with heart issues.

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

**Ruth Crum**, Blanch Fitch's childhood babysitter, in WV, is recovering from illness.

**Larry and Sharon Duncan** are in FL, to prepare and conduct funeral for Larry's brother. Then they'll travel to AZ.

**Barbara Eddins** is homebound.

**Mike Jordan**, Hester Burkhalter & Sharon Citsay's brother, has several health challenges.

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

**Gene London**, the Burtons' son-in-law, had successful surgery for his cancer.

**Roy Kramer**, grandfather of Mark & Pam Roberts' daughter-in-law, has heart failure.

**Eric Luckadoo**, Megan Rae's friend, fell from roof onto cement. He's at Baptist and hasn't been responsive lately.

**Marlene Matney** is home and praising God, after recent challenges.

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

**Mary Nichols** is living with her daughter and coping with health challenges.

**Mark Roberts** will see a neurosurgeon 1/10 for back pain.

**Lolly Rooker**, the Roberts' friend, wife of Mike Rooker, passed away in Michigan.

**Scott Powell** is recovering from double pneumonia.

**Marti Shirah** has pulmonary fibrosis and COPD; medications are helping.

**Sara Stanley** is experiencing a great deal of stress and related difficulties

**Pray for our college students returning to school, for spiritual well-being, academic success & safety**

## Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

### Notes

The *poor in spirit* are people who have learned to trust solely in God. How did they learn?

How do we learn? We need to...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
our spiritual poverty.

In Luke 18:9-14 we learn...

a. Our positional status in life

\_\_\_\_\_.

b. Feeling spiritually elite will not

\_\_\_\_\_.

c. God accepts those who in

\_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 7:18

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God's Grace.

Spiritual Wealth is found in:

a. God's Grace that is

\_\_\_\_\_.

b. God's wealth of grace that

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God's Kingdom.

a. Knowing that we are

\_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 17:20-21

b. Knowing that we need not to

\_\_\_\_\_ - Psalm 56:3-4

c. Knowing that we are secure by our

\_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 5:1-2

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 5:3*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 8, Barbara Eddins

Jan 10, Bryan McDermott

Jan 11, Ron Henry

Jan 12, Blake Eckard



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