

Welcome Bob Belville
 Song Leader Jack Kline
 Speaker Kent Massey
 First Prayer Frank Stephenson
 Scripture —
 Lord's Supper Jerry Burton
 Pass Communion Jude Mayeux
 Josh Stroup
 Randy Adcox
 Murray Davis
 ...to the Nursery Ty Stephenson
 Dismissal Prayer Rik Covalinski

The **Hickory Church of Christ**
 loves to have
Visitors!

Jon Mark Smith Southaven MS
Mike & Judi Sparks Marietta GA
Ken & Paige Wright, Taylor 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.)

Our Library

Yes we have a library. And we added some CDs and DVDs from the **Pepperdine Bible Lectures**. Until someone volunteers for the prestigious and currently open office of "**Church Librarian**", you should see **Bob** to check out titles:

CDs Of General Interest:

- Lynn Anderson**—"*Mentoring: Making a Lasting Difference*" 3 sessions
- Rick Atchley**—"*Nailing it Down*" 3 sessions
- Joe Beam**—"*The LovePath*" 3 sessions
- Mike Cope**—"*God's Scandalous Grace*" 3 sessions
- Mike Cope & Darryl Tippens** "Singing in a New Key"
- Randy Harris**—"*Christian Ethics in a World Gone Mad*" 2 sessions
- Don McLaughlin**—"*The 'Whoever' Church—The Essential Witness for the 21st Century Church*" 3 sessions
- Chris Seidman**—"*You Can't Open the Window to Get Some Fresh Air Without Letting in a Few Flies*" 3 sessions

Historical and Doctrinal Subjects

- William Baker**—"*The Emerging Church: A Restoration Movement?*"
- Doug Foster**—"*Three Decisive Years for the Churches of Christ*"
- Bobby Valentine**—"*The Struggle for the Soul of the Churches of Christ 1884-1984*" 3 sessions
- Panel Discussion**—"*Doctrinal Disagreement: Must it be War?*" (Randy Lowry, David Fleer, Charles Siebert, Randy Harris)

Happy Birthday

25th **Jack Kline**
 26th **Tara Holloway**
 26th **Susan Mayeux**
 28th **Cynthia Hare**
 June 1st **Jackson Sutton**



BULLETIN
 MAY 25 2008
WELCOME!

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

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 Jim Valentine



Memorial Day
Remember and be Grateful

Photography by John Thomas Grant

Interim speakers coming to Hickory Church of Christ:
 Invite your family and friends to hear some really special messages:
 Today **Kent Massey** PRCofC
 ...
 Jun 15 Evangelist Candidate
 Jun 22 **Dan Hammitt Waxhaw**
 Jun 29 **Dan Hammitt Waxhaw**
 Would you like to speak or suggest a speaker? **Keith Fox** schedules our interim speakers.

Avg. 2007		w/o 5/11/2008
83	Sunday School	70
125	Assembly	115
46	Wednesday	24 !!!
\$3,211	Contribution	\$3,616
73/week (68)	Web visitors, total (unique)	328/week (252)

Have news, comments, **pictures** for the bulletin?
 Your contributions are most welcome:
 To the editor: rbelville@hickorychurch.org

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)

PRAYER REQUESTS



[New this week:](#)

Bill Woodrum passed away Thursday afternoon. A private service was held yesterday. Please remember **Lucille** in prayer.

Georgia Adcox – fell last Saturday and spend the evening in the emergency room. Nothing was broken but as of Thursday she is still sore and in pain and unable to do much. Pray, please.

Billie and Albert Dennie are both suffering from bronchitis.

Judy Price – “Judy is undergoing tests to determine what is causing some problems she is experiencing from her cancer treatment. Please pray for a good result as well as lifting her up emotionally.”

John Dobbs and his family – John’s son, John Robert, was killed in an auto accident Tuesday evening. John preaches in Monroe LA now, having recently moved from Pascagoula MS. He has a wonderful blog ministry linked from our website, and contributes to *Preacher Stuff* and other publications.

Debbie Killian – Had successful outpatient surgery Friday, May 16.

[Family and friends in our prayers continually:](#)

Wayne Burton – in Iraq.

Frances Cannon – Gloria Burkhalter’s aunt, is under Hospice care, prayers for her family are requested.

Jane Cannon – Gloria Burkhalter’s mother, has been diagnosed with Lupus.

Annie Cay – Johnnie Breland’s grandmother.

Toni Cay – Johnnie Breland’s aunt.

Marsha Cooper – Florida friend of Linda F. & Eadie.

Hilton Green – Friend of Mary Nell, Stage 2 Lymphoma.

Rusty Hughes – Retta’s brother-in-law, ALS.

In the Family...

Teachers

are needed for the summer quarter. There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board. If you are willing to help or have questions please contact: **Bryan Steelman**: 464-3552; manofsteel@charter.net

Youth Concert

On June 28th, the teen group will be attending the **Faith, Family and Freedom Concert** at Knight's Stadium in Fort Mill, SC. The concert features **Britt Nicole** and the Christian rock band 'Newsboys' who have appeared at **Winterfest**. A fireworks show follows the concert. The church will provide the admission tickets. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for all members and guests who want to attend. If you have any questions or desire to rent earplugs, please contact:

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Sue Ellen Hunter – Donna Davis’ first cousin.

Clifton Icard – Barbara Pannell’s father.

Ken Jernigan – David’s dad.

Brenda Senn – Hendersonville.

Jim & Deane Valentine

Isaac Walker – grandson of Robert/Leslie Higbee.

Geraldine Ward – lung cancer.

Mona Wilson – Brooke Heller’s grandmother.

Ken Yaussey – Burton’s doctor.

[God bless those serving in distant lands:](#)



Robert & Regina Lewis in Chemitz, Germany.

Craig & Theresa Phillips in Mumbai, India – see their March report @ www.hickorychurch.org

Yens Nima & Jesus La Torre whom we now help support in Ilo, Peru.

report @ www.hickorychurch.org

Scott & Emily Glisson. friends of the Stephensons,

Memorial Day

She called it Decoration Day, the old name from when it began. It was a day, until about 40 years ago, May 30, on which our nation paused to go to the cemeteries, to “decorate” the graves of its fallen soldiers.

For my mother, **Thelma Mildred Champany Belville** (1914-1971) it was not a day to head to the pool, catch some rays, or rest up from her daily tasks. But it was a wonderful day none the less. It was for cutting irises, gladiolas and other flowers from the garden my grandmother, **Marjorie Eliza Morse Champany** (1890-1954) kept around our little home in **South Barre, Vermont** until she died.

Mother would pack the flowers in wet paper in the trunk of our old Plymouth and with my grandmother, me, brother Dale, and after 1950, little sister Suzanne, drive up to the tiny town of her birth, **Passumpsic**, about 2 hours away. Arriving at the old hillside cemetery, Dale and I would find the vases tucked behind headstones and take them to a water spigot and fill them for the ladies to distribute the flowers and greenery among all the arrangements for the family plots. In addition to my grandfather and other ancestors, my mother had a sister and brother who died young. Decoration was not just for the soldiers; I suppose we put something on a half dozen graves.

I do not recall a lot of tears or meditation. In hindsight I realize that for my mother this was a duty, gladly assumed; it was the right thing to do. Life for the living goes on. There are responsibilities. She lived her life completely for others. I do not think it ever occurred to her to be selfish with her time or possessions.

Times certainly have changed. In many ways perhaps for the better, in some surely not. I’m sure all of us who were fortunate enough to live in the 40’s or 50’s or before have similar memories which come to us when Decoration Day comes around.

Thanks for joining me on my Memorial Day “visit” to a far away cemetery. Perhaps my trip has brought back images and memories of your own. May God give you peace.

