

<i>"Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs"</i>		Murray Davis
<i>("PB" designates our Praise Book)</i>		
♪ <i>I Stand in Awe</i>		96
♪ <i>I Sing Praises</i>		97
♪ <i>I Worship You, Almighty God</i>		64
Prayer	Dick Covalinski	
♪ <i>Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You</i>		141
♪ <i>Hallelujah! What A Savior</i>		337
Communion	Jerry Burton	
Offering ♪ <i>Gentle Shepherd</i>		845
♪ <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>		391
"Defeating Discouragement"		
	<i>Nehemiah 4</i>	Kevin Bibbee
♪ <i>Hark the Gentle Voice</i>		907
Prayer	Ron Henry	
<i>Pass Communion & Collection Plates:</i>		
Blake Eckard, Lionel Ellis, Bryce Hull, Randy Pannell		
<i>...to the Nursery</i> Jonathan Eckard		
<i>Nursery:</i> Alice Lail, Samantha Hall		

2011/12 averages		Last Week
69/70	Sunday School	65
110/124	Assembly	112
51/58	Wednesday	
\$2,863/ \$2,910	Contribution (~ \$3100 meets our Expenses & Commitments)	\$2,336

9:30 Sunday (effective today!)		
Adults: 2 Corinthians	auditorium	Bob Belville
Adults: Living on the Edge	"r12" lower level	Keith Fox
Young Adults (ages 19-29)	office building	Joe Hall
Grades 7-12:	education wing	Foyle & Tracie Perkins
Grades 4-6:	education wing	Kevin & Nancy Boggs
Grades 1-3:	education wing	Janet Stiles
Ages 4-5:	education wing	Kim Adcox
Ages 2&3:	education wing	Jon & Jessica Strange
Birth thru age 2	education wing	Harriett Stephenson
<i>(& we care for special needs children at both hours)</i>		
7:00 Wednesday (effective this week)		
Adults: Peter	lower level	Foyle Perkins
Adults: "40 Things..."	auditorium	Bob Belville
Teens	library	Kevin Bibbee
Grades 1-6	education wing	Margo & Cole Hull
Preschool	education wing	Kamy Bibbee

Happy Birthday this week:
 23th Monday **Dennis Jaschob**
 24th Tuesday **Jessica Strange & Deane Valentine**
 25th Wednesday **Devin Rice**
 27th Friday **Bernie Boags**

Happy Anniversary:
 29th Next Sunday **Tim & Missy Stroud** (29)

The Message of Nehemiah
 Raymond Brown

Contemporary Western society lacks public figures of excellence to look up to and is in urgent need of good role models. Politicians lacking firm ethical principles and churchmen with a compromised message have little of significance to contribute to a post-Christian culture. In the modern world, novelists, dramatists and film-makers vividly depict sordid lifestyles but rarely question them. Nations bereft of spiritual and moral exemplars are in perilous danger. In our contemporary leadership vacuum, the media's passion is simply to 'reflect society' not elevate it. A former professor at the London School of Economics says, influenced by secularism, we 'have been liberated to follow our impulses' so that 'anything fixed is to be rejected as a barrier to the one grand and impossible project of building a life in which everyone enjoys the perfect satisfaction of needs.' It is an unattainable goal, and those who pursue it are doomed to frustration. Personal satisfaction is a by-product which can only be obtained by embracing two greater priorities: honoring God and loving our neighbor.

The Hickory Church Loves to Have Visitors

Carolene **Goins**
 Eva **Dellinger**
 Margaret **Sigmon**
 Angela **Arnett** & Lucus James **Arnett**
 David **Pendley** (temporarily working in Hickory)
 Hettie **Santymire** (just moved to Pinecrest)
 Bryan & Meredith **McDermott** Greenbriar TN
 (The McDermotts are relocating to Hickory!)
There are cards in the back of the pews. Please encourage visitors to fill one out! And use the cards also for prayer requests, address changes, email addresses, etc.

Wireless receivers for hearing impaired are available in the mail room – ask a greeter

Sunday School 9:30; Assembly 10:30; Wednesday 7:00
 Pantry distribution: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 4:30-7:00
 1218 Fairgrove Church Road, Hickory 28602
www.hickorychurch.org

Kevin Bibbee, Evangelist
 Office: 464 4983 Cell: 228-1641
 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9-3

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

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

Post your prayer requests or download our current prayer list @ www.hickorychurch.org or use the back of a visitor card.

...pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5¹⁶

Sympathy:

Evelyn Brown, Art Burkhalter's sister passed away this past Tuesday. The Burkhalter's traveled to McRae Georgia for the funeral Saturday.

Lipford's friends, Amber and Chelsea Simmons, recently lost their dad, **Terry Simmons**- passed away in his sleep.

Special Prayers This Week:

Hannah Watkins has a cold.

Evan, friend of Magen Hull, has been diagnosed with leukemia and throat cancer – he's 17.

Margo Hull, migraines.

Evie, Sara Watkins' friend, is having family difficulties.

Zoie Henry's aunt **Julie** just finished building a new home (TYL!) and her aunt **Jennifer** is expected her first child.

R.J. Hall's friend, **Ivan**, has been struggling with an unexplained illness.

Many of **Kaylin Bibbee's** choir friends have had sore throats and respiratory problems.

Aiden Hefner's mom, **Shannon**, is still coping with broken/fractured foot.

The **Stanleys** and the **Eckards** experienced several anxious hours Wednesday when the CVCC campus was locked down with a couple of armed trespassers on the loose!

Chester Rainwater's brother-in-law, **Jim**, will be having surgery on his leg on Tuesday.

Chester's brother, **Howard**, has a serious eye infection.

Marlene Griffin, the wife of the owner of Foyle Perkins' company desperately needs a liver transplant.

Dwight & Stephanie Howard are going back to CA for treatment of Stephanie's reoccurring cancer

Jane Mays - has been sick with the flu for the past several weeks

Dixie Willard – has also been housebound for several weeks due to illness

In addition to the loss of Art's sister this week, this family has had a series of burglaries, auto accidents, tornadoes... may God bless them with some good news as the sale of their day care finally

goes through this week.

Pearlie Croft (Henson's) – dangerously high cholesterol numbers

Ross Sumner is recuperating from a recent accident; his dad will appreciate prayers for a full recovery.

Chuck (Retta) Hughes needs additional prayers following recent knee replacement surgery

Kim Rivas is praying for her daughter, **Amber**, who lives in Cary. She is scheduled for a colonoscopy. She is a cancer survivor without health insurance.

Leon Pearsall (Watkins) – preacher in Wilmington dealing with cancer.

Wayne Hedrick, Ann Henry's brother, is experiencing anemia.

Bobbi Henson – back and leg pain. She is feeling better Tuesday, January 17. TYL!

Susan Singleton recovering from oral surgery from last Thursday, January 12.

Kim (Ferrell) Rector returned home Tuesday, January 17 from another trip to Haiti.

Judy Price is not doing well at all. Please keep her in your prayers. Sister Sharon Duncan is in town for a month to be with her.

Kyzer Wilfong, Mike's nephew, remains in our prayers.

Our shut-ins are not out of our mind or prayers:

Georgia Adcox – Abernathy Center.

Kathleen Kirby – Abernathy Rehab Center.

Robert Rutan – Springs Of Catawba

God bless those serving in distant lands:

Robert & Regina Lewis – Chemitz, Germany.

Craig & Teresa Phillips – Mumbai, India.

Eduardo & Veronica Beltran – Ilo, Peru.

Friends remain in our prayers

(Please keep the editor advised of any condition updates)

Anita Agnew † Casey Allen † John Alwran † Dan Anderson † David Barnes † Roger Bass † James Belcher † Paul Berton † Chuck Bibbee † David Bierce † Jim Birdwell † Madeline Blau † Michael Boggs † Mary Bolch † Eric & Carrie Bowen † Kathy Brookshire † Evelyn Brown † Sharon Brownlow † Jennifer Brown † Paul Brown † Jane Cannon † Bart Clements † David Clements † Octavia Cook † Marsha Cooper † Lincoln Cox † Allie Croft † Tonya Croy † Ry Darby † Kevin Dill † Lisa Drum † Tina Duncan † Ruby Ferrell † Hugh Fields † Curtis Forbes † Marie Forrester † Desiree & Ramae Foster † Tammy Fox † Kathy Gamble † Audra Gibson † Ernestine Gibsons † Mary Bell Gouge † Norma Jean (Cookie) Green † Patsy

ALL IN THE FAMILY...

January:

- ☞ **22nd & 25th** Winter semester; teachers rotate. See Foyle Perkins if you'd like to be included. This "semester" runs through May 23.
- ☞ **22nd Sunday 2:00 'til 5 Roller Skating:** See **Ann Henry** to pay in advance for group rate.
- ☞ **22nd Sunday 5:30 Burke Caldwell A.T.** meets at the **Belville** home for fellowship & comfort food.
- ☞ **28th Saturday 3:30-5:00** Training class for our AV room. Rik Covalinski has details.
- ☞ **29th Sunday, 12:00: "Good News Messengers—Get Together"** at the **Bibbee home**. Anyone interested in being part of an exciting new **Outreach Ministry** is welcome, Please RSVP to Kevin or Kamy.

February:

- ☞ **3-4 Friday/Saturday Healing Hands International Women of Hope Conference, "Finding Hope in Perfect Love"** Embassy Suites - Murfreesboro, TN - www.hhi.org/womenofhope Check the bulletin board.
- ☞ **5 Sunday 5:30 L.I.F.T.**
- ☞ **15 Wednesday Bible Bowl** the LtL class will take a written test on James, 1 Peter, & 2 Peter.
- ☞ **17-19, Winterfest 2012!** Gatlinburg. HCoC has 24 registered!

April:

- ☞ **6-8th LTL Convention, Atlanta.** Registration is due January 22. Check the bulletin board.

May:

- ☞ **1-4, 2012: 69th Annual Pepperdine University Bible Lectures!** It is time to book the cheapest afares. Malibu in May costs much less than you might think. See Bob!

Green † Marla Greer † Eric Hadden † Robert Hadden † Heather Harrison † Paul Headrick † Rachael Heater † Jennifer Heavener † Elizabeth Herman † Rachel Hilker † Ellen Hill † Diana Hinds † Nancy Hopkins † Shannon Horton † Marc Hull † Susan Hunnicutt † Sandy Kane † Deidre Keller † Sam Kenyon † Dora Knox & her daughter † Debbie Lawing † Serenity Lawrence † Adam Lewis † Tracy Linton † Robert Link † Mike Lipford † Zora Marley † Michael Martin † Gary McLean † Marsha McNeely † Cheryl Miller † Ellen Miller † Carol Monk † Paul Moody † Adam Moore † Warren Newberry † Jerry Olsen † Mary Jane Patton † Julie Phillips † Eddie Pippin † Ashlyn Pope † Martha Plott † Clarence Posey † Judy Price † Grady Rector † Daniel Reid † Kayla Revis † Jeff Rikard family † Charlotte Rogers † Kelly Rogers † Brigham Sapp † Mark Schmidt † Sue Sexton † Roger Shanks † Rose Mary Shepherd † Charles Siburt † Jim Sidbury † Alice Sigmon † Boyd Sigmon † Luke Wesley Sigmon † Richard Sigmon † Erin Sipe † Jim & Kathy Smith † Joel & Michelle Smith † Gwen Smith † Michael Smith † Mary Smith † Steve Smith † Tony Smith † Marsha Speigle † Nate Steele † Mike Stroud † Tim Stroud † Jim Teague & family † Joyce Thompson † Debbie Tucker † Jim Valentine † Isaac Walker † Jack Warner † Ben Watson † Diane White † Melissa Johnson-White † Elaine Whitlock † Bobby Whitt † Faye Jean Wiggins † Ted Wilfong † Sam Wilfong † Helen & Phyllis Winters † Joyce Wright