

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

**Sunday, December 22, 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

## Together in Praise Jesus, The Greatest Gift of All

### Welcome

**Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-14 – Larry Duncan  
**Sing:** Joy to the World (1018)  
**Sing:** O Come All Ye Faithful (997)  
**Prayer** – Roy Henson  
**Christmas According to Kids**  
**Jesus' Birth Medley**  
**Sing:** Hark the Herald Angels Sing (1001)  
**Sing:** Angels We Have Heard on High (1002)  
**Offering**  
**Sing:** What Child is This? (998)  
**Sing:** Silent Night (1003)  
**Communion:** Ray Catlett  
**Reading:** Romans 1:1-7 – David Shuping  
**Sing:** Go Tell It on the Mountain (1012)  
**Merry Christmas Everyone!**

**Servers:** Tom Keever, John Stasny, Bryan Steelman, Leon Rousseau  
**Nursery:** Pam Roberts  
**Sitting with the Sisters:** Margaret  
**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

No Wednesday classes on Dec 25 or January 1<sup>st</sup>

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](http://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx)  
email: [jburton001@triad.rr.com](mailto:jburton001@triad.rr.com)

Please save your change, in a cup from the foyer, to benefit AGAPE of NC Foster Care and Adoption Services. Return the cup and change, by year-end to Tom Keever. Read and share, on social media, AGAPE's newsletter: [www.agapeofnc.org/news/](http://www.agapeofnc.org/news/).

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 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.

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!

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.

Carolina Bible Camp still urgently needs donations, to pay for swimming pool repairs. They are a long way from the \$60,000 goal. The pool is used for baptisms, swimming and team competitions. Any donation will be a HELP. Help today by giving online: <https://carolinabiblecamp.com/donate/> or mail it to: Carolina Bible Camp & Retreat Center, P.O. Box 1234, Mocksville, NC 27028.

The Communion preparation list for 2020 is on the bulletin board. Those wishing to volunteer to prepare the Lord's Supper are asked to sign-up.

Please pray for God to make known those He would have serve as elders with us. As early as January, everyone will be asked to submit names of men to be considered as shepherds.

Anyone interested in going caroling, this holiday season, contact Hester Burkhalter. It would be great to encourage more of our shut-ins & seniors.

Congratulations to Nicki Steelman who graduated from Western Carolina University with a BA in English and a minor in Business Administration. Way to go Nicki!

## 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 and is expected to be home by Christmas from Baptist Hospital.

**Bob Belville** has not been feeling well, but is regaining strength.

**Kevin Bibbee** had basal cell carcinoma removed from his face. pray for his timely recovery.

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

**Karen Catlett** had procedure, to ensure dialysis continues with no problems.

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

**Mary Nell Covalinski** has melanoma on her scalp and her broken rib is not healing

**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

**Roy Henson** and family are seeking good results

**Cynthia Lipford and family** are grieving the passing of her uncle.

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

**Mary Nichols** is at CVMC, Room 316.

**Linda Nygren**, formerly of HCOC, passed Dec 8, after 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.

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

**Marti Shirah** is homebound.

**Larry Sigmon**, Eloise Burton's brother, is in ICU Rm 505 - CVMC. His wife, **Mae**, is also ill. Pray for his spiritual needs too.

**Lisa Smith and Sara Stanley** are hurting over some family challenges

**Shele Smith** had cataract surgery Monday and will have another surgery Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Erika Wilfong** had complications, after a recent tonsillectomy.

**Praise God** for blessing our college students during the fall semester and for safe travels. **Congrats to Lucy Brown** on graduating from App State Univ, with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science. She'll be working in Charlotte.

**Pray for open hearts** among those hearing about Jesus.

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

## Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

22 Hannah Watkins  
23 Hester Burkhalter  
24 Megan Rae Hollar  
27 Ron Gemperline  
27 Mary Nichols  
28 Eamon Fecteau



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!


23 Tony & Cynthia Lipford  
27 Blake & Barbara Eckard  
28 Percil & Theresa Watkins  
28 Eamon & Kelsey Fecteau

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**Prayer requests and announcements:**

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