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| Welcome | Bob Belville |
| Song Leader | Murray Davis |
| Speaker | Dan Hammitt |
| First Prayer | Jack Kline |
| Scripture | Scott Stephenson |
| Lord's Supper | Jerry Burton |
| Pass Communion | Randy Pannell |
| | Keith Fox |
| | Frank Stephenson |
| | Bryan Steelman |
| ...to the Nursery | Ty Stephenson |
| Dismissal Prayer | Frank Stephenson |

Matthew 5

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*Dear Hickory Church of Christ,
Thank you for the beautiful arrangement of flowers you sent me during my illness. They were enjoyed and appreciated!*

*In Christ,
Mae Killian*
(card on bulletin board)

Invite your family and friends to hear **Dan Hammitt** in coming weeks:

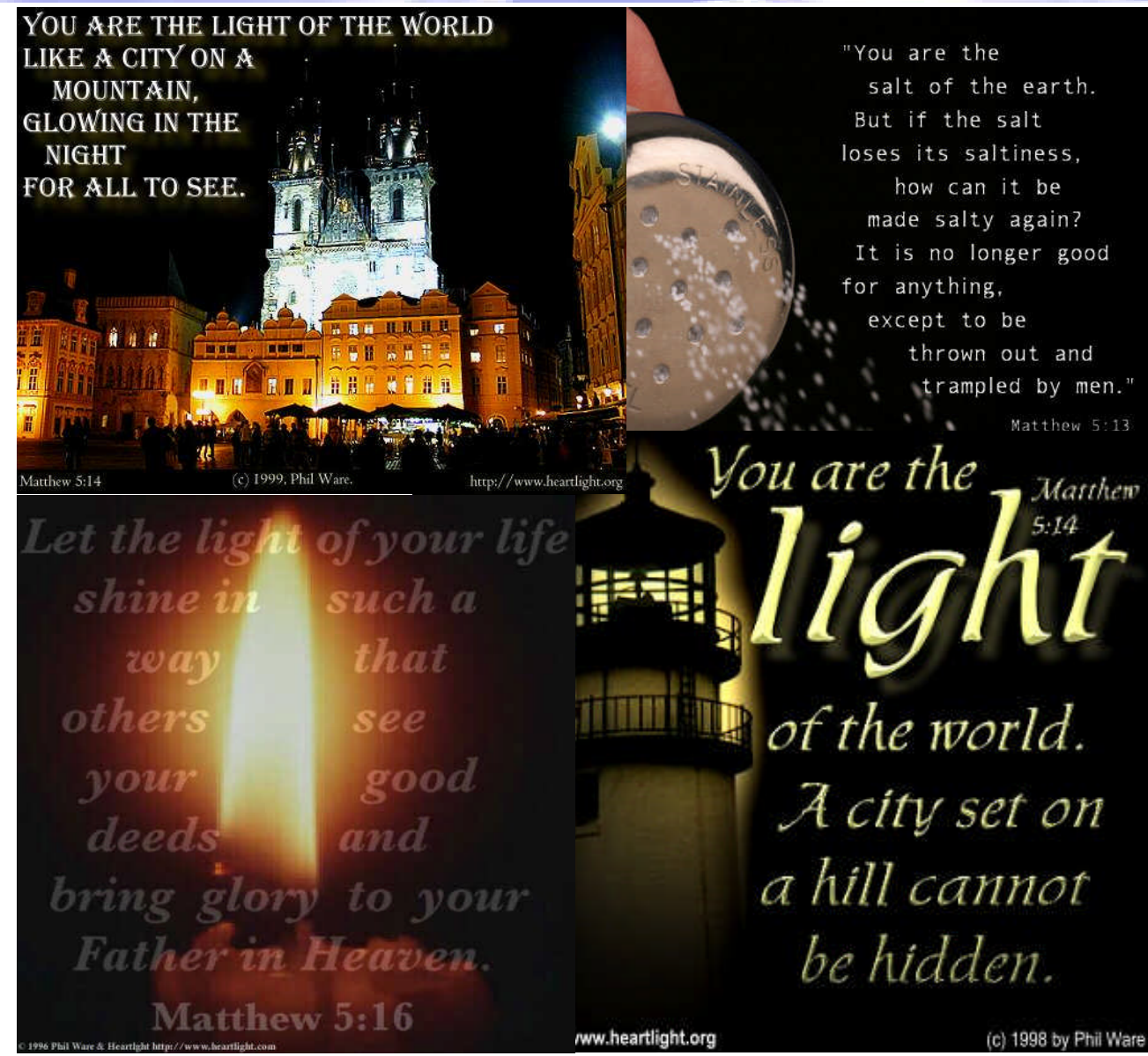
Today "The Church as a Counter-Culture"
28th "Institutional Church vs. Relational Church?"
Oct. 5 "The Family of God"

| Averages 2007 | | w/o 9/14/2008 |
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| 83 | Sunday School | 71 |
| 125 | Assembly | 110 |
| 46 | Wednesday | 36 |
| \$3,211 | Contribution | \$4,804 |
| 73/week (68) | Web visitors, total (unique) | 263/week (192) |
| 3773 (3531) | Total year to date | 10,413 (7996) |

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

Happy Birthday

22nd Joshua Hare
22nd Phyllis Winters
22nd Ken Wright
24th Ryan Lipford
24th Katie Jo Sutton
28th Karen Henry

**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
LIKE A CITY ON A MOUNTAIN,
GLOWING IN THE NIGHT
FOR ALL TO SEE.**

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."
Matthew 5:13

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Matthew 5:14

Let the light of your life shine in such a way that others see your good deeds and bring glory to your Father in Heaven.
Matthew 5:16

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of the world.
A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

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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)

Special concerns this week:

Georgia Adcox – has fallen, again, and is bruised and sore.
Breanne Baudinot – former member here, had surgery this week.
Megan Bibbee – Home from the hospital Friday 9/19.
Betty Hamilton – and her daughter,
Sandy Hauser – need our prayers.
Kathleen Kirby – faces 30-35 more radiation treatments for skin cancer spread from her nose to her eye.
Linda Sumner
Kerry Sumner's uncle, Curtis Sumner – passed away Wednesday in Washington State.
Adriana Romano – is a 15 month old with MRSA infection. After treatment at Carolina Medical Center this week she's at home with a full leg cast and daily nurse visits. (*Ann Henry has details.*)
Prayer requested submitted to www.hickorychurch.org: "Please pray that our Lord will continue to give me Strength in the midst of a very painful break up with my girlfriend. I pray for guidance, direction, discernment and his will for my life. I pray that I continue my self analysis and the fact that it is he that moves through me and not myself. I also pray for Jeannie, I pray God works in her life and keeps her beneath his wings, safe and healthy. Thank you and God bless! Tony R."
All the people enduring Hurricane Ike.

Family and friends in our prayers continually:

Georgia Adcox
Tony Barnette – Jennifer Steelman's brother, Multiple Sclerosis.
Bobby Bengle – friend of Chester Rainwater.
Wayne Burton
Frances Cannon – Gloria Burkhalter's aunt, is under Hospice care.
Jane Cannon – Gloria Burkhalter's mother, Lupus.
Annie Cay – Johnnie Breland's grandmother.
Toni Cay – Johnnie Breland's aunt.
Terre (Mrs. Dennis) Conner – Return of cancer.
Prayers are specifically 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. "We pray that he will not be in pain and that he will leave this earth peacefully."
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.
Clarence Posey – Dick's dad.
Judy Price
Chester Rainwater's father – heart disease.

Brenda Senn – Hendersonville.
Mary Smith – Reno, NV
Paul Steagall – Helen Winters brother, cancer.
Roger Teeple – Morganton, several health issues.
Merle Townsend, wife of Ron Henry's friend, Ed.
Isaac Walker – grandson of Robert/Leslie Higbee.
Geraldine Ward – lung cancer.
Harvey Wiggins – Bonnie's brother-in-law.
Mona Wilson – Brooke Heller's grandmother.
Phyllis Winters – health problems. Prayers are needed for herself and mother Helen who has to help her.
Dr. Ken Yaussey – Burton family doctor.
Dorothy Ziegler.

God bless those serving in distant lands:

Robert & Regina Lewis – Chemitz, Germany.
Craig, Theresa & little Anna Lynn Phillips – Mumbai, India.
Yens Nima & Jesus La Torre – Ilo, Peru.
Scott & Emily Glisson – Uganda.

In the Family...

Please, please, please, we hate to beg but... we **still** need a Sunday morning teacher for twos & threes and a Wednesday night teacher for grades one to five.

Action Teams plan to meet & eat:

South Catawba/Lincoln – Today 5:00 P.M., **Potluck Supper** at the home of **Mike & Anita Wilfong**.

Burke/Caldwell – September 28, luncheon meeting at the building.

Southern Women's Show "The Park" (was the Merchandise Mart) Charlotte – **Janet Stiles** plans to go next Sunday afternoon. Let her know if you are interested in going with... <http://www.southernshows.com/wch/>

2 Timothy 2¹⁵ "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth." Do we at HCoC have opportunities to help us "study"! Three adult classes have just started new studies. **Bob Belville** is leading the Sunday auditorium class in a study from Tom Olbricht's book, "**His Love Compels, The Sacrificial Message of God from the New Testament**". **Joe Hall** has begun a new Wednesday night class on the intriguing book of "**Daniel**". And **Dan Hammitt** is exploring what it means to **Be Like Christ** as seen in **Mark's** gospel in the **Faithbuilders Class** which meets at 9:30 Sundays in our fellowship hall.

From Sharon (Belville) Metzger comes a reminder that following Christ can be dangerous, even in the 21st Century.



Accusing churches of 'forcible conversions', violence is breaking out against various churches across **India**. Last year brothers in Bangalore were arrested, beaten, and jailed for preaching. Our Mangalore church is meeting in house churches since their services have been targeted. Churches of all types are suffering. There have been 45 deaths and 18,000 wounded as a result of the widespread attacks (Christians make up only 2.5% of the population.)

Monday, September 22, the Indian disciples will be fasting for peace in their nation. Please join them by praying for peace in India.