



BULLETIN

JUNE 29, 2008

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Welcome	Keith Fox
Song Leader	Murray Davis
Speaker	Kevin Bibbee
First Prayer	Steve Killian
Scripture	Bob Belville
Lord's Supper	Ron Henry
Pass Communion	Dick Posey
	Kerry Sumner
	Bryan Steelman
	Scott Stephenson
...to the Nursery	Ty Stephenson
Dismissal Prayer	Frank Stephenson

The Hickory Church of Christ loves to have Visitors!

Jessica Cain	Conover
Rodney Cain	Hickory
Mike & Faith Martin	High Point
Joe & LeAnn Thomason, Sam & Connor	Colleyville TX
(The Thomasons will be with us for the summer. Joe is Interim Director at Frye.)	
Frank Sullivan	Missoula MT

(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.)

Marks of a Well-Lived Life Rubel Shelly

Doc died recently, and I was honored to be part of a memorial service for him yesterday. It was a celebration. It was fun. But it also made me focus again on the marks of a well-lived life.

Charles Merryman was an incredibly bright man. He finished high school at 15, completed an undergraduate college degree at 19, and hung out his shingle as an M.D. when he was only 22. He chose to practice in a rural area and to bring high-quality medical care to people whom he regarded as friends. A neurosurgeon at his memorial service spoke of his skill as a diagnostician.

As we settled onto the plane that would take my wife and me to be with his beloved Maggie, I opened the weekend edition of *The Wall Street Journal* and worked my way through it. When I came to the Opinion page, a piece by Peggy Noonan grabbed my attention. "A Life's Lesson" was the title, and it was another of many reflections produced last week about the late Tim Russert.

"When somebody dies, we tell his story and try to define and isolate what was special about it - what it was he brought to the party, how he enhanced life by showing up. In this way we educate ourselves about what really matters. Or, often, re-educate ourselves, for 'man needs more to be reminded than instructed.' . . .

"In a way, the world is a great liar. It shows you it worships and admires money, but at the end of the day it doesn't. It says it adores fame and celebrity, but it doesn't, not really. The world admires, and wants to hold on to, and not lose, goodness. It admires virtue. At the end it gives its greatest tributes to generosity, honesty, courage, mercy, talents well used, talents that, brought into the world, made it better. That's what it really admires. That's what we talk about in eulogies, because that's what's important. We don't say, 'The thing about Joe was he was rich.' We say, if we can, 'The thing about Joe was that he took care of people.'

"The young are told, 'Be true to yourself.' But so many of them have no idea, really, what that means. If they don't know who they are, what are they being true to? They're told, 'The key is to hold firm to your ideals.' But what if no one bothered, really, to teach them ideals?"

Ms. Noonan's words were prescient and useful for Doc's eulogy that I would deliver the next day. He was a good man who had used his talents well. He was generous. He encouraged others and bolstered their self-confidence. He laughed easily and sincerely. He loved so many - and a few of us really, really well.

Did he have flaws? Was there any clay in his feet? Oh, that was one of his best traits. He knew his flaws, had long ago confessed them to God and man, and lived in daily gratitude for God's amazing grace in his life.

I've lost a dear friend. But his death has made me think about important things. I hope Doc's passing will cause you to think about living your life well.

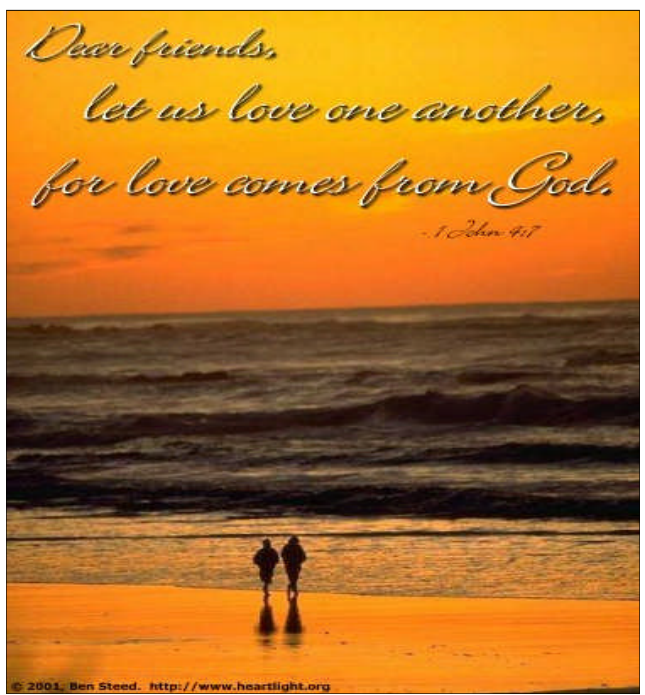
**Interim speakers
 coming to
 Hickory Church of Christ:**

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

June 29	Kevin Bibbee	Woodbury MN
July 6	Dan Hammitt	
July 13	Johnny Melton	Nashville TN
July 20	Johnny Melton	
July 27	Johnny Melton	

Looking ahead...August/September
 Mark Hudson/Dan Hammitt/Kent Massey/
 Mike Hipes/Dan Powell plus pulpit candidates...

Would you like to speak or suggest a speaker?
Bob is scheduling our interim speakers.



Avg. 2007		w/o 6/22/2008
83	Sunday School	82
125	Assembly	125
46	Wednesday	25
\$3,211	Contribution	\$2,681
73/week (68) 3773	Web visitors, total (unique) Total year to date	229/week (177) 7466

Happy Birthday

Jun 30th **Arielle Enamait**
 Jun 30th **Ben Posey**
 Jul 2nd **Drue Stroud**
 Jul 2nd **Tim Hollifield**

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	 CALENDAR	Office: 464 4983 Fax: 464 3747 1218 Fairgrove Church, Road Hickory 28602 Pantry Hours: Wed. 6:30-7 P.M. Sun. 9-9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M.-12 P.M.
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PRAYER REQUESTS



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

Minister search: That God will make His choice obvious to us!

[New this week:](#)

Judy Price – Sharon writes: "Everyone - just when we think we can't take much more the Lord steps in - the doctors pulled Judy's tube out this morning (Friday), gave her a chest x-ray and told her she could go home! Yesterday (Thursday) they gave her 2 units of blood and evidently that was what her body needed. Her first chemo treatment should be July 9th. I know she would still love cards because the hardest part is still to come. If you would like to send her a card this is her home address: 3394 Stony Brook Circle, Newton 28658 (704) 462-4650

Linda Sumner – has begun 4 weeks of radiation therapy to be followed by chemo for metastatic melanoma. Please remember Linda and her family in your daily prayers!

Deane Valentine – health concerns continue.

Roger Earley – Kim Adcox's dad, was injured Monday at work. He lost the tips of several fingers and is fine except for pain.

Kathy Yordy – friend of Phyllis Winters, is in the hospital, "needs Blessed Prayers."

Ron Henry – pinched nerve.

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

Georgia Adcox – is gradually gaining some strength. Prayers requested.

Wayne Burton – working in Iraq.

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

Jane Cannon – Gloria Burkhalter's mother, Lupus.

Annie Cay – Johnnie Breland's grandmother.

Toni Cay – Johnnie Breland's aunt.

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

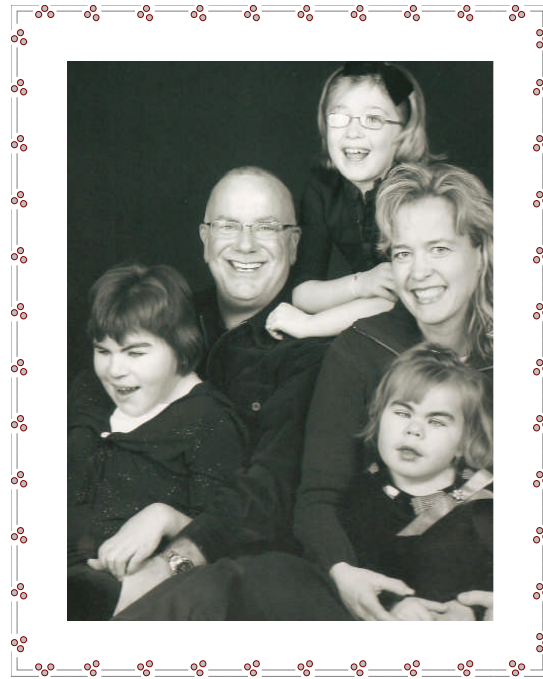
Sally Crosslin – friend of Nancy Posey.

Hilton Green – Friend of Mary Nell, Lymphoma.

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

Sue Ellen Hunter – Donna Davis' first cousin.

Ken Jernigan – David's dad.



Boyce Roberts – Missy Stroud's dad.

Brenda Senn – Hendersonville.

Ron Henry's friend, **Ed Townsend's** wife.

Isaac Walker – grandson of Robert/Leslie Higbee.

Geraldine Ward – lung cancer.

Mona Wilson – Brooke Heller's grandmother.

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



Robert & Regina Lewis – in Chemitz, Germany.

Craig & Theresa Phillips – in Mumbai, India – **(Theresa in in her 3rd trimester!) see their June report** @ www.hickorychurch.org

Yens Nima & Jesus La Torre – whom we now help support in Ilo, Peru. A new report @ www.hickorychurch.org

Scott & Emily Glisson – friends of the Stephensons, in Uganda.

Let's eat!

There is a fellowship meal after service today. Meet and greet **Kevin, Kamy & Kaylin Bibbee**. There will be plenty of food, please stay. If you're visiting us, you have a special invite to stay!

VBS 2008: August 3-6 Bigger! Faster! Stronger!

This year's VBS will run from **Sunday to Wednesday** evenings. Your participation will send a message that you care to our own kids and our community. There will be a meeting after the fellowship luncheon for all those interested in helping.

Correction:

Kerry Sumner is back on line and advises that their new address should read: **401 Norwood St. S.W.**, Lenoir 28645 Their correct home phone is **572-2254**.

In the Family...

Financial Summary	May 2008	5 months
INCOME		
Contributions	\$11,809.73	\$62,209.80
Rental Income	\$3,740.83	\$25,415.48
Interest Income	\$126.73	\$2,626.45
Miscellaneous Income		\$552.95
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,677.29	\$90,804.68
EXPENSE		
Minister & Secretary		\$1,524.42
Building & Grounds - Routine	\$3,467.22	\$12,066.78
Missions, Outreach, Evangelism		\$2,850.00
Benevolence	\$32.03	\$324.55
Office, Education & Worship Supplies	\$1,017.27	\$9,146.65
Guest Speakers, Seminars, Etc.	\$600.00	\$3,900.00
SUB TOTAL—OPERATING EXPENSES	\$5,116.52	\$29,812.40
Mortgage, Principal & Interest	\$5,000.00	\$65,978.85
Expenses, Commercial Property	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building & Grounds - Extraordinary	\$0.00	\$9,962.28
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$10,116.52	\$105,753.53
Gain (loss)	\$5,560.77	(\$14,948.85)

Beginning Balance		
last month/last year	\$105,175.73	\$ 125,685.35
Plus Income	\$15,677.29	\$90,804.68
Minus Expense	(\$10,116.52)	(\$105,753.53)
Ending Balance	\$110,736.50	\$110,736.50