

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

**Assembly: 10:30 am**

(Wireless receivers available)

**Sunday Classes, 9:30am**

**Adults:** "Psalms", auditorium

**2 Yrs – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Upstairs in education wing

**Wednesday Classes, 7pm**

**Adults:** "Practical Christianity", Percil Watkins, Fellowship Hall

**College / Young Adults:** "The Bible says THAT?!"

Bob Belville, Auditorium

**Teens:** Bryan McDermott

**Grades 1-6:** Theresa Watkins

**Preschool-K:** Patsy Yoder

**Food Pantry/New 2 You:**

In M-25 Building 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 5-6pm

**Ladies Studies:**

**LIFT:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of every month

at 5:30pm

**LIME:** Mondays at 10:30am

**Wi-Fi Network:**

Netgear69-5G or

Hickory\_Education\_5G

**Wi-Fi Password:**

gentlesquash101

## Are You Ready for Battle

**Sing:** Great is the Lord Almighty (102)

**Sing:** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (162)

**Prayer** – Shelby Abercrombie

**Reading:** Psalm 122 – Bryan Steelman

**Sing:** The Battle Belongs to the Lord (749)

**Sing:** Soldiers of Christ Arise (647)

**Sing:** Lord, I Life Your Name on High (YB 96)

**Communion:** Bryan McDermott

**Offering**

**Reading:** Matthew 24: 36-44 – Jerry Burton

**Sing:** Fail is the Victory (469)

**Kingdom Kids**

**Message** Eph 6:10-18

**Sing:** Stand Up for Jesus (648)

**Prayer**

**Sing:** Victory Chant (YB 62)

**Servers:** Mike Wilfong, Art Burkhalter, Scott Powell, Roy Henson, Ray Catholic

**Nursery:** Alice Lail

**Sitting with the Sisters:** Barbara G

**Kingdom Kids:** Hester Burkhalter

**Communion Prep:** Margaret Sigmon

**Hospitality:** Dora McDonald



## 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

Monthly prayer and song service, Wed., Dec. 4th at 7pm, in the church Fellowship hall.

Young Adults Christmas Party. Sun. Dec. 8th, after the worship, in the hut! Wear a Christmas sweater and bring holiday food! Come enjoy games and holiday food. See Danielle King, with questions.

Youth and Teens Christmas party, Sunday, December 8th, after the worship assembly. Please bring a snack or drink to share. Afterwards, everyone is invited to join this group in going caroling to Carillon Assisted Living/Elmcroft Senior Living and to some of our shut-ins

Burke Plus Action Team Gathering. Sunday, Dec. 8 at 5pm at Larry & Sharon Duncan's, 3827 Mattingly Dr., Hickory. Larry - 828-310-6519. Sharon - 828-310-1103. Please bring any food/drink to share.

December Senior Friends Luncheon - Tues., Dec. 10, at 11:30 A.M at Bob Evans Restaurant, Hickory. Bob Evans needs a count by Mon., 12/9- let Retta know by 12/8, at 5:00 P.M. if you plan to attend.

HCOF Food Drive is taking place thru Dec. 15th. Pick-up a brown paper bag with attached grocery list from the foyer, to help us provide needy local families. This will also help with restocking our church food pantry for the New Year.

No Wednesday classes on Dec 25 or January 1st

Please save your change, in a cup from the foyer, to benefit AGAPE of NC Foster Care and Adoption Service. Take the cup home, collect your change and bring it back before year-end to Tom Keever.

Women of Hope Conference - "Rejoice in Hope" - March 6-7, 2020 at Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro, TN. Special Guest will be Karen Kingsbury, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author. Register: [www.hhi.org/womenofhope](http://www.hhi.org/womenofhope). A number of our ladies attending. Early registration ends Feb. 3rd.

Dragon Slayer, our new Men's Spiritual Battle Fellowship, will start meeting Jan. 18, 8am-9:15am, for Bible study and breakfast. Meetings will take place each 3rd Saturday, January - June of next year. See David Shuping for details and/or to order workbooks. Funds are available, if you cannot afford workbook.

Kingdom Kids and Youth Bible Class Teachers are needed. Please see Janet Keever, Patsy Yoder, Debbie Killian or Theresa Watkins, to get involved or sign-up on the bulletin board.

Tim & Debbie Duncan's new address: 436 Hillview Dr, Apt 101. Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. Please sign the book in the foyer, to wish him and Debbie the best, as they relocate to Maryland. Debbie will join him in September.

Carolina Bible Camp urgently needs donations, to pay for swimming pool repairs. The pool is used for baptisms, swimming and team competitions. Give online: [carolinabiblecamp.com/donate/](http://carolinabiblecamp.com/donate/) or mail it to: Carolina Bible Camp & Retreat Center, P.O. Box 1234, Mocksville, NC 27028

## **The Hickory Church of Christ is Praying**

**HCOC Daily Prayer for 2019** – to grow spiritually and for God’s kingdom to grow

**Prayers for HCOC for 2020 includes our going through a process and submitting names for those you would ask to be a shepherd to the church - be praying and asking God to reveal these servants.**

**Areas of focus from our Congregation Meeting - 1) Leadership; 2) Children's Ministry & 3) Finances**

Pray for more opportunities to share Jesus.

**Casey Allen** is facing challenges.

**Mayson Archer**, a high school senior, has Leukemia

**Kaylin Bibbee** is studying abroad in England.

**Mary Ellen Bross of NY**, Dora McDonald's daughter; cancer treatments.

**Ray Catlett's brother, Johnny**, cancer.

**Dick & Mary Nell Covalinski** covet our prayers. See Margaret Sigmon, to help with providing meals for them.

**Billie Dennie** fell, but thankfully nothing was broken. She is bruised and experiencing some pain.

**Randy Dennie** can now hear in an affected ear, after successful ear surgery. Praise God. Pray for his continued recovery.

**Barbara Eddins** is homebound.

**Scott & Blanch Fitch** are homebound

**Nick Hall** is in Army Basic Training. Please write him: Pvt Hall, Martin; Rooster #204 2nd Plt.; B-TRP, 2-15 CAV, 194<sup>th</sup>; Ft. Benning, GA, 31905

**Linda Hollar**, Megan Rae's grandmother, fell recently. Pray for wisdom for the family, in making decisions about her care.

**Ken Johnson**, Pam Joy's brother, is seeing his left kidney is now functioning again.

**Jane Mays** is at Carillon Assisted Living in Newton and sends her love to all the church.

**Mary Nichols** has been homebound somewhat.

**Barbara Pannell** has been coping with shingles.

**Matthias Rheinbolt**, Richard & Karen's great grandson, is at Children's Hospital with life-threatening breathing issues.

**Mark Roberts** seeks a liver and/or lung transplant.

**Marti Shirah** is homebound

**Erika Wilfong** is recovering from a tonsillectomy.

**Pray for open hearts** among those hearing the good news about Jesus.

**Pray for all students, at all levels, and school, police and military staff**

**Dick & Mary Nell Covalinski** are grateful for prayers and cards and great food provided them, as she has been healing from broken ribs and broken bone in her right hand. They are most appreciative of the Hickory Church family and look forward to a better 2020, after a rough 2019 for them.

If you haven't yet, please write an encouraging letter to someone in our church family. Remember, Paul wrote Philippians to encourage the church at Philippi, even when he was imprisoned. See Kevin Bibbee, for questions about this challenge.

## **Lectionary Readings**

Isaiah 2:1-5 ; Psalm 122;

Romans 13:11-14 ; Matthew 24:36-44

## **Notes**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Dec 2 Shele Smith

Dec 2 Alexandra Steelman

Dec 5 Justin Wharton

Dec 5 Anita Wilfong

Dec 6 Paul Caldwell

Dec 6 Tyler Killian

Dec 6 Jean Jernigan



### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

December 5 Jerry & Patsy Yoder

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