

"Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs"
 ("PB" designates our Praise Book) **Barry Smith**

🎵 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* 995
 🎵 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* 1001
 🎵 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 996
Prayer Dick **Covalinski**
 🎵 *The First Noel* 999
 🎵 *Away in a Manger* 1017
 🎵 *O Holy Night* 1028
 🎵 *Fairest Lord Jesus* 288
Communion Percil **Watkins**
Offering
 🎵 *Holy, Holy, Holy* 47
 "When Holy Becomes Human!"
 Luke 1³⁵ Kevin **Bibbee**
 🎵 *Wonderful Story of Love* 286
Prayer Ron **Henry**
 🎵 *Go Tell It On The Mountain* 1012

Pass Communion & Collection Plates:
 Charles Ferrell, Ken Lail, Keith Fox, Steve Killian
...to the Nursery: Jonathan Eckard
Nursery today: Patsy Yoder and Siri Hull
next week: Janet Stiles and Alyssa Lipford

Happy Birthday this week:

Today 23 Hester **Burkhalter** & Chris **Kline**
 Thursday 27 Cavan **Covalinski**, Glenda **Johnson**
 & Mary **Nichols**
 Saturday 29 Sarah **Farris**

Happy Anniversary

Today 23 Anthony & Cynthia **Lipford**
 Thursday 27 Blake & Barbara **Eckard** (25)
 Friday 28 Percil & Theresa **Watkins** (16)

2011/12 averages	Last Week
69/72 Sunday School	68
110/120 Assembly	135
51/65 Wednesday	
\$2,863/ \$2,938 Contribution (~ \$4000 meets our expenses w/o an office building tenant)	\$2,811

More family news...

☞ From **Patsy Yoder**: "Just thought I'd follow up with a report on our sponsored Angels here at Drexel. I am so pleased to let everyone know that our family at Hickory sponsored 20 angels with their generous donations and gifts!! I know I'm not supposed to boast except in Jesus, so I'm going to praise our Lord for His work carried out through His servants here in Hickory! I love you all!!! Merry Christmas!"

☞ "To the church that meets at Fairgrove Road in Hickory. **Gayle** and I were just talking about all of you wonderful folks, missing you, and wishing we could be there to say this in person, We love you and wish the very best circumstances that life has to offer to each and everyone. Our daughter Jeannine and grandchildren are fine and in good health and all are doing well in school. I am scheduled for a medical procedure on Friday, will celebrate Christmas on Tuesday, and hope to see all of you folks very soon! May God continue to bless each and everyone. **Dennis Jaschob**

☞ **Billie Dennie** called to thank all those who called, visited, and sent cards after her fall. She expects to get the back brace she has been wearing off on January 2.

☞ The food pantry this Tuesday was a most festive time - **Betty Houston** provided some "heart-warming" soup; holiday fruit and candy baskets were given to the pantry families; and our youth performed their "We'll Work 'til Jesus Comes" puppet show.

☞ Thanks to everyone who came out to the Wednesday night **Pinecrest Christmas** singing and celebration at Pinecrest Senior Living facility where our member, Hettie Santymire, lives. It was a truly joyous time, once again.

HICKORY CHURCH OF CHRIST
 IMPERFECT PEOPLE... LEARNING TO LOVE PERFECTLY
 DECEMBER 23, 2012

when Spirit becomes Flesh

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:14

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

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

Hazel Beal, 90, is the mother of Ron Henry's good friend. She is hospitalized with kidney failure; doctors fear she won't survive until Christmas. Please pray for Hazel and her family.

Kevin Bibbee is doing better from his bout with the flu. Pray for the rest of the family to be in good health.

Sabina Fox remains in New York with her dad who experienced a recent setback in his condition.
Inge and Werner Kramer, 100 Elwood Road Northport, NY 11768.

Tim Hass, Stacy Whitmire's neighbor, is in ICU at Catawba Valley Hospital. His condition is deteriorating.

Dennis and Gayle Jaschob are in Florida with their daughter and grandchildren. They send their love. Dennis was scheduled to have a medical procedure Friday. Pray for their well-being and timely return to NC.

Homer Clyde Patrick, Theresa Watkins' uncle of Plant City, FL, is lethargic and bodily functions are waning. He is Theresa's Mom's only brother.

Richard and Karen Rheinbolt who are visiting their son and family in Guatemala. Pray for their safety.

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

Teresa Robins seeks part-time work.

Barbara Eckard is looking for ESL teaching positions.

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...

December:

- ☞ **31st 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.
- ☞ **31st Monday, New Year's Eve, 7:00 'til...:** The **teens** will ring in the New Year at the **McDermotts'** home. From **Meredith:** "5104 Sagittarius Circle, Denver (down Highway 16 – about 25 minutes from the church building.) Parents are welcome to call me, cell: 817-658-1102. We can coordinate carpools from Hickory – let us know their needs. To avoid driving home after midnight, anyone who wishes is invited to sleep over. Bring a drink or finger food and a sleeping bag/pillow."

January:

- ☞ **6th, Sunday 5:30: L.I.F.T.**
- ☞ **8th, Tuesday 11:00: Senior Friends Luncheon @ J & S Cafeteria** off of I-40, exit 125.
- ☞ **13th, Sunday 12:00: Conover East** (Zone 4) Pot Luck Meal.
- ☞ **19th Saturday 9:00: Men's Breakfast.**
- ☞ **20th, Sunday 12:00: Lads to Leaders** Speech Writing Workshop/Pot Luck Meal.
- ☞ **26th, Sunday:** A guest speaker from North Atlanta Church of Christ.

February:

- ☞ **1,2 Women of Hope** (sponsored by Healing Hands International) - Murfreesboro, TN, www.hhi.org - "A Sisterhood of Hope" 2 Corinthians 1⁷
- ☞ **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

March:

- ☞ **20-23: Tulsa Workshop.** www.tulsaworkshop.org Joe Beam, Francis Chan, Dusty Rush
- ☞ **22-23: Elderlink Atlanta.** www.acu.edu/elderlink
- ☞ **29-31: LtL Convention—Atlanta.**

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/

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