

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



Minister search: That God will make the choice obvious for us!

New this week:

Jim Valentine had triple by pass surgery At press time he was in ICU. NO Visitors, but he and Deane will appreciate calls when he gets into a room.

Isaac Walker, the 5 years old grandson of Robert & Leslie H.

The family of **Jack Raxter**, Jerry & Patsy's neighbor.

The **Whisnant** family, neighbor of Scott & Kristi.

Rusty Hughes, Retta's brother-in-law.

Zoie Henry is much better as of Wednesday.

Amanda Farris.

Family and friends in our prayers continually:

Lewis Cannon, Gloria B.'s uncle.

Gloria's aunt, **Lillie Lail**.

Albert Dennie

Clifton Icard, Barbara P.'s father.

Ken Jernigan, David's dad.

Rentz Johnson.

Kathleen Kirby.

Virginia Lipford, Anthony's mother.

Danny Nesbitt, Kristi S.'s dad.

Larry Sigmon, Eloise B.'s brother.

Dale Townsend, Ann H.'s brother in law,

Carey Wiggins, Hospice.

Jerry Yoder, job!

God bless those serving overseas:



Jeff Duncan home after 6th tour in Iraq!

Robert & Regina Lewis in Chemitz, Germany.

Craig & Theresa Phillips in Mumbai, India.

Scott & Emily Glisson. Stephensons' friends in Uganda.

Avg. 2007		w/o 1/6/2008
83	Sunday School	62
125	Assembly	117
46	Wednesday	30
\$3,211	Contribution	\$2,958
11/day (10)	Web count total (unique)	57/day (42)



Happy Birthday:

14th **Helen Winters**
 17th **Brittany Stiles**
 20th **Joey Burkhalter**

Happy Anniversary:

Wow, very few people wed in winter!



It's always great to have **Visitors!**

Tana & Clark Holloway placed membership!
Dan Hammitt Waxhaw
Brian & Crystal Killian Franklin
Dave McClure Flint MI
 (Dave will be here for several months remodeling SAMS)
Laura, Mark, Clayton, Patrick, Bienna Boozer Colfax NC (12/30)
Pat Kidd (12/30)

(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 13, 2008
WELCOME!

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

Bob Belville 221-0356(h) 430-1711(c)
 Keith Fox 322-2121(h) 320-8202(c)
 Ron Henry 256-8437(h)
 Steve Killian 256-9142(h) 312-0156(c)
 Jim Valentine 328-6446(h)

...not knowing where he was going.

Hebrews 11^{8ff}



By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder

is God.¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.



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

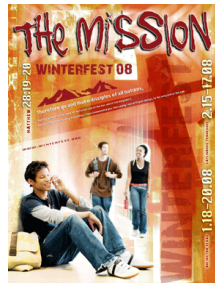


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News and Notes

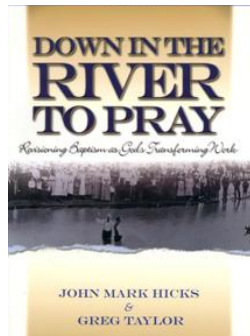
Teaching Opportunity! Because of a schedule change, we need someone immediately for the **2-6 year old class** on **Wednesday** night. If you can help, please let **Bryan Steelman** know as soon as possible.

We have over 20 registered for **WinterFest, Gatlinburg, Feb 15-17!** **Bryan Steelman** is the man to see for details.



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**



Action Team Activities

In the Hickory church, our Action Teams (Small Groups) are multipurpose. The most visible feature might be the fellowships we host and support for each other. Eating together is worthwhile in and of itself! Secondly, there are duty assignments useful to the church handled through the A.T. Greeters, for example. Thirdly, there are service projects of various kinds. B&G workdays, Parents Night Out, VBS, Pantry... that kind of thing. And then the Action Team is the front line, first responder, mutual support network that swings into action when someone needs help and love, be it a death in the family, illness, loss of job, or a family crisis. When the size of the need exceeds the resources of the A.T., the leaders can call on the rest of the church. Like most human relationships, Small Group programs must continuously grow or they will decline and die. If you’re already active, thanks!, if you haven’t been recently, make a resolution to be a Resource Person/Family instead of someone the leaders have targeted for motivation in 2008!

Song Leader	David Jernigan
Speaker	Chris Hutson
First Prayer	Dick Covalinski
Scripture	Randy Pannell
Lord’s Supper	Dick Posey
Pass Communion	Jude Mayeux
	Ken Lail
	Tony Lipford
	Charles Ferrell
To the Nursery:	Justin Kidd
Dismissal Prayer	Frank Stephenson

Genesis 11²⁶ When Terah had lived seventy years, he became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran.



²⁷ Now these are the descendants of Terah. Terah was the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran was the father of Lot. ²⁸ Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ Abram and Nahor took wives; the name of Abram’s wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor’s wife was Milcah. She was the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰ Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

³¹ Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram’s wife, and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³² The days of Terah were two hundred five years; and Terah died in Haran.

12¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.



Interim speakers coming to HCoC:

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

Today	Chris Hutson	Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury
Jan. 20	Ernest Taylor	Glendale St CoC, Newton
Jan. 27	Mike Hipes	Pine Valley CoC, Wilmington (NC) ...
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Feb. 10	Larry Duncan	Hickory Church of Christ
Feb. 17	Chris Hutson	Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury
Feb. 24	Ellis Coats	Florence AL (Nancy Posey’s dad!)