

# Hickory Church of Christ

*Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.*

**Sunday, December 8, 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

## **Gift Wrapped – Pt 1**

**Sing:** We Praise Thee, O God (2)  
**Sing:** Humble Yourself (745)  
**Prayer –** Dillon King  
**Reading:** Romans 15:4-13 – John Stasny  
**Sing:** Glorify Thy Name (77)  
**Sing:** Ten Thousand Angels (349)  
**Communion:** Larry Duncan  
**Offering**  
**Reading:** Matthew 3:1-11 – David Shuping  
**Sing:** No Tears in Heaven (882)  
**Kingdom Kids**  
**Message** Luke 2:7  
**Sing:** Trust and Obey (915)  
**Prayer**  
**Sing:** On Jordan's Stormy Banks (886)

**Servers:** Scott Powell, Ron Gemperline, Mark Roberts, Ron Henry  
**Nursery:** Mary Nell Covalinski  
**Sitting with the Sisters:** Danielle K  
**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**

Young Adults Christmas Party today 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 today after the worship assembly. Please bring a snack or drink to share. Afterwards, 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 today 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.

HCOC 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.

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

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.

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

**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.

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

**Sally Cannon** is home from the hospital, after being there for congestive heart failure and kidney issues.

**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. She has also been challenged recently, because of falling.

**Billie Dennie** fell, but thankfully nothing was broken. She was in the worship assembly last Sunday. TYL!

**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. Pray for wisdom for the family, in deciding about her care.

**Juanita Lecaros**, Rossana's mother, had needed dental extractions. Medical issues prevented this, since the summer.

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

**Mary Nichols** is homebound.

**Barbara Pannell** has 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 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 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.

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

## **Lectionary Readings**

Isaiah 11:1-10 ; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13 ; Matthew 3:1-12

## **Notes**

*Unwrapping God's Gift to Us!*

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*"...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!**

Dec 14 Megan Bibbee



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