

(Post your prayer requests or download our current prayer list @ www.hickorychurch.org)



- ❑ **Minister** search: That God will make the choice obvious for us!
- ❑ **Albert Dennie**
- ❑ **Ron Henry** was out sick last Sunday.
- ❑ **Jim Valentine**, better health.
- ❑ **Jerry Yoder**, job!
- ❑ **Kathleen Kirby** requests prayers for health.
- ❑ **Larry Sigmon**, Eloise B.'s brother, is home, doing well and thankful for many prayers.
- ❑ *Family and friends in our prayers:*
Lewis Cannon, Gloria B.'s uncle had surgery Dec. 17 and is doing well.
Gloria's aunt, **Lillie Lail**, suffered a severe leg injury on the job and facing a long period of disability and rehab .
Clifton Icard, Barbara P.'s father.
Ken Jernigan (**David** continues to spend most weekends with his dad.)
Rentz Johnson, recovering at home.
Virginia Lipford, Anthony's mother was scheduled for back surgery Dec. 31.
Danny Nesbitt, Kristi S,'s dad.
Dale Townsend, Ann H.'s bro. in law,
Carey Wiggins, Hospice.
- ❑ *God bless those serving us overseas:*
Jeff Duncan in Iraq.



Robert & Regina Lewis in Chemitz, Germany.
Craig & Theresa Phillips in Mumbai, India.

Avg. Last Year	Last Week
85 Sunday School	74
137 Assembly	121
50 Wednesday	33
\$3,664 Budget/week : \$3,850	\$4,968 inc. \$850 Project Facelift



Happy Birthday:

7 th	Phillip Sumner
8 th	Barbara Eddins
10 th	Ron Henry
11 th	Tyler Mayeux

Happy Anniversary:

Wow, few people wed in winter!

It's always great to have Visitors!

Jane Vaughn

(There are **visitor cards** in the back of the pews. Please encourage visitors to fill one out! And anyone may use the cards for prayer requests, etc.)



BULLETIN
 JANUARY 6, 2008
WELCOME!

"...let him call the elders of the church..." James 5¹⁴

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In God We Trust?

John 17¹³⁻¹⁹



Now I'm returning to you.

I'm saying these things in the world's hearing

So my people can experience

My joy completed in them.

I gave them your word;

The godless world hated them because of it,

Because they didn't join the world's ways,

Just as I didn't join the world's ways.

I'm not asking that you take them out of the world

But that you guard them from the Evil One.

They are no more defined by the world

Than I am defined by the world.

Make them holy—consecrated—with the truth;


Your word is consecrating truth.

In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world,

I give them a mission in the world.

I'm consecrating myself for their sakes

So they'll be truth-consecrated in their mission.

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.; Worship 10:30 Wednesday 7:00 P.M. www.hickorychurch.org Stay in the know. check our calendar regularly		Office: 464 4983 Fax: 464 3747 1218 Fairgrove Church, Road Hickory 28602 Pantry Hours: Wed. 6:30-7 P.M. Sun. 9-9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M.-12 P.M.
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News and Notes

All our senior members are invited to come to the next luncheon, Tuesday January 8, 2008 at the **Gondoliers** starting at 11 A.M. Please let **Retta Hughes** know whether you will be attending.

Operation Face Lift. You'll notice on the page we received several hundred dollars toward the Face Lift "Extras". Two beautiful **Century Furniture credenzas** have been ordered. We certainly could use some more designations if you'd like to take part .



We have over 20 registered for **WinterFest, Gatlinburg, Feb 15-17!**

Bryan Steelman is the man to see for details.

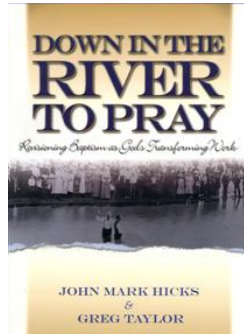


A big thank you to the Stephensons for bringing **Jason Thompson** all the way from Nashville to speak for us last week. He did a great job and is a fine resource for us as we pursue a pulpit minister. We saw Jason last year at **Elderlink Atlanta**. He was also on the program at **Pepperdine Bible lectures** for the past two years.

Beginning January 23rd, the two adult Wednesday night classes will come together to study **John Mark Hicks & Greg Taylor's** almost new book:

"Down in the River to Pray, Revisioning Baptism as God's Transforming Work."

"Baptism is more important than you think. But not for the reasons you suppose."



We have ordered 15 copies of the book for anyone who would like to have a personal copy. Ask me for one. Bob

Our new web site received over 230 visitors in the last 5 days with 50 "unique" visitors on Friday alone! That's more than double the number we were getting before the dynamic new site. Thanks **Rik!** We think you'll find lots of useful pages. **Nancy Posey** has posted January's day by day scriptures to read through the Bible in 2008, There's a front page link to **Tammy Breland's** church calendar. And **Katie Fox's** Pics from **Namibia** There are links to blogs, "ezines", schools, on line Bibles and study aids. And the latest church color photo directory as well as 10 months of bulletins can be read on line, downloaded or printed. For potential visitors and folks looking for a church home there are many more resources including links to our community. **Check it out!**

Our young friend, **Maria Caudle**, has transferred from UNCC. She begins classes at WCU on the 14th. She sends greeting to her friends in Hickory.

LOOKING IN THE MIRROR

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, "surely I can't look that old?" I love this story below that has been widely circulated:

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 37 years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. Hmm..., or could he? After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he gleamed with pride. "When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1967. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, wrinkled old man asked, "What did you teach?"

It's so easy, isn't it, to see the faults in someone else? We see their wrinkles. We see their gray hair. Even more than that, we see all the "specks" in their eyes (Matthew 7:3). But we are not so quick to notice those flaws in ourselves.

When I was young, I was determined to change the world and make it a better place. As I grew older, I realized that was an unrealistic goal and re-committed myself to changing the people around me. I've gotten a little bit older (and grayer). I still want to try to influence people around me, but I have learned that, ultimately, the only person I can change is me, and there is plenty that still needs to be changed.

James compares reading the Word of God with looking in a mirror: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." (James 1:22-25)

May we truly view the Word of God, not as a microscope to examine the lives of others, but as a mirror to search into our own hearts and lives.

Alan Smith Helen Street Church of Christ Fayetteville, North Carolina



Interim speakers coming to HCoC:

Invite your family and friends to hear some really special messages:

Today	Dan Hammitt	Providence Road CoC, Charlotte
Jan. 13	Chris Hutson	Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury
Jan. 20	Ernest Taylor	Glendale St CoC, Newton
Jan. 27	Mike Hipes	Wilmington (NC) CoC
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Feb. 24	Ellis Coats	Florence AL (Nancy P.'s dad!)