

(Post your prayer requests or download our current prayer list @ [www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org))



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

New this week:

**Albert Dennie** is scheduled for surgery in Winston Salem February 12.

**Marsha Cooper**, long time friend of Linda F. & Eadie H., lives in Florida. She suffered an aneurism in her eyes resulting in a stroke. She is currently in a rehab facility. Please pray for her vision and returned use of her leg.

**Wayne Headrick**, **Ann H.**'s brother, who lives in Arkansas, suffered chest pains Wed. he has gone home in "guarded condition".

**Rusty H.**, **Retta's** brother-in-law, ALS.

**Bobby & Amy H.**, **Retta's** son, expecting Retta's 3<sup>rd</sup> granddaughter on Thursday, 2/7!

**Chris K.**, recuperating from eye surgery.

Family and friends in our prayers continually:

**Evelyn Brown**, **Art. B.s** sister.

**Lewis Cannon**, **Gloria B.'s** uncle

**Annie Cay**, **Johnnie B.'s** grandmother, is to undergo gall bladder surgery this week.

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

**Randy & Jan Creson**,

**Randy's** health and family

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

**Clifton Icard**, **Barbara P.'s** father

**Ken Jernigan**, **David's** dad

**Rentz Johnson**

**Danny Nesbitt**, **Kristi S.'s** dad

**Larry Sigmon**, **Eloise B.'s** brother

**Jim V.** "glad to be home."

**Isaac Walker**, the 5 years old grandson of

**Robert & Leslie H.**

**Geraldine Ward**, lung cancer

**Bonnie Wiggins**

God bless those serving overseas:



**Robert & Regina Lewis** in Chemitz, Germany.

**Craig & Theresa Phillips** in Mumbai, India.

**Scott & Emily Glisson**. Stephenson's friends in Uganda.

Avg. 2007		w/o 1/20/2008
83	Sunday School	76
125	Assembly	102
46	Wednesday	32
\$3,211	Contribution	\$3,422
11/day (10)	Web visitors, total (unique)	54/day (39)



### Happy Birthday this week:

- 14<sup>th</sup> **Ross Sumner**
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Gloria Burkhalter**
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Anthony Lipford**
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Bob Belville**
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Patsy Yoder**

### Happy Anniversary:

- 14<sup>th</sup> **John/Annisa Enamait (11<sup>th</sup>)**



It's always great to have

## Visitors!

**Dan Hammitt** Waxhaw  
**Claude Pharr** Winston Salem  
**Val and Christine Dratschow** Hickory

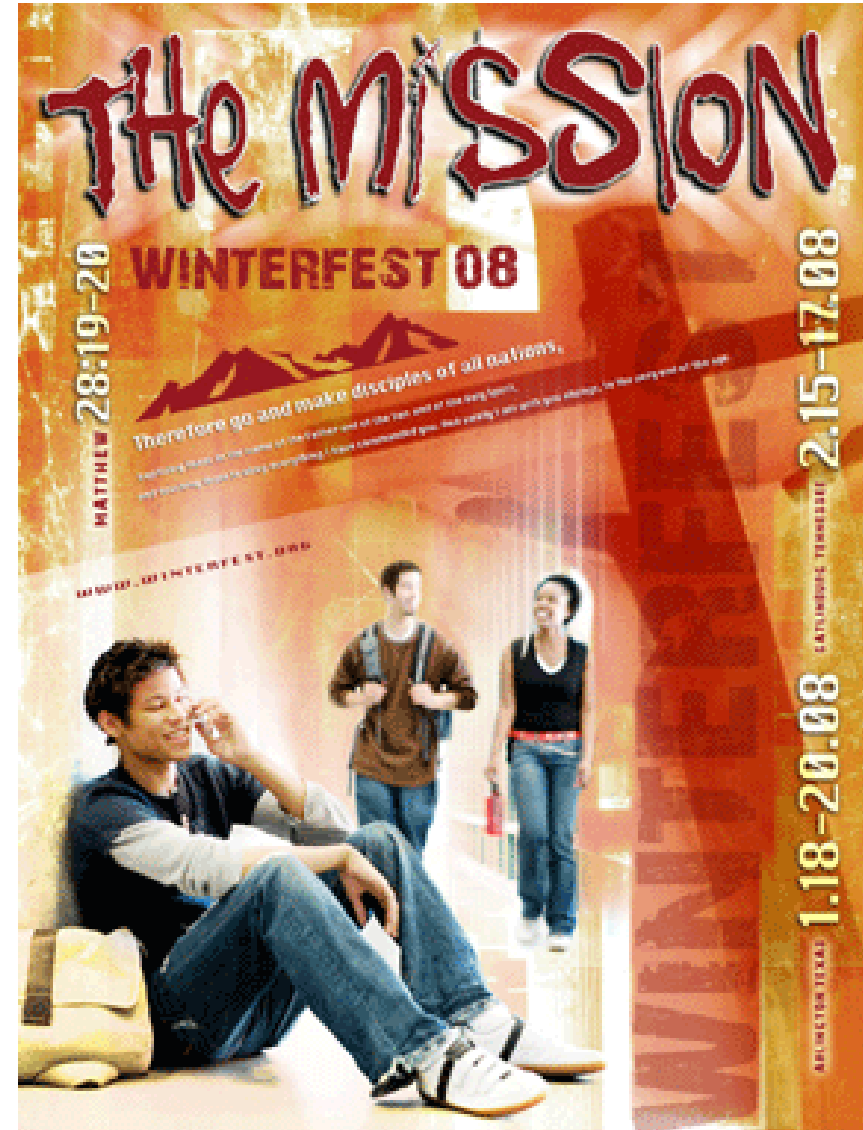
(There are **visitor cards** in the back of the pews. Please encourage visitors to fill one out! And anyone, guest or member, may use the cards for prayer requests, address changes, email addresses, etc.)



BULLETIN  
 FEBRUARY 10, 2008  
 WELCOME!

"...let him call the elders of the church..." James 5:14

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



Sunday School 9:30 A.M.; Worship 10:30  
 Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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Stay in the know. check our calendar regularly



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 Pantry Hours: Wed. 6:30-7 P.M.  
 Sun. 9-9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M.-12 P.M.

# News and Notes

⇒ Retta reports: **Wilkie Mae Hughes** arrived at 10:48 A.M. Thursday. New mother **Amy** did have to have a c-section, but thankfully both mother and baby are fine, and our son, Bobby is quite the proud father. Wilkie weighed 10 lbs., 1 oz. And her head measured 14 in.!

⇒ The February **Seniors' Luncheon** will be held at **Jason's Deli on Hwy #70, Tuesday, February 12, at 11:00 A.M.** Please let **Retta** know if you will be able to attend by Sunday, February 10.

⇒ **WinterFest** is next weekend! We are delighted that so many teens are going and we're appreciative of those adults who are making it possible for them to go! Have a great time all!

⇒ There will be a **Teachers Appreciation Dinner** after services on **February 24th**. Everyone is invited to stay for this meal. The church will be providing barbecue for the event. More details will be posted over the next few weeks.

⇒ **Sunday-School** and **Wednesday-night** teachers are needed for the Spring quarter beginning in March. Volunteers are greatly appreciated. Please see **Bryan Steelman** if you would like to teach or help someone else teach.

⇒ **Faithbuilders Valentine's Gathering** Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 PM at the Fox's Home. Menu and more info on Web Site.

Lots of people, including Jewish Scholars, are intrigued by the properties of numbers. **Dave McClure** passed on this cute piece.

Mathematic symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \times 8 + 1 &= 9 \\ 12 \times 8 + 2 &= 98 \\ 123 \times 8 + 3 &= 987 \\ 1234 \times 8 + 4 &= 9876 \\ 12345 \times 8 + 5 &= 98765 \\ 123456 \times 8 + 6 &= 987654 \\ 1234567 \times 8 + 7 &= 9876543 \\ 12345678 \times 8 + 8 &= 98765432 \\ 123456789 \times 8 + 9 &= 987654321 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \times 9 + 2 &= 11 \\ 12 \times 9 + 3 &= 111 \\ 123 \times 9 + 4 &= 1111 \\ 1234 \times 9 + 5 &= 11111 \\ 12345 \times 9 + 6 &= 111111 \\ 123456 \times 9 + 7 &= 1111111 \\ 1234567 \times 9 + 8 &= 11111111 \\ 12345678 \times 9 + 9 &= 111111111 \\ 123456789 \times 9 + 10 &= 1111111111 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9 \times 9 + 7 &= 88 \\ 98 \times 9 + 6 &= 888 \\ 987 \times 9 + 5 &= 8888 \\ 9876 \times 9 + 4 &= 88888 \\ 98765 \times 9 + 3 &= 888888 \\ 987654 \times 9 + 2 &= 8888888 \\ 9876543 \times 9 + 1 &= 88888888 \\ 98765432 \times 9 + 0 &= 888888888 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \times 1 &= 1 \\ 11 \times 11 &= 121 \\ 111 \times 111 &= 12321 \\ 1111 \times 1111 &= 1234321 \\ 11111 \times 11111 &= 123454321 \\ 111111 \times 111111 &= 12345654321 \\ 1111111 \times 1111111 &= 1234567654321 \\ 11111111 \times 11111111 &= 123456787654321 \end{aligned}$$

Now, let's consider what we mean by 100%.

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:  
What does **100%** represent?  
What does it mean, is it even possible, to give MORE than 100%?  
How about **ACHIEVING 101%**?

Jewish scholars analyze texts with each letter having a numerical value, like Roman numerals: I=1, V=5, X=10..., or our computer's ASCII code:

So, if we assign values to the letters:  
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z ▶  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

then:  
**HARD WORK**= 8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%  
And:  
**KNOWLEDGE**= 1+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96%  
And:  
**ATTITUDE**= 1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100%

But  
**LOVE OF GOD**= 12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101%

Therefore, we are convinced with **mathematical certainty** that: While **Hard Work** and **Knowledge** will get you close, and **Attitude** will get you there, it's the **Love of God** that puts us over the top! :-)

Welcome	Steve Killian
Song Leader	Murray Davis
Speaker	Larry Duncan
First Prayer	Jack Matthews
Scripture	Randy Pannell
Lord's Supper	Dick Posey
Pass Communion	Jude Mayeux
	Ken Lail
	Tony Lipford
	Charles Farrell
...to the Nursery	Justin Kidd
Dismissal Prayer	Frank Stephenson

Action Team Activities

**S**outh Catawba/Lincoln Action Team will meet in our Fellowship Hall after services February 10 for soup, sandwiches, salads and fellowship. (One of our own, **Larry Duncan**, is the interim speaker on that date.)



### Interim speakers coming to HCoC:

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

Today	<b>Larry Duncan</b>	Hickory Church of Christ
Feb. 17	<b>Chris Hutson</b>	Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury
Feb. 24	<b>Ellis Coats</b>	Florence AL (Nancy Posey.'s dad!)
Mar. 2		Candidate for our Evangelist Position
...		
March 30	<b>Kent Massey</b>	Charlotte