

<i>"Psalms, Hymns, &amp; Spiritual Songs"</i>		<b>Rik Covalinski</b>
<i>("PB" designates our Praise Book)</i>		
♪	<i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i>	<i>PB 25</i>
♪	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	<i>47</i>
<b>Prayer</b>		<b>Percil Watkins</b>
♪	<i>Wonderful Merciful Savior</i>	<i>PB 40</i>
♪	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	<i>129</i>
<b>Communion</b>		<b>Steve Killian</b>
<b>Offering</b>		
♪	<i>Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah</i>	<i>3</i>
<b>Hidden Treasure &amp; Pearl</b>		
Matthew 13 <sup>44-46</sup>		<b>Richard Rheinbolt</b>
♪	<i>Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims</i>	<i>537</i>
♪	<i>When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder</i>	<i>852</i>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		<b>Jack Kline</b>
<i>Pass Communion &amp; Collection Plates:</i>		
Joey Osborne. Randy Pannell, Tim Stroud, David Watkins		
<i>...to the Nursery:</i> Jonathan Eckard		
<i>Nursery:</i> Janet Stiles and Sara Watkins		

2011/12 averages		Last Week
69/74	Sunday School	<b>69</b>
110/121	Assembly	<b>125</b>
51/61	Wednesday	
\$2,863/ \$2,991	Contribution (~ \$4000 meets our Expenses w/o an office building tenant)	<b>\$2,544</b>

<b>9:30 Sunday</b>	
<b>Adults:</b> Pepperdine	<b>Keynote Sermons</b> Bob Belville
<b>Young Adults (ages 19-29)</b>	office building Joe Hall
<b>Grades 7-12:</b>	Nancy Posey & Amanda Farris
<b>Grades 4-6:</b>	education wing Carl Henry
<b>Grades 1-3:</b>	education wing Patsy Yoder
<b>Ages 4-5:</b>	education wing Debbie Killian
<b>Ages 2&amp;3:</b>	education wing Tonya Osborne
<b>Birth thru age 2</b>	education wing Barbara Gnann
<i>(&amp; we care for special needs children at both hours)</i>	
<b>7:00 Wednesday</b>	
<b>Adults:</b> Peter	lower level Foyle Perkins
<b>Adults:</b> Pepperdine	classes auditorium Bob Belville
<b>Teens</b>	Kevin Bibbee & Tori Steelman
<b>Grades 1-6</b>	Bryan McDermott & Murray Davis
<b>Preschool</b>	Kamy Bibbee

Let secret prayer, by yourself alone, be constantly performed before the work of the day be undertaken. It is much better to go from prayer to business, than from business to prayer, in regard of the mind's freedom from distracting thoughts. And all, because if the world gets the start of religion in the morning, it is hard for religion to overtake the world all the day after."

*Walter Scott—The Evangelist— August 1841, p191. via Bobby Valentine*

**The Hickory Church Loves to Have Visitors**

<b>Vick Nichols Jr. &amp; Tracii Russell</b>	
<b>Randy Scates</b>	Reagan TN
<b>Boyce &amp; Margaret Roberts</b>	Haw River
<b>Michael &amp; Marcie Guthrie, &amp; Meredith Snyder</b>	Burlington
<b>Irene Wynne</b>	Williamston
<b>Hazel Howard &amp; grandson "TJ" Joel D Pate</b>	
<b>Hendrix Boags</b>	
<b>Dolly Kennedy</b>	
<b>Jim &amp; Martha McDermott</b>	(6/17)

**Happy Birthday this week:**

Monday 2 Drue Stroud  
 Wednesday 4 Barry Smith  
 Next Sunday 8 Kevin Weathers



# HICKORY CHURCH OF CHRIST

*IMPERFECT PEOPLE... LEARNING TO LOVE PERFECTLY*     **JULY 1, 2012**



The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed ... when it grows ... the birds come and perch in its branches.

**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 4:30-6:30  
 1218 Fairgrove Church Road, Hickory 28602  
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Kevin Bibbee, Evangelist  
 Office: 464 4983    Cell: 228-1641  
 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9-3

*"...let him call the elders of the church..." James 5<sup>14</sup>*

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

*(Tracie Perkins and 13 teens spent last week at Lipscomb University's Impact! They posted in a common diary.)*

**\*Be the Moon. Reflect the SON.\***

I had so much fun at IMPACT it was so amazing and I learned A LOT! Thank you so much to everyone that donated money in order to allow us the opportunity! I had such an amazing time and I can't wait to go back next year!!!:-)**Drue Stroud**

**\*Be the Moon. Reflect the SON.\***

Impact 2012 was an amazing experience. I went into the week pretty much blinded. I didn't know what the whole program was about or what I'd be doing all week. As the week progressed, I loved it. The whole theme for the week was "Your Story". All the lessons were centered around the stories of our lives. We all want our life story to be one worth telling and this week helped show us how to accomplish that. The peak of this theme was to show us that God is the ultimate storyteller and the author of our stories. The alterations that we try to make to our stories are unnecessary because God already has a plan for us and if we trust in him like we should, then we have nothing to worry about. The last night the main speaker Chris gave a sermon on the scars in all of our stories. He did an activity in which he asked

questions to the whole crowd (hundreds of teens) and if it applied to you, you stood in your chair. It was reassuring to look around and see other people, my age, that were so similar to me. The main point in Chris's lesson was to show us all that we are not alone in our struggles, and if we are going through a "rough patch", nine times out of ten there is someone else around you who is dealing with the same or similar situation. Also, I believe this trip strengthened the relationship between all of the teens. We all bonded while we were gone and came back a stronger and more tight knit group of friends. I definitely strengthened my relationship with God as well. Throughout the week and all of the lessons, it was apparent to me how active God truly is in my life. Even when I wasn't giving him the proper attention, he had always been there and his hand was always working in my life regardless of any situation. I truly loved this trip and it helped me in many ways. It was a blessing to go on this trip with so many amazing people, and I am nothing less than super excited about next year --**Magen Hull**

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I am so glad that I was blessed enough to be able to go to impact! It was an amazing experience and really made me think about a lot of things. I want to thank Mrs. Tracie for taking us

there and all the many other things she did to help be able to send us there. I am also very thankful for all the other people who helped us be able to go. It was really good and I hope to be able to go there again next year and maybe take even more people! :) **Abby Eckard**

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For me, there are not enough words to explain the experience. I had such a wonderful time. This youth group is so precious to me. The kids were so well behaved, so attentive, so energetic and willing to participate. They all stepped out of their "comfort zone" in one way or another. The lessons were all very pertinent with what today's teens have to deal with. Things that are often tough to discuss and ignored, hoping they will just go away or not have to be dealt with. Everyone could relate to one situation or another from personal experience or something they had seen friends or family experience. It was all done in a way to give support, not judgement, and to lead everyone closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ. I witnessed such love and compassion. I saw in our kids, and thousands of others, a Christian spirit and attitude that is often lacking in adults. It is hard to be a teenager in today's world and especially hard to be a Christian teenager. This week was full of fun, excitement, encouragement and support. The kids

were in a situation to be saturated with the love of Christ. Instead of being inundated with worldly influences, they had a few days to focus completely on their own faith and spirituality in an atmosphere of others who were doing the same. I was very glad I was able to take our nephew, Sammy, along with us and can't thank the teens enough for welcoming him and making him a part of "us". I am so grateful I was able to take the kids to IMPACT and to experience it myself. I wish my own children could have shared in such an experience when they were teens. I want to thank everyone who helped support this trip. You will never know the full extent of how your encouragement, support, and prayers "impacted" our teens. I can't wait to go back next year! **Tracie**

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Impact was great. I just want to thank God for letting us get the opportunity to go on this amazing trip. I felt like I have really learned a lot this week. And I will use what I have learned this week throughout my daily life. I also wanted to thank all of the people that helped support this trip. It was so entertaining and we also got a message from it. It was great and really worth the money. I'm looking forward to coming again next year. We also got the chance to meet new people from all over the world. **Tanisha Lipford**

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Thank you. this week was amazing! When someone told me it was like Winterfest on steroids, I thought they were kidding. Now I can't wait for next year. The worship, the singing, the classes, the skits.....it was all amazing. Thank you, all of you who gave money or helped with the van:)

**D.J. Keller**

**\*Be the Moon. Reflect the SON.\***

I want to thank everyone who helped raise money for IMPACT and thank those who prayed for us. IMPACT was amazing. I learned so much. I feel a lot closer to the teens and to God. I honestly feel like a different person. The classes and the worshipping really spoke to me. It made me look at myself and realize all the things I'm doing for me instead of the things I should be doing for God. Also, while I was away, it made me realize how much I take my friends and family for granted. I learned that God and the devil aren't the only things affecting our lives. Ourselves and our environment also affect us. God isn't always the "good". He lets bad things happen to see if we keep our faith in him. God let the devil mess with Job. I learned that God doesn't always create the earthquakes and the storms.

A lot of things in my life that I tried to push away and stuff somewhere in my mind to forget was brought up. I learned that staying angry with people

who have hurt us is only hurting ourselves. They are going on with their lives. Crying and talking about our problems is a relief, not a weakness. The devil wants us to think we are alone and that we can't tell things that are going on, or have gone on. But God wants us to share and grow in Him through our troubles. **Harley Bumgarner**

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Impact was probably the best thing that ever happened to me. I finally figured out why I'm on earth, it is for God. I'm one of God's creations and am here to live for him. That's why. IMPACT was awesome. I really praised God this week. I'm going to come back next year, I hope. **Sammy Glass**

**\*Be the Moon. Reflect the SON.\***

IMPACT has made a big difference to my life, and all that singing really made me feel closer to God. R.J. Hall

This year at Impact the theme was Stranger than Fiction. They posed the question "If your life was a movie, would it be worth watching?" This year they wanted us to think about whether or not we were living a life for Christ to our full potential. One of the eight classes that particularly stood out to me was called "Call to Adventure". In life, we only have one story to tell. Often we look forward to the next event, the next youth rally, the next trip or whatever happens to be

going on, and we miss the chances for God to use us in our everyday life. This class made me think about how I can do so much more on "regular" days than I had thought. As I have gotten older, my schedule has become more busy than when I was little, so I often find myself looking forward to what I am doing the next day, the next week or the next month. I too often find myself wasting time on these lazy Summer days, when I can really be doing so much more! I want to live a life where my story is worth telling. I want to live my life for God to the fullest.

My week at Impact also encouraged me to strive for a stronger relationship with God. I too frequently find myself not wanting to read my Bible or spend time in prayer because of the distractions of this world. Every morning at Impact, we would break apart from our small groups and find separate spots to sit by ourselves so we could pray and read over a devotion. I enjoyed taking quiet time to spend with God, and I want to do this more often here at my home.

Impact was also a time for our youth group to grow closer. I feel like we strengthened bonds last week. We laughed together, cried together, and learned together. God has truly blessed me with an amazing youth group.

Something else I enjoyed about Impact was the entertainment and the free time. Every morning between our

first class and lunch, we had an entertainment session filled with everyone from Dora the Explorer, to a Space Unicorn to members of The Avengers. The session was filled with singing, laughing and other fun things. In the afternoons, during our free time, we drank Starbucks, talked and played Frisbee. I loved the fact that when we would play Frisbee, complete strangers would come and join in the fun. Frisbee was a way to make new friends!

I want to thank everyone who helped us reach our goal and make it out to Lipscomb University in Nashville! You guys are amazing! I really appreciate the time and the money you spent on our youth group. Thank you, Tracie and Foyle, for organizing this and encouraging us to go! Thank you, Momma T, for taking a week of your time to haul 12 teenagers in a sometimes noisy van filled with singing and laughter to and from Nashville! I love you guys!

I look forward to Impact 2013 and more adventures with my youth group:-

**Ali Steelman**

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Everyday people no matter how "great" need mentors to help them through life and there is no greater mentor than Jesus Christ. Thank you for the trip to IMPACT. It was really fun and had a lot of excitement and energy. Hopefully we can do it again next year. Thank you.-**Chris Parks**

Post your prayer requests or download our current prayer list @ [www.hickorychurch.org](http://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 5<sup>16</sup>*

#### Sympathy:

**Melva Jean Clark** (Horseheads, NY) – dear sister to the Watkins' family passed recently from long-term health issues.

#### Special Prayers This Week:

**Allison Barnes**, 7, granddaughter/great g.d. of Helen Winters and Margaret Burns, is a very sick little girl, hospitalized with Super Bug NDM-1.

**Kevin Bibbee's** dad and step-mother are battling various illnesses.

**Danny Blevins**, Phyllis Winter's uncle, was to have surgery Thursday, June 28.

**Barbara Eckard** is being treated for knee problems.

**Barry & Kay Smith** seek prayers to be able to close on their house soon.

**Several of our families** are in Nashville, TN for Summer Celebration at Lipscomb University. Please pray for their safety.

#### Wednesday Prayer Meeting:

**Eloise Burton** is doing much better; learning to cope with congestive heart failure and other heart complications.

**Beth Harrison** and family seek prayers for strength as they care for her mother with Alzheimer's.

**Ann Henry** is undergoing tests for new symptoms.

**Roy Henson** is having tests done for sleep apnea; he is also having back pain.

**Chris Holley** (Foyle's friend) is seeking to start an orphanage in Mississippi.

**Shele Smith** fell during a recent skating outing breaking a bone in her wrist.

**Tracie Perkins** has a heel spur that is extremely painful; she is being treated for it.

**The Stasny's** friend was bitten twice by copperhead snakes.

**Stacey Whitmire** is still dealing with various illnesses.

**Tyriq Simmons** (10 yrs old) was on our prayer list. TYL! One kidney is at 20%, other is at 100%! – no transplant needed.

**Tony and Dawn Graham** have pneumonia and bronchitis, respectively.

*Our Members are Job Seekers (let us know, we'll pray and network!)*

**Barbara Eckard** interviewed w/ Newton-Conover Schools.  
**Tony Graham** has part-time handy-man work; seeks full-time

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

**Georgia Adcox** – Abernathy Center.  
**Kathleen Kirby** – Hickory Manor.

*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 † 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 † Myra Hill † Ellen Hill † 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 † Valerie McCala † Gary McLean † Marsha McNeely † Patricia Meadows † 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 † 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 † 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 † Frank Tucker † Jim Valentine † Isaac Walker † Jack Warner † Ben Watson † 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...

*Thank you... for the book and the doughnut. Thank y'all for caring and showing that you care.*

*Love,*

*Harley Bumgarner*

**Directory update: Richard & Karen Rheinbolt** have a new address: 307 Walton Road, Morganton 28655

(The Smiths' closing Friday was not completed. Their new home was in an estate and the lawyers were not able to gather all the signatures of the heirs in time. Hopefully the delay will be short.)

#### July:

☞ **1-3, Lipscomb University: Summer Celebration.** Several from here are there!

☞ **2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 6:30:** Men's prayer and small group meeting.

☞ **8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 2:00–4:00: Scrapbooking Workshop:** @ Pam Starnes' home, 4830 1st St Ct. NW, Hickory. For the LtL members who want to enter work in that category and anyone else who'd like to know more about traditional and digital scrapbooking. There's no charge for this workshop but **Nancy Posey** needs to know who is coming. Contact her 234-1481.

☞ **10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 11:00: Senior Friends Luncheon—Golden Corral.**

☞ **13<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 9:00: Nancy Boggs** is coordinating a **Fellowship Hall Kitchen clean-up and reorganization.** If you have personal items on loan there be sure Nancy knows about it. Stuff will be disposed of!

☞ **15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 6:00: Lads to Leaders** mini-worship/Devotional and Training session.

☞ **23-24, Monday/Tuesday 5:30-8:30: Kids Connection/VBS.** The **St. Paul (MN) Urban Ministry** returns to HCoC! Be praying about this great group of 20 teens and adults coming a long distance to teach, encourage, and love on us and the Hickory community! Lots of help is needed for this mission effort... watch the bulletin board for sign-up lists soon! Sign up ASAP!

☞ **29<sup>th</sup>, ~ 12:30: Good News Messengers** meet & eat at the Bibbees' home. All are welcome!

#### September:

☞ **21-22, Cary Church of Christ Youth Rally, "Worlds Colliding".**

☞ **28-30, Family Retreat** @ Carolina Bible Camp, see Foyle Perkins for details and to sign-up.

*Dear Ladies*  
*I want you to know I'm thinking of all of you. I miss not being able to be with you all.*  
*Thank you for your visits & cards.*  
*Keep me in your prayers.*  
*Christian Love,*

*Georgia*

*We have MP3 audio from over 250 classes at Pepperdine Bible Lectures, 2012! See Bob for help with access.*