

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Assembly: 10:30 am
(Wireless receivers available)

Sunday Classes, 9:30am

Adults: "Psalms", auditorium
2 Yrs – 12th 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: 1st 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

Gift Wrapped – Pt 2 Unwrapping God's Gift to us in Jesus!

Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 – David Jernigan
Sing: Joy to the World (1018)
Sing: Holy Holy Holy (47)
Prayer – Mark Roberts
Sing: Just a Little Talk with Jesus (959)
Sing: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (324)
Communion: Randy Pannell
Offering
Reading: Matthew 11:2-11 – Steve Killian
Sing: Our God, He is Alive (23)
Kingdom Kids
Message Luke 2:7
Sing: Hark the Gentle Voice (907)
Prayer- Ron Henry
Sing: It is Well (490)

Servers: Will Snyder, Roy Henson, Bryan McDermott, Scott Powell
Nursery: Lisa & Sara
Sitting with the Sisters: Barb E
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

Wed. 12/18, 7pm. For All Ages - Scripture reflections about Jesus' birth and Singing Christmas Carols in Fellowship Hall. Bring food, drink, dessert to share!

Fruit baskets will be assembled on Saturday December 21 at 9am at the church building. Please bring fruit on that Sat. Needed: apples, oranges, grapes, & candy. See Debbie Killian with questions
No Wednesday classes on Dec 25 or January 1st

Carolina Bible Camp (Mocksville, NC) Winter Camp is Jan. 17-20, 2020 - Teens (13-19) and adult workers are asked to sign-up. Parent volunteers, bring your younger kids, as dependent campers.
www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx or email: jburton001@triad.rr.com.

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. 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 Sat, Jan-Jun next year. See David Shuping for details and/or to order workbooks.

Kingdom Kids and Youth Bible Class Teachers are needed. 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 Sep.

Kaylin Bibbee is home from studying abroad in London. She thanks the church for prayers and support, during her time away, and appreciates the incredible opportunity to see more of God's amazing and beautiful earth!

Thanks to all who donated food to our Food Pantry during the holiday season

Pick up a copy of the 40 Days of Prayer document, in the foyer, and consider using this as part of your prayer time, beginning in the New Year

Women, if you're interested in a Women's Self-Defense Class, please contact David Shuping.

Everyone, please contact David Shuping, if you're interested in Martial Arts training.

Thanks to all who contributed to and/or participated in our exciting youths/teens Christmas party. Everyone's help made it AWESOME!

Praise God, for blessing the Christmas caroling outing to some shut-ins Sunday. It was especially great to have some of our kids join in! Please contact Hester Burkhalter, if you'd like to go caroling on an upcoming Sunday, to other shut-ins or seniors.

The Hickory Church of Christ is Praying

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

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. He’s expected to be home by Christmas, from Baptist Hospital.

Bob Belville has not been feeling well.

Kevin Bibbee had basal cell carcinoma removed from his face; pray for his timely recovery and adherence to the “no-lifting” and resting instructions.

Mary Ellen Bross of NY, Dora McDonald's daughter; cancer treatments. She’s thankful for cards and prayers!

Sally Cannon is coping well, after recent hospitalization.

Karen Catlett had procedure done this week, to ensure dialysis continues with no problems.

Ray Catlett’s brother, Johnny, cancer.

Mary Nell Covalinski has the flu and recently fell, injuring herself.

Billie Dennie is still mending, from a recent fall. Thankfully, she’s still able to meet with us.

Randy Dennie can now hear in an affected ear, after successful ear surgery. Praise God!

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, 194th; Ft. Benning, GA, 31905

Roy Henson and family are seeking some good results

Linda Hollar, Megan Rae’s grandmother, fell. Praise God for giving the family good care arrangement for her.

Jane Mays is at Elmcroft (formerly known as Carillon) Assisted Living in Newton.

Mary Nichols is homebound.

Linda Nygren, formerly of HCOC, passed Dec 8, after an extended illness. Pray for her husband, David, and family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to The Lupus Foundation, 4530 Park Rd. Ste.#302, Charlotte, NC, 28209.

Barbara Pannell is back at work, after a bout with the shingles.

Michelle Patrick, Percil & Theresa Watkins’ sister-in-law, had part of her colon removed, because of cancer.

Matthias Rheinbolt, Richard & Karen’s great grandson, is home and all better, after life-threatening breathing issues.

Mark Roberts seeks a liver and/or lung transplant.

Marti Shirah is homebound.

Larry Sigman (Wife:Mae, Sister: Eloise Burton) is in ICU 505 @ CVMC on the ventilator due to heart condition

Lisa Smith and Sara Stanley are hurting over some family challenges

Erika Wilfong had complications, after a recent tonsillectomy.

Pray for open hearts among those hearing about Jesus. One lady in the community, a correspondence Bible lesson student with an AL church, seeks to be baptized. Pray for contact to be made with her.

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10

James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Notes

God Wrapped the Gift of...

- GUIDANCE - Matthew 2:1-6
- THE IMPOSSIBLE - Luke 2:26-37
- PROVISION - Luke 2:1-7

- _____ -
Ezekiel 34:11-16; Luke 2:8-12

- _____ & _____ -
Isaiah 1:18; 11:1-5

- _____ -
Psalm 29:11; Luke 2:13-20

"...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger." - Luke 2:7

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

15 Danielle King

18 Kelsey Fecteau

21 Sara Watkins



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

19 Jerry & Eloise Burton

19 Richard & Karen Rheinbolt


20 Ron & Ann Henry (50th Anniversary!!!)

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