



# BULLETIN

AUGUST 17, 2008

430-1711 Bob Belville 221-0356  
Keith Fox 322-2121  
Ron Henry 256-8437  
Steve Killian 256-9142  
Jim Valentine 328-6446

Welcome	Bob Belville
Song Leader	David Jernigan
Speaker	Chris Hutson
First Prayer	Dick Covalinski
Scripture	Steve Killian
Lord's Supper	Scott Stephenson
Pass Communion	Randy Pannell
	Keith Fox
	Frank Stephenson
	Bryan Steelman
...to the Nursery	Ty Stephenson
Dismissal Prayer	Ron Henry

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

<b>Sarah Bonds</b>	<b>Hickory</b>
<b>Charlie &amp; Jarrett Matthews</b>	<b>Bunn</b>
<b>Dan &amp; Linda Powell</b>	<b>Apex</b>
<b>Christi, Nicole, Eric, Carlee</b>	

(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.)

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

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

Aug. 17	<b>Chris Hutson</b>	Salisbury
Aug. 24	<b>Dan Hammitt</b>	Waxhaw
Aug. 31	<b>Jerry Burton</b>	HCoFC
September	<b>Dan Hammitt</b>	

Would you like to speak or suggest a speaker? **Bob** schedules our speakers.



Averages 2007		w/o 8/10/2008
83	Sunday School	79
125	Assembly	133
46	Wednesday	34
\$3,211	Contribution	\$2,883
73/week (68) 3773 (3531)	Web visitors, total (unique) Total year to date	273/week (210) 9205 (7157)



**Happy Birthday**  
Aug 17<sup>th</sup> **Kay Matthews**  
Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> **Tanner Clifton**

**Happy Anniversary**  
Aug. 21st **Larry & Sharon Duncan (38th)**



**Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. <sup>25</sup> Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; <sup>27</sup> but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.**

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.  
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## PRAYER REQUESTS



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

### Special concerns this week:

**Chelsea Brown** – 8 year old daughter of Jeff and Susie, was still hospitalized with MRSA but has returned home and is doing well on meds. Thank you, Lord!

**Lela Jgerenaia and her war torn country, Georgia** – Lela was an exchange student in

Morganton living with Nancy Belville's coworker, Rosa Read. Her email to Rosa is appended to this prayer list on line. It is worth reading and talking to our God about.

**Betty Hamilton** – serious health issues, as well as her daughter,

**Sandy Hauser**. Both need our prayers.

**Kathleen Kirby** – skin biopsies scheduled August 21.

**Terre (Mrs. Dennis) Conner** – Brooks Ave., Raleigh, is being treated for a return of cancer. Prayers are requested. The Conners are known and loved by many of us in Hickory, they were in Yadkinville for many years before going to Brooks.

**Mae Killian** – Steve's mother had successful surgery this week to deal with a slow healing and infected ankle and came home Friday.

**Megan Bibbee's** surgery is scheduled for Noon, Minnesota time, September 4. Kamy and Kevin continue to pray "for successful surgery, minimal pain for Megan, and quick healing for her... and for God's peace for her parents."

**Edith Steelman** – Bryan's mother, colon surgery.

**Linda Sumner** – Raise a prayer!

And we have several members looking for a job at the moment.

### Family and friends in our prayers continually:

**Georgia Adcox** – is still undergoing tests and treatment. Prayers requested.

**Tony Barnette** – Jennifer Steelman's brother, Multiple Sclerosis.

**Bobby Benge** – friend of Chester Rainwater, Frye ICU with a brain tumor.

**Danielle Burkhalter** – recuperating from hand surgery.

**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.

The family of **Sally Crosslin** – good friend of **Nancy Posey**.

**Roger Earley** – Kim Adcox's dad.

**Hilton Green** – Friend of Mary Nell, Lymphoma.

**Nancy Hart** – Bone Marrow Stem Cell Transplant.

**Chris Hutson's** mom, Martha, broken arm.

**Mary Lou Hutson's** dad, Scoby, broken arm, cracked ribs.

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

**Sue Ellen Hunter** – Donna Davis' first cousin.

**Ken Jernigan** – David's dad.

**Dick Posey** – on the DL.

**Judy Price** – would love to hear from you

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**Chester Rainwater's father** – heart disease.

**Boyce Roberts** – Missy Stroud's dad.

**Brenda Senn** – Hendersonville.

**Mary Smith** – Reno, NV, deteriorating kidney function.

**James Stanley** – is back with us, prayers requested.

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

**Isaac Walker** – grandson of Robert/Leslie Higbee.

**Geraldine Ward** – lung cancer.

**Mona Wilson** – Brooke Heller's grandmother.

**Dr. Ken Yaussey** – Burton family doctor.

**Dorothy Ziegler** – health issues. Prayers requested.



### God bless those serving in distant lands:

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

**Craig & Theresa Phillips** – in Mumbai, India – (**Theresa's baby is due very soon!**) see their June report @ [www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org)

**Yens Nima & Jesus La Torre** –

whom we now help support in Ilo, Peru. A new report @ [www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org)

**Scott & Emily Glisson** – friends of the Stephensons,

## In the Family...

After several weeks of attending our services with her father, Rodney, and of studying the Bible to learn God's will, **Jessica Cain** decided to be baptized into Christ on Sunday, August 10. Jessica has lived in Hickory most of her life. Professionally, she is a Physician Assistant with Neurology Associates.

From the beginning of her journey to Christ, she has felt warmly welcomed by the members of the congregation and looks forward to being an active member of the church family. The Hickory Action Team is delighted!

**Nancy Posey**, who is continuing to study the Bible with Jessica, reports that she feels blessed by the opportunity to learn more and to grow with Jessica, her new friend and sister in Christ.

### Jessica Cain

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Teachers are needed for the fall quarter. If anyone would like to continue teaching a class or would like to start teaching a class please contact **Bryan Steelman**.

### The Phil Files Mesmerizing

(Phil Ware's blog is one of several you can link from [www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org))

I tried to prepare myself to not watch as much as previous Olympics. I didn't want to blow a bunch of time watching the drama and hype known as the Olympics. I am very, very concerned about our Christian brothers and sisters in China next year after all the concern for PR by the Chinese ruling government has evaporated with the conclusion of the Olympic games.

However, the competition and the stories behind the athletes and their families is mesmerizing. The difference of two inches on a touch in the pool carries such huge expectations and surprises — for both women and men competitors. Watching young men hanging on for dear life to keep a bronze medal was exhausting in gymnastics. The incredible strength, grace, and stamina as athletes compete in multiple events and preliminary rounds or heats for their chosen sport.

Yet what also weighs heavily on my heart tonight — or better yet, early this morning — are all those who are battling hard illnesses, disconcerting job losses, foreclosure on their homes, and unexpected and untimely deaths. Their battles are more private and equally as life-altering. Often times, these unseen battles are much harder and there are few if any cheering fans. So let's make sure we look around our circle of relationships and find someone to cheer on and lift up — especially those no one else seems to notice.