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

New this week:

**Rentz Johnson** was back in the hospital for almost a week.

Family and friends in our prayers continually:

**Lewis Cannon, Gloria B.'s** uncle  
**Mildred Carroll** has been quite sick.  
**Albert Dennie** is at home having had surgery in W/S 2/12. More treatment to come.  
**Gloria's** aunt, **Lillie Lail**  
**Annie Cay, Johnnie B.'s** grandmother.  
**Toni Cay, Johnnie B.'s** aunt has Graves Disease, is in radiation treatment.  
**Marsha Cooper**, Friend of Linda F. & Eadie  
**Rusty H., Retta's** brother-in-law, ALS.  
**Clifton Icard, Barbara P.'s** father  
**Ken Jernigan, David's** dad  
**Kathleen Kirby**  
**Chris K.**, recuperating from eye surgery.  
**Danny Nesbitt, Kristi S.'s** dad  
**Brenda Senn**, Hendersonville.  
**Larry Sigmon, Eloise B.'s** brother  
**Jim V.** slowly recuperating. Cards welcome.  
**Linda Varela**, Mary Nell's co-worker, cancer.  
**Isaac Walker**, the 5 years old grandson of **Robert & Leslie H.**  
**Geraldine Ward**, lung cancer  
**Mona Wilson**, Brooke Heller's grandmother.

God bless those serving us overseas:

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



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

**Scott & Emily Glisson**, friends of the **Stephensons**, in Uganda

Avg. 2007		w/o 1/20/2008
83	Sunday School	47
125	Assembly	75
46	Wednesday	38
\$3,211	Contribution	\$2,156
11/day (10)	Web visitors, total (unique)	54/day (39)



## Happy Birthday

28<sup>th</sup> **Tanisha Frederick Lipford**



PFC **Jennings, Joshua** R.M. 323  
 FCO 1st-50th ITB  
 9240 Treadwell Drive  
 Ft. Benning, GA 31905



*(mark the 4 corners of the envelop green)*

It's always great to have

## Visitors!

**Celeste Belville,**  
**Phineas & Simon** Dunwoody GA.  
**Linda Giles** Hickory  
**Chris Hutson** Salisbury

(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 24, 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

### Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

The Elders and Deacons would like to acknowledge and thank all those who gave their time and efforts to teach a Sunday morning or a Wednesday night class during 2007:

Kim Adcox, Bob Belville, Nancy Belville, David Cain, Shelly Cain, Mary Nell Covalinski, Murray Davis, Annisa Enamait, John Enamait, Amanda Farris, Keith Fox, Johnathan Gilbert, Misty Gilbert, Barbara Gnann, Ann Henry, Rick Janelle, Tammy Janelle, Roy Jennings, Debbie Killian, Jack Kline, Kay Matthews, Nancy Posey, Harriet Stephenson, Kristi Stephenson, Scott Stephenson, Bryan Steelman, Jennifer Steelman, Janet Stiles, Missy Stroud, Linda Sumner, Kerry Sumner, Joe Sutton, Jerry Yoder, Patsy Yoder.

After services today, we are having a barbecue luncheon to honor all our teachers. All members and visitors are encouraged to join us for lunch.

### Nancy Posey...

I have always felt fortunate to grow up in an area and in a congregation where young people had many opportunities, scheduled and informal, to participate in spiritual activities with other Christian teens. My dad was also my preacher—a fact that I never remember as negative—and he also worked with the Christian Student Center at what was is now the University of North Alabama. Some of my best memories from that time involve a houseful of what we called “the college kids” or Thursday night devotionals held in the homes of different church members every week. When we sang, “We are one in the spirit; we are one in the Lord,” we meant it.

I felt envious of my sisters back in Alabama when their children went to Youth in Action or **Winterfest**. **Ben** regularly attended **Impact** at

### Janet Stiles...

On Friday night, we were entertained by **Bob Stromberg** and encouraged to Know Jesus. Many people stayed to hear the **Kutless** concert. The concert separated old from young... old people do not enjoy the loud noise... young people love the music!

Saturday afternoon, we were entertained by **Bean and Bailey** and encouraged to **Be Jesus**. During this session, we broke into groups and prayed for poverty, war, abuse or addiction. It was a great moment to imagine the heavens... handling prayers of 13,000. Also, during all of the sessions, artists were on stage painting individual pictures... this session, the artists covered the ugly words of poverty, war, abuse and addiction, and made beautiful pictures.

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

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 Sun. 9–9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M.–12 P.M.

# News and Notes

⇒ **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: 464-3552 or [bsteelman@hickorychurch.org](mailto:bsteelman@hickorychurch.org).

*Welcome to Hickory! Ellis & Barbara Coats!*

*Nancy continued...*

**Lipscomb** through high school and always came home renewed. I had heard about **Winterfest** many years before I finally made the decision to attend. This year, though, one of my “empty nest” years, I decided to join the group from Hickory Church of Christ and spend my weekend in Gatlinburg. I am so glad I did.

The world of high school students is certainly familiar to me, after spending the last seventeen years as a high school teacher, as well as having my own crop coming through our home—but 13,000 at once? Even in two shifts, that is a huge number. As we lined up each session waiting for the doors to open, I felt as if I were participating in a pep rally on steroids. The energy was palpable—but always pleasant and peaceful.

Once the doors were opened and everyone rushed inside, though, we experienced a spirit that no cheerleader squad could muster. **Winterfest** is certainly geared to teenagers and to preteens. On the surface, it bore little resemblance a typical Sunday morning service

⇒ We expect our candidate for the evangelist position to travel with his family to Hickory Friday afternoon. A full weekend is planned so that they can learn about us and our city and you can get to know them. You’ll want to take advantage of this opportunity to extend hospitality. More about the schedule will be announced today.

or Wednesday night prayer meeting. We sang the “new songs”—no “Night with Ebon Pinion” or “When the Roll Is Called up Yonder” (though I wanted so badly to hear that many people breaking loose with a little good old-fashioned four-part harmony)—but the message of the entire weekend was Jesus Christ. The message was one that we all needed: We have a mission, and that mission is Christ. We were challenged to **know** Christ, to **be** Christ, to **see** Christ in “the least of these my brothers and sisters,” and to **share** Christ. At any age, it doesn’t get any more basic than that.

For this Baby Boomer, the music was inspirational, the skits moved me to tears at times, the lessons were poignant, and the spirit of fellowship I have taken home with me. Whether sixteen years old or sixty, we have the same excuses for keeping Jesus Christ to ourselves—and none of them are valid. I came home renewed and challenged. I came back to Hickory with a deeper love for the other members of our group. When my cell phone alarm goes off every day at 3:16 pm now, I am reminded that my mission is *not* impossible.

## Action Team Activities

**The North East Catawba Action Team** will have their monthly meeting at the home of **Ron & Ann Henry** today at 5:00 P.M. for sandwiches, etc. The “main course” is provided, bring a bag of chips or a dessert and drink. “Looking forward to seeing you there.” Check with or call Ron or Ann if you need directions.

**The South Catawba/Lincoln Action Team** will meet at the **Belvilles’** home March 16 at 5:00 P.M. The theme is **GREEN**, attire and food. It’s St. Patrick’s Day Eve, after all!

*Janet continued...*

Back to the room to gobble Taco Soup made by **Debbie Killian**----yum!

Saturday afternoon’s session we were encouraged to see Jesus.....This session ended with **Gage’s** favorite part....the sand man.....(no, he did not sleep through the session) there was an artist using sand to tell a story of the crucifixion. There really isn’t a way to explain it without seeing it!

It is thrilling to be part of the **largest gathering of Church of Christ members in the world.... that’s what happens when 13,000 people** gather for worship. (actually, the groups are divided into 2 groups) This session, we were encouraged to **Share Jesus**. The students used a tool most everyone has to share Jesus....their cell phone. They were told to set their alarm at 3:16 P.M. and each day to pray for someone lost when they heard the alarm. They were told to text a friend to pray for them, and text a friend that they had "good news" to ask about it later. We also witnessed the powerful skit during this time and when the artists finished their paintings this time, they were all put together to cleverly be a part of the face of Jesus. **Brittany** claimed this as her favorite. I am always amazed at the

Welcome	Bob Belville
Song Leader	Rik Covalinski
Speaker	Ellis Coats
First Prayer	Steve Killian
Scripture	Frank Stephenson
Lord’s Supper	Bryan Steelman
Pass Communion  ...to the Nursery	Dick Covalinski
	Jack Matthews
	Carl Henry
	Johnnie Breland
Justin Kidd	
Dismissal Prayer	Kerry Sumner

**Interim speakers coming to Hickory Church of Christ:**

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

Today	<b>Ellis Coats</b>	Florence AL
Mar. 2	<b>Candidate</b>	
...		
Mar. 16	<b>Chris Hutson</b>	Salisbury
Mar. 23	<b>Dan Hammitt</b>	Waxhaw.
Mar. 30	<b>Kent Massey</b>	Charlotte

organization that is necessary to serve communion to this large number in a small amount of time. Also, I love that even after you leave the sessions, the songs just erupt from your heart, and when you sing, others join!

Thank you to the elders for recognizing the importance of **Winterfest** and making it possible.