

<i>"Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs"</i>		David Jernigan
<i>("PB" designates our Praise Book)</i>		
♪ <i>Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah</i>		3
♪ <i>Let Me Live Close to Thee</i>		831
♪ <i>Glorify Thy Name</i>		77
Prayer	Keith Fox	
♪ <i>When My Love to Christ Grows Weak</i>	350	
Communion	Percil Watkins	
Offering		
♪ <i>Ring Out the Message</i>		622
"Vows That Last"		
<i>Nehemiah 10 & 13</i>	Kevin Bibbee	
♪ <i>Trust and Obey</i>		915
♪ <i>We're Marching to Zion</i>		869
Prayer	Richard Rheinbolt	
<i>Pass Communion & Collection Plates:</i>		
Blake Eckard, Lionel Ellis, Bryce Hull, Randy Pannell		
<i>...to the Nursery</i> Jonathan Eckard		
<i>Nursery:</i> Nancy Belville & Alisha Lipford		

2011/12 averages		Last Week
69/70	Sunday School	53
110/118	Assembly	88
51/59	Wednesday	66
\$2,863/ \$2,953	Contribution (~ \$3100 meets our Expenses & Commitments)	\$2,735

9:30 Sunday	
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	
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

"It's nice to know that there are still people who take such pleasure in doing special things and making others feel good... Thank You - you're really special"

*In Christian Love,
Murray & Donna Davis*

The Hickory Church Loves to Have Visitors

Carolene Goins **Hickory**
Merlin & Dolly Fortner **Erie Michigan**


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.

"To all at the Hickory Church of Christ, Thank you all for your prayers, love and support for our family at this time. For the flowers you sent to the memorial service and for your very presence there - "Thank You" I pray that God will watch over you all with His great Love and guidance in your lives. Love in Christ, Eadie"

Happy Birthday the week:
28th Tuesday **Tanisha Lipford**


Happy Anniversary:
1st Thursday **Bryan & Meredith McDermott**

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HICKORY CHURCH OF CHRIST

IMPERFECT PEOPLE... LEARNING TO LOVE PERFECTLY **FEBRUARY 26, 2012**



Fear the LORD your God and serve him.

Hold fast to him...

Deuteronomy 10:20

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Sunday School 9:30; Assembly 10:30; Wednesday 7:00
Pantry distribution: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 4:30-6:30
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

Special Prayers This Week:

Boyce Roberts, Missy's dad, is in Alamance Regional Medical Center in Burlington after suffering a stroke Thursday. Tim and Missy are there.

Barbara Gnann has granddaughters! **Ezra Elizabeth** was born December 31; only 1 lb 13 oz at birth. She came home from the hospital Wednesday to new parents **Emily** and **Aaron Holmes**.

AND... Emma Rose was born Wednesday February 22 (Barbara's birthday!) to **Molly** and **Michael Plyler**.

Emma weighed 8 lbs 14 oz, and was 20" long. Twice blessed **Barbara** will visit Ezra for a few days and then head to TN to see **Emma** and big sister **Sophie**.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting:

Pantry recipients are asking for their lives to be Christ-centered and for healing and for financial guidance.

Sparkle Lipford is praying for her grandfather who is having respiratory difficulties.

Drue Stroud is praying for the Spirit of comfort and strength for her grandmother.

Tanner Clifton asks prayers for her dad's parents who are having health issues.

Yodi Rivera is asking God for healing for her uncle who has multiple health problems.

Newton church of Christ (NI) Stanley Adams.

Judy Hall, Joe's mom, has back pain from a recent fall.

Roberto Munoz' sister twisted her ankle.

Cole and Margo Hull and family.

"Rebecca", a friend of Samantha Hall, has fever of 104.

Addison Hefner has strep throat.

Emily Angel Allen, the Perkins' newest granddaughter was born Wednesday, February 22! 9 lb 1 oz and 20".

Katie Fox Myers, Keith & Sabina Fox's daughter, is having severe shin and calf pains.

Stephanie Howard had exploratory surgery Wednesday afternoon in California, for her recurring cancer. Pray for complete healing.

David Bierce's friend Leroy's wife, **Sharon**, is in the hospital with fluid around her heart.

Eloise Burton has discomfort from a heart condition.

Debbie Agnew, Bobbi Henson's sister, will have an MRI.

Dot Durance has been moved to rehab after a recent fall at the Gastonia Church of Christ.

Rachel Hilker has been on our prayer list with pregnancy difficulties. Her daughter Esme' was born recently with no problems.

[Our Members are Job Seekers \(let us know, we'll pray and network!\)](#)

Tony Graham has experience as a home improvement business owner; open to any job utilizing those skills.

Lydia Rivera is open as to what kind of work might be available.

Ann Stasny -seeks a part-time nursing opportunity.

[Our shut-ins are not out of our mind or prayers:](#)

Georgia Adcox – Abernathy Center.

Kathleen Kirby – Abernathy Rehab Center.

[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 † Rita Burns † Eloise Burton † Jane Cannon † Joyce Champion † Bart Clements † David Clements † Octavia Cook † Samantha & Sydney Cook † Marsha Cooper † Lincoln Cox † Allie Croft † Tonya Croy † Ry Darby † Eva Dellinger † Billie Dennie † Kevin Dill † Lisa Drum † Art Duncan † Tina Duncan † Ruby Ferrell † Hugh Fields † Curtis Forbes † Marie Forrester † Desiree & Ramae Foster † Tammy Fox † Kathy Gamble † Audra Gibson † Ernestine Gibson † Mary Bell Gouge † Norma Jean (Cookie) Green † Patsy Green † Marla Greer † Eric Hadden † Robert Hadden † Jim Hanlon † Heather Harrison † Paul Headrick † Bobbi Henson † 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 † Leon Pearsall † Julie Phillips † Eddie Pippin † Ashlyn Pope † Martha Plott † Clarence Posey † Grady Rector † Daniel Reid † Kayla Revis † Jeff Rikard family † Charlotte Rogers † Kelly Rogers † Hettie Santymire † Brigham Sapp † Mark Schmidt † Sue Sexton † Roger Shanks † Rose Mary Shepherd † Charles Siburt † Jim Sidbury † Alice Sigmon † Boyd Sigmon † Luke Wesley Sigmon † Richard Sigmon † Charles Siburt † 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 † Kyler Wilfong † Ted Wilfong † Sam Wilfong † Helen & Phyllis Winters † Joyce Wright

ALL IN THE FAMILY...

February:

☞ **26th Sunday, after Assembly:** everyone attending the **Lads to Leaders Convention** should meet up front.

☞ **26th Sunday, after Assembly, GNM Meeting, Bibbee home:** anyone interested in getting PBJ, Personal Bible Journey, material and collaborating with other Good News Messengers. The Bibbees are fixing spaghetti, others can bring a salad, bread, or a dessert.

March:

☞ **3rd Saturday, 8:30-12:30 Workday at Conover School.** The Bibbees would love to have help painting part of sidewalk and planting flowers. Donations are welcome. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

☞ **4th Sunday, 5:30 L.I.F.T.:** *"Becoming a Woman after God's Own Heart"*

☞ **9th Friday, 12:30 LIFE, Covered Dish Lunch (Ladies Interacting on Fridays for Enrichment)** see **Cynthia Lipford** or **Theresa Watkins** for details.

☞ **10th Saturday, 9:00-4:00 Mountain Island CoC Youth Rally** *"Making Godly Media Choices.....discover, discern, and decide."* **Tracie Perkins** has more details.

☞ **13th Tuesday, 6-7:30 is Conover School Information Night.** Babysitters are needed for students/siblings. See the **Bibbees** or sign up on the bulletin board

☞ **18th Sunday 12:00, Bible Bowl: James, 1 & 2 Peter.** Questions and Answers can be downloaded at www.hickorychurch.org

☞ **21-24th Tulsa Workshop "Good News for a Broken World"** www.tulsaworkshop.org/

☞ **23-24th Friday evening and Saturday: ELDERLINK Atlanta 2012.** **Bob** and **Nancy Belville** are going and would welcome others. www.acu.edu/elderlink

April:

☞ **6-8th LTL Convention, Atlanta. "We'll Work 'til Jesus Comes"**

May:

☞ **1-4th, 69th Annual Pepperdine University Bible Lectures!** It is time to book the cheapest airfares. Malibu in May costs much less than you might think. No registration fee, airfare to LA is about \$325 round trip if booked soon, a room on campus is about \$35 per night and meals in the cafeteria are great. We expect to have several going this year! See **Bob/Nancy!**

A great big, enormous **Thank You** to **Anita Wilfong** for doing our bookkeeping for the past several years! What a great job she has done for all of us – gratis! Now her day job at Lincoln Saving Bank is changing, increasing her hours and responsibilities so Nancy Belville will be assuming her service to HCoC. Nancy retired last June from Smith Miller & Buff, CPA PA. Please give her any of the receipts, bills, etc that have been going to Anita.

Kids & parents, take note: it's time to register for summer camp at CBC: www.carolinabiblecamp.org

[The Theme for Winterfest 2012 was Twelve.](#)

More specifically, it was about 12 Christian disciplines that, when practiced regularly, will bring us into a closer relationship with our Savior. The disciplines are **celebration, confession, fasting, guidance, meditation, prayer, service, simplicity, solitude, study, submission and worship**. Each discipline was expounded on and detailed by the various speakers, and the audience was encouraged to put each into practice. Of course time is always a factor, but we waste so much time on trivial things such as TV and Facebook that it shouldn't be impossible to find more time to get closer to God. These are called disciplines because they do take commitment, but as one speaker noted, when they are practiced they create a slow spiral upward to awesomeness.

Our weekend at Winterfest was very exciting. It is always great to be re-energized for worship and service to God, and this Winterfest accomplished that. Trying to organize a trip of this sort while creating arrangements and schedules that please everyone is next to impossible, but with God's help everything fell into place, and we are a closer group because of it. Winterfest creates a great opportunity to learn more about each other and to bond, and this holds true for teens and adults.

To help the participants put these disciplines into practice, a New Testament was given to all in attendance. This bible was printed without benefit of chapters and verses, so that the readers can get a better understanding of how the original text was meant to be read. We were also given charts to encourage everyone to read the New Testament over an 8-week period. One of these charts will be placed on the bulletin board, and we would like to encourage everyone to participate in this study discipline.

Once again, we would like to thank the elders and the Hickory Church for their support of this trip. We would also like to thank Foyle, Tracie and Kami for chaperoning and helping to make this year's Winterfest a success.

Bryan & Jennifer Steelman

Winterfest has been a huge blessing in my life. I have learned so much and nearly cried every day this weekend. What a great God I have that can turn just one weekend into something of a spiritual revival for me. I have been working on my growth, but going to Winterfest this weekend has certainly given me hope and joy for the coming years. It won't be easy following His path, but He has certainly opened the eyes of my heart to see that He is holding my shaking hand the whole way.

Thank you to the Hickory Church of Christ Youth Group and the elders who supported this trip! It means so much. -

Stephanie Dycus

Each and every year Winterfest continues to be a blessing in my life! This year the theme was 12 and we discussed the 12 disciplines and it was a real eye opener for me. Its great to be with 6500 other Christian teenagers in a setting where you all feel so close to the Lord. I'm so thankful the church has continued to support the youth in going. -

Abby Eckard

I'd like to thank Bryan and you for organizing and letting my kids go with you guys to Winterfest. They had a great time!! Please thank the Hickory church elders for Terry and me, and let them know what a ministry it is to allow others outside of your membership to attend with you as well. -

Dena Kline Thomas

This year, Winterfest really made an impact on my life. It encouraged me to strengthen my relationship with God. I knew I needed to pray and study His word more often, but I was not really trying as hard as I should have been. At Winterfest they talked about Twelve Disciplines, some of which were **Solitude, Study and Worship**. In the past, one thing that had kept me away from my quiet time with God was listening to my mp3 player. Instead of praying more about my worries and talking with God, I would sit on my swing set and listen to music. I'm not saying that what I was doing was wrong, it was just that on multiple occasions I felt I should have spent more time with God instead of turning to earthly things for comfort. Shortly before Winterfest, I left my mp3 player in my pocket. After it went through the washing machine, I realized it was no longer going to work. Between my broken mp3 player and what I learned at Winterfest, I feel God was leading me to spend more time with Him. It was like God was saying "Come to Me more often when you are worried or stressed!"

Winterfest is such a blessing to me. It made me realize even more what an amazing church and youth group I have been blessed with. I really love you guys! You mean so much to me. I want to thank the church and the elders for supporting this awesome trip year after year.

May God bless! - *Ali Steelman*

Winterfest is always an amazing and encouraging experience for me. This was my third year attending and each year's message blows me away. This year was the 12 disciplines. I learned so much from all the amazing speakers and I really felt like I realized the things that I fall short in. Winterfest encourages me to become closer with God and grow in my faith.

Brooke Nguyen

I thought Winterfest was fun. I learned all about prayer and how I should grow closer to God. Taylor Mason was hilarious and I enjoyed Bean and Bailey, too.

I thought it was amazing how many people showed up. I saw some good friends and I didn't know they would be there!

I sure hope I'm going next year to meet more friends. -

Kaylin Bibbee

How does a person grow in their walk with God? For a lot of young Christians, the question is a bit overwhelming, and any answers that can be found seem vague and hard to apply to real day-to-day life. This year, Winterfest's theme was 12. Throughout the weekend, we learned about 12 disciplines that are important for followers of Christ to remember and practice: *celebration, confession, fasting, guidance, meditation, prayer, service, simplicity, solitude, study, submission, and worship*. Each of these disciplines was defined for us in several ways. We had many great, encouraging speakers that taught us how to apply them to our lives, but for those who learn best in other ways, we also had a spoken-word poet who contributed twelve works for us to learn from, and as always, a phenomenal acting group demonstrated these principles in a realistic setting so that we could get a feel for what it looked like to actually live out what we were learning. I know I came back refreshed and empowered to draw closer to God each day. I've set some goals for myself and I have already started to work toward meeting them, and I've seen a number of my friends doing the same. I know that God was working in our lives this weekend and that He will continue to do so, and I want to thank the elders for their financial support so that we could have this wonderful opportunity to learn how to serve our God better. -

Tori Steelman



More Winterfest Pictures in on line bulletin

