

Psalm 118

The congregation will read the words in *italic type*.

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!
- 2 Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures for ever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures for ever."
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His steadfast love endures for ever."
- 5 Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.
- 6 With the LORD on my side I do not fear.
What can man do to me?
- 7 The LORD is on my side to help me;
I shall look in triumph
on those who hate me.
- 8 *It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to put confidence in man.*
- 9 *It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to put confidence in princes.*
- 10 All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 11 They surrounded me,
surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 12 They surrounded me like bees,
they blazed like a fire of thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 13 I was pushed hard,
so that I was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
- 15 Hark, glad songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has chastened me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 *This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.*
- 21 I thank thee that thou hast answered me
and hast become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected
has become the head of the corner.
- 23 *This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.*
- 24 This is the day which the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 *Save us, we beseech thee, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech thee,
give us success!*
- 26 Blessed be he who enters
in the name of the LORD!

*We bless you
from the house of the LORD.*
- 27 *The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.*

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar!
- 28 Thou art my God,
and I will give thanks to thee.
Thou art my God,
I will extol thee.

*The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!*

29 *O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever!*

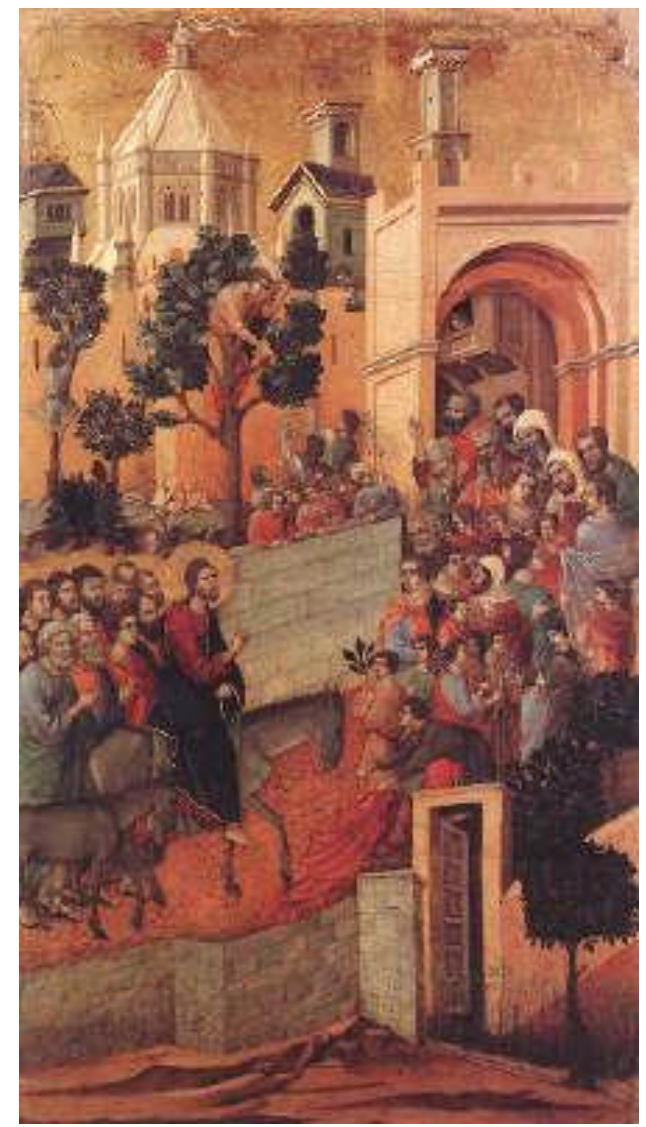


BULLETIN
MARCH 16, 2008
WELCOME!

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

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The scene is unusual because of the attention given to the landscape, which is rich in detail. The paved road, the city gate with battlements, the wall embrasures, the slender towers rising up above and the polygonal building of white marble reproduce a remarkably realistic layout, both urbanistically and architecturally. The small tree, withered and leafless, that shows behind Christ's halo, is the fig-tree that Christ found without fruit. Florens Deuchler has suggested that the literary source is a historical work of the first century A.D., the De Bello Judaico by Flavius Josephus which was well-known in the Middle Ages. The panel by Duccio is a faithful reproduction of the description of Jerusalem in Book V. Infrared photography during restoration has revealed several changes of mind regarding the area around the tree in the centre and the road.



Entry into Jerusalem 1308-11

DUCCIO di Buoninsegna

Tempera on wood, 100 x 57 cm
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena

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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Sun. 9-9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M.-12 P.M.

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



Minister search: Pray that we're making the right decision for Jeff and Hickory!

[New this week:](#)

Congratulations to proud grandparents Dick and Nancy Posey! Daughter Laura birthed a son, **Stuart Benton Troup**, 9 pounds 2 ounces, Wednesday, March 12th, Nashville

From **Jan Creson**: My aunt **Marie Mingle** passed away Wednesday night and I am requesting prayer for our family during this very sad time...She will be taken care of at Heritage Funeral Home in Valdese...Thank You! Friday evening Jan adds: my uncle has leukemia and it is in terrible condition with it...Also, today their home burned down so it is just a tough time for our family...Please remember our family in prayer...Jan

From **Linda Farris**: A coworker of Sharon's and mine at Hendricks Furniture, **Dan Minor** and his 16 year old **daughter**. His wife just passed away from pneumonia. She was only in her early 40's. Thank you.

Deane Valentine – From Schell on Tuesday: “I brought mom home today, Praise God! She is very sore and weak, but very happy about being home! Dad is doing well. The kids and I are taking turns staying over there and spending the nights. Right now we don't need any food. Thank you for all of your prayers for our family this year and thanks for all the cards and emails. I print them off and take them to mom to read. I'll keep you all updated. Schell”

Kathleen Kirby – Successful knee surgery Monday 3/10. She'll be in Catawba RMC for several days. Room 429.

Jimmy Bagwell – Dave McClure's brother-in-law and minister of Flushing (MI) Pointe Church of Christ, surgery and complications.

Allison Barnes – great granddaughter of Helen Winters & Margaret Burns, undergoing tests in Charlotte.

Family and friends in our prayers continually:

- Wayne Burton** – in Iraq.
- Lewis Cannon, Gloria Burkhalter's** uncle.
- Annie Cay** – **Johnnie Breland's** grandmother.
- Toni Cay** – **Johnnie Breland's** aunt. Graves Disease.
- Marsha Cooper**, Florida friend of Linda F. & Eadie H.
- Albert Dennie** – serious health issues.
- Dorothy Fann**, Susie Brown's mother.
- Rusty Hughes, Retta's** brother-in-law, ALS.
- Clifton Icard, Barbara Pannell's** father.
- Ken Jernigan, David's** dad.
- Rentz Johnson** – Eadie Hopkins' grandson.
- Lillie Lail** – **Gloria Burkhalter's** aunt.
- Danny Nesbitt, Kristi S.'s** dad.
- Brenda Senn**, Hendersonville.
- Larry Sigmon, Eloise B.'s** brother.
- Jim Valentine** – recovering from heart by-pass surgery.
- Linda Varela**, Mary Nell's co-worker, cancer.
- Isaac Walker**, the 5 years old grandson of **Robert & Leslie Higbee**.
- Geraldine Ward**, lung cancer.
- Mona Wilson**, Brooke Heller's grandmother.

God bless those serving us overseas:



- Robert & Regina Lewis** in Chemnitz, Germany
- Craig & Theresa Phillips** in Mumbai, India
- Scott & Emily Glisson**. friends of the **Stephensons**, in Uganda

Avg. 2007		w/o 3/9/2008
83	Sunday School	53
125	Assembly	89
46	Wednesday	28
\$3,211	Contribution	\$2,624
11/day (10)	Web visitors, total (unique)	34/day (25)

Action Team Activities

Burke/Caldwell Action Team is meeting at the home of the Lipfords today at 4:00 P.M. The theme for our meal will be 'Southern'.

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

Meet the Halls!

They have been “on the way” from Roanoke for months and are finally here!
Joe & Cathy Hall,
Shannon 19, Casey 15, R.J. 11,
Samantha 9½, Nicolas 8, Kimi 6¾+
2969 Dogwood Dr., Claremont 28610
 Home 615-7271 wehalls@charter.net



Happy Birthday

- 17th Randy Creson**
- 19th Eric Adcox**
- 21st Amanda Stroud**
- 22nd Erica Wilfong**
- 22nd Marvin Serechen**
- 23rd Kathleen Kirby**
- 23rd Brian Wilfong**



Welcome	Steve Killian
Song Leader	David Jernigan
Speaker	Chris Hutson
First Prayer	Jerry Burton
Scripture	Dave McClure
Lord's Supper	Larry Duncan
Pass Communion	Randy Adcox John Enamait Hal Hester Justin Kidd
...to the Nursery	Ty Stephenson
Dismissal Prayer	Scott Stephenson

Contacting the church:

Please realize that, for now, our church office is not staffed. (We're working hard on changing that!)

But, for now, any message on the telephone answering machine might go unheard for a day or 2 before it is picked up and passed on. So, it is better to call a ministry leader or an elder directly as needed. Refer to page 2 of your directory for names and numbers.



Interim speakers coming to Hickory Church of Christ:

- Invite your family and friends to hear some really special messages:
- Mar. 16 **Chris Hutson** Salisbury
 - Mar. 23 **Dan Hammitt** Waxhaw.
 - Mar. 30 **Kent Massey** Charlotte
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 - Apr. 20 **Jeff Switzer** Valley CoC, Burton (Flint) MI