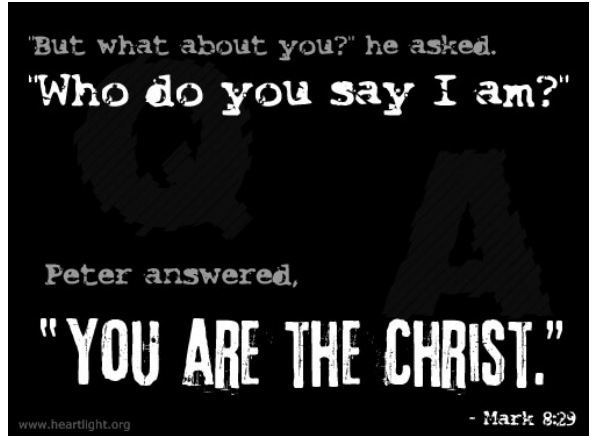




Welcome	Keith Fox
Song Leader	Rik Covalinski
Speaker	Jerry Burton
First Prayer	Dick Posey
Scripture	Scott Stephenson
Lord's Supper	Ken Wright
Pass Communion	Tony Lipford
	Charles Farrell
	Ken Lail
	Josh Stroup
...to the Nursery	Ty Stephenson
Dismissal Prayer	Keith Fox



Interim speakers coming to Hickory Church of Christ:
Invite your family and friends to hear some really special messages:

Aug. 31	Jerry Burton
Sep. 7	Chris Hutson
Sep. 14	Dan Hammitt

The **Hickory Church of Christ** loves to have **Visitors!**
(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.)

Averages 2007		w/o 8/24/2008
83	Sunday School	78
125	Assembly	114
46	Wednesday	43
\$3,211	Contribution	\$2,867
73/week (68)	Web visitors, total (unique)	237/week (179)
3773 (3531)	Total year to date	9669 (7484)

- Happy Birthday**
- Sep. 1st **Alyssa Lipford**
 - Sep. 2nd **Cheri Burton**
 - Sep. 3rd **Jim Valentine**
 - Sep. 4th **Cameron Turnmire**
 - Sep. 5th **Jack Matthews**
 - Sep. 7th **Jude Mayeux**
- Happy Anniversary**
- Aug. 28th **Ken & Paige Wright**
 - Aug. 28th **Charles & Ernestine Harris (48th)**
 - Aug. 29th **Bryan & Jennifer Steelman (28th)**
 - Sep. 2nd **Rodney & Felicia Cain**
 - Sep. 4th **Robert & Jimmie Link**
 - Sep. 6th **Bobby & Cynthia Hare (7th)**

The editor apologizes that last week's bulletin had the wrong birthdates and anniversaries.

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

REVENGE OR KINDNESS?

Year ago, on the mighty Mississippi River, two tugboat captains who had been friends for years, would always cry "Aye!" and blow their whistles whenever they passed each other.

A new crewman asked his boat's mate, "What do they do that for?" The mate looked surprised and replied, "You mean that you've never heard of... an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth?"



<<insert groan here>>

I suspect that few of us would admit to living by the motto, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" (Matthew 5³⁸), but let's be honest -- there is something inside us that enjoys the idea of getting revenge. Some of the more popular movies throughout the past years have been those that opened with someone being mistreated. We spend the rest of the movie anxiously waiting for the hero to get the opportunity to exact his revenge - and then we cheer!

It's not much different on a personal level. I suspect that whenever somebody does you wrong, the temptation is there to immediately start thinking of what you can do to get them back. But, if you find yourself tempted to take revenge, may I suggest two things:

- Resist the temptation to exchange evil for evil. That temptation will always be strong and we need to realize that it will be there. But we also need to remember the emptiness and hollowness of revenge and resentment.
- Show your enemy kindness. Abraham Lincoln was once accused of being too nice to his enemy. He was told to be firmer; he must destroy his enemies. He replied, "I do destroy them when they become my friends."

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." Matt. 5⁴³⁻⁴⁴

Alan Smith

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.; Worship 10:30
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PRAYER REQUESTS



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

Special concerns this week:

Clarence Posey – Dick's dad, is having a hard time in rehab and adjusting.

Phyllis Winters – is having health problems and asks for prayers for herself

and mother Helen who has to help her.

Paul Steagall – Helen Winters brother, cancer, needs prayers.

Harvey Wiggins – Bonnie's brother-in-law, Gaston Memorial Hospital, ICU, not doing well, kidney/lung difficulties. He is going on dialysis.

Betty Hamilton – came home from the hospital 8/19. She and her daughter, **Sandy Hauser**, need our prayers.

Kathleen Kirby – skin biopsies were scheduled for August 21.

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."

Linda Sumner – Raise a prayer for her strength to prevail!

Family and friends in our prayers continually:

Georgia Adcox

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

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

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.

Terre (Mrs. Dennis) Conner – Brooks Ave., Raleigh, is being treated for a return of cancer. Prayers are requested.

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

Hilton Green – Friend of Mary Nell, Lymphoma.

Nancy Hart – Friend of Nancy Belville, Bone Marrow Stem Cell Transplant.

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

Sue Ellen Hunter – Donna Davis' first cousin.

Ken Jernigan – David's dad.

Lela Jgerenaia and her war torn country, Georgia

Mae Killian – Steve's mother

Judy Price – Call or send cards: 3394 Stony Brook Circle, Newton 28658 (704) 462-4650

Chester Rainwater's father – heart disease.

Brenda Senn – Hendersonville.

Mary Smith – Reno, NV

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.

God bless those serving in distant lands:



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

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 @

In the Family...

Three teachers are still needed for the Fall quarter. On Sunday morning a teacher is needed for the 2 and 3 year olds and on Wednesday night we need a teacher for the 2 through 5 year old class and for the 1st through 6th grade class. Volunteers are greatly appreciated. Please see **Bryan Steelman** if you would like to help. (There were 43 here this past Wednesday, highest in a while, if you've gotten out of the habit of a mid week booster shot, September is a great time to come back!)

Attention Senior Friends: the September luncheon will be held Tuesday, 9/9/08, at 11:00A.M. at Jason's Deli on Hwy. #70. Please let Retta know by Monday, 9/8/08, if you plan to attend. All Senior Friends are welcome.

New! It is now simple to view or listen to sermons anytime at www.hickorychurch.org. We've uploaded Chris Hutson's "Run to Win" from 8/17 and Dan Hammitt's "How Long?" from 8/24 and will be adding the new lesson each Sunday. To check it out, look for the "Watch a Sermon" button in the top right corner. Follow the link to either view video in Windows Movie Player or listen as Mp3.

Texan George Bailey has been preaching for 72 years.

These quotes come from his thousands of sermons...

- Are you staring up the steps, or stepping up the stairs?
- "...maybe the turning point of World War II...thousands died...If you were to go to Guadalcanal today, you would find, on a certain spot, a monument and on that monument are these words: "When you go home tell them of us and say for their tomorrow we gave our today" and for someone else's tomorrow we should give our today"
- "I am riding across this isthmus on the sacrifice of the lives of thousands"–Thoughts about crossing the Panama Canal by railroad where each railroad cross tie represented a life lost during the canal's construction.
- People spend money they don't have, to buy things they don't need, to impress people they don't like.
- If your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will be your downfall.
- Odds favor the optimist.
- When confidence is low, we strive for minimums.
- Have you ever heard of someone being just a little bit dishonest?
- We are not responsible for the way the Bible reads, but we are responsible for the way we read it.