

"Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs"  
 ("PB" designates our Praise Book) Rik Covalinski

♪ Doxology	66
♪ Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah	3
♪ Shout Hallelujah!	PB 28
<b>Prayer</b>	Ron Henry
♪ Years I Spent in Vanity	381
♪ Amazing Grace	129
<b>Communion</b>	Foyle Perkins
<b>Offering</b>	
♪ Oh, to Be Like Thee	429
<i>"Fan into Flame God's Gift"</i>	
2 Timothy 1 <sup>6</sup>	Kevin Bibbee
♪ No Tears in Heaven	882
<b>Prayer</b>	Bob Belville
♪ Lord, Reign In Me	PB 21

*Pass Communion & Collection Plates:*  
 Blake & Jonathan Eckard, Lionel Ellis, David Watkins  
*...to the Nursery:* Bryce Hull  
*Nursery today:* Anita Wilfong and Zoie Henry  
*next week:* Patsy Yoder and Siri Hull

**Bible Study Opportunities**  
**Sunday 9:30**  
**Adults:** "The Power to Be—Mark" Bob Belville  
**Young Adults** (19-29): office building Joe Hall  
**Teens:** Girls: education wing Foyle/Tracie Perkins  
 Boys: lower level Steve Killian  
**Grades 4–6:** education wing Bryan/Jennifer Steelman  
**Grades 1–3:** education wing Patsy Yoder  
**Ages 4–5:** education wing Kim Adcox  
**Ages 2&3:** education wing Ann Stasny  
**Birth thru age 2** education wing Mary Nell Covalinski  
 (& we care for special needs children at both hours)

**Monday**  
**1:00 L.I.M.E. Ladies Class:** "That You May Believe"  
 lower level Tracie Perkins  
**7:00 Burke Plus** Perkins home 397-5065  
**7:30 Burke Plus** (not in Dec) Rheinbolt home 284-1403

**Tuesday small group studies**  
**6:30 Conover East** Watkins home 994-4138

**Wednesday 7:00**  
**Adults:** "Spiritual Disciplines"  
 lower level Foyle Perkins  
**Adults:** "I Knew Jesus Before He Was a Christian..."  
 auditorium Bob Belville  
**Teens** library Missy Stroud  
**Grades 1-6** education wing Bryan McDermott,  
 Murray Davis  
**Preschool** education wing Kamy Bibbee

**Thursday small group studies**  
**7:00(?) Conover West** Bibbee home 228-1641

**Friday small group studies**  
**7:00 Hickory Plus** Fox home 320-8202

**More family news...**

☞ **Tracie Perkins** wants you to know that our pool of folks to serve our special needs children Sunday mornings has suffered attrition. This is a great way to be of help and to get to know 2 sweet girls! See Tracie for what's involved.

☞ Also from Tracie: Our recycling program is down. The sponsor no longer accepts plastic packaging or cookie packaging. A list of items that are acceptable are available on the credenza in the foyer.

**Happy Birthday this week:**  
 Monday 17 Nicolas Hall & Shannon Hall  
 Friday 21 John Posey & Sara Watkins  
 Saturday 22 Cathy Hall, Scott Heller,  
 & Hannah Watkins

**Happy Anniversary**  
 Wednesday 19 Jerry & Eloise Burton (45)  
 Richard & Karen Rheinbolt (47)  
 Thursday 20 Ron & Ann Henry (43)

2011/12 averages	Last Week
69/72	Sunday School <b>65</b>
110/120	Assembly <b>112</b>
51/65	Wednesday <b>68</b>
\$2,863/ \$2,941	Contribution <b>\$3,413</b> (~ \$4000 meets our Expenses w/o an office building tenant)



**HICKORY CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 IMPERFECT PEOPLE... LEARNING TO LOVE PERFECTLY    DECEMBER 16, 2012



**DO NOT PUT OUT THE SPIRIT'S FIRE.**  
 1 THESSALONIANS 5:19

*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  
[www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org)

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

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

**Families** of those involved in the **Newtown Connecticut** school shooting on Friday.

#### Special Prayers This Week:

**Sabina Fox** is in New York, as her father is battling cancer. She appreciates greatly the prayers and encouragement she gets from us. Her dad was home for a few days from his stay in the hospital but will be re-admitted. He has an infection and a constant fever. Please pray the doctor will find the cause of the infection – he just wants to be at home, in his own bed.

**Jack Colston** (now in Georgia) had a heart attack several weeks ago and is not doing very well. The docs "over thinned" his blood and then a regime of antibiotics have left him with severe diarrhea.

**Bob Miller** (Lincolnton), a former member, is scheduled for back surgery December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Ruth Cloninger** is having sinus problems and onset of Paget's Disease.

**Frank Tucker** (Cynthia Lipford's brother-in-law) has been moved to Palliative Care Center & Hospice in Newton, after going from Frye Hospital to the Brian Center Nursing Home, in the last week. Please pray also for his wife, Rose Ettia, during this transition period.

#### Wednesday Prayer Meeting:

Praise goes up for **Helen Winters'** life. She is doing much better and at home from a recent hospital stay.

**Glenda Johnson** will need to miss worship services, as she stays home to care for her mother.

**Beth Harrison's** family is working on getting Beth some respite care, as she looks after her mom.

**Carol Hanlon**, Bobbi's aunt, is scheduled for back surgery tomorrow after years of unsuccessful treatment.

**Layne Ballard**, who recently started attending with us, is having difficulty with fibromyalgia and other health issues.

**Kaylin Bibbee** was home sick Wednesday night.

**Tim Stroud** had to have another eye surgery this past week. Please pray it will renew his sight.

**Blake Eckard** is working long hours.

**Barb Eckard** prays that she will grasp the mechanics of her master's degree course assignments.

**Ramona Williams** (Theresa Watkins' sister) is contemplating following Christ and being baptized.

**Carrie Phillips:** Theresa Watkins is praying that her mother who has arthritis may be able to walk again.

#### 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 † Nancy Anderson † David Barnes † Roger Bass † James Belcher † Paul Berton † 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 † Lisa Deal † Eva Dellinger † Billie Dennie † Kevin Dill † Art Duncan † Tina Duncan † 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 † Cathy Hall † Jim Hanlon † Heather Harrison † Paul Headrick † Bobbi Henson † Rachael Heater † Jennifer Heavener † Elizabeth Herman † Myra Hill † Ellen Hill † Nancy Hopkins † Shannon Horton † Marc Hull † Gladys 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 † 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 † Jim Sidbury † Alice Sigmon † Luke Wesley Sigmon † Richard Sigmon † Erin Sipe † Tom Slaughter † 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...

☞ The Sunday adult class is beginning a new study this morning using another Tom Olbricht book—**"The Power To Be—The Lifestyle of Jesus from Mark's Gospel"**. The books are in—see Bob.

#### December:

☞ **16<sup>th</sup>, Today 8:30 A.M.:** Facilities Committee meets.

☞ **16<sup>th</sup>, Today 6:00:** LtL worship and training.

☞ **19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7:00:** Pinecrest Retirement Home for Christmas carols and more instead of the building. (You may want to bring a snack or dessert to share with our group.)

☞ **20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6:00:** A **"Teen" Christmas party** will be at the **Perkins** home.

☞ **31<sup>st</sup> Monday, New Year's Eve:** Pray in the New Year at the Perkins home! Snacks, singing, and games. (Janet ? ☺) Beginning about 11:30 we will all praise God for the blessings of this past year and petition him to bless the new year for us all.

#### January:

☞ **8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 11:00: Senior Friends Luncheon** @ J & S Cafeteria off of I-40.

☞ **13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 12:00: Conover Easy** (Zone 4) Pot Luck Meal.

☞ **20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 12:00:** Lads to Leaders Speech Writing Workshop/Pot Luck Meal.

#### February:

☞ **1,2 Women of Hope** (sponsored by Healing Hands International) - Murfreesboro, TN, [www.hhi.org](http://www.hhi.org) - "A Sisterhood of Hope" 2 Corinthians 1<sup>7</sup>

☞ **15-17: Winterfest 2013!** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for all who want to attend. Event price is \$35 and t-shirt prices are \$12 (\$13 for XL or XXL). To reserve a spot get your payment to **Jennifer or Bryan Steelman** by Dec. 23. Check payable to: Hickory CoC. Please note: **If payment or other arrangements have not been made by Dec.23rd, your tickets will not be ordered.** Check with Bryan for further details. [www.winterfest.org/Gatlinburg.html](http://www.winterfest.org/Gatlinburg.html)

#### March:

☞ **20-23: Tulsa Workshop.** [www.tulsaworkshop.org](http://www.tulsaworkshop.org) Joe Beam, Francis Chan, Dusty Rush

☞ **22-23: Elderlink Atlanta.** [www.acu.edu/elderlink](http://www.acu.edu/elderlink)

#### April:

☞ **April 30–May 3: Pepperdine Bible Lectures, Malibu CA: "Can I Get a Witness? Faithfully Following the Lamb in Revelation."** Don McLaughlin, Randy Harris, Mike Cope, Rich Atchley & much more. The **Belvilles** would love to have several more join their group. See them for details on schedule and costs. [www.pepperdine.edu/biblelectures/](http://www.pepperdine.edu/biblelectures/)

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