

# Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 26, 2020

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## The Hickory Church of Christ is Praying

HCOC Daily Prayer – May God's Kingdom Grow Here...

Pray for a neighbor or friend to follow Christ

God's blessings and protection on holiday travelers from our church family and all others near and far.

Casey Allen needs strength for challenges.

Megan Bibbee is slightly improved, after starting new meds. Thank God.

Dave Bierce had biopsy on his mouth; he's waiting for results.

Mark Byers, Ashley Lowman's uncle, is on his 2<sup>nd</sup> round of chemo and dealing with painful lesions. Pray his numbers come down so he can receive a bone marrow transplant.

Elsa Barnes is recovering from Covid.

Mary Ellen Bross, Dora's daughter, will have MRI in Jan., after having recent brain radiation.

Jerry Burton is recovering from major heart surgery.

Shirley Burton, Jerry's sister in KY, has lung cancer.

Johnny Catlett, Ray's brother, has cancer.

Eadie Hopkins is recovering from Covid and taking meds to address infections. Pray for her strength.

Barbara Eddins is home with health issues.

Hattie English, Theresa's cousin, will be remembered in a graveside service in Columbus, GA, Tues. 12/29/20 - <https://www.articobits.com/obituaries/taylor-funeral-home-inc/hattie-j-english-obituary>.

Rachel Haas, Barbara Gmann's co-worker, has uterine cancer

Lisa Hadden, Bobbi Henson's sister, has Covid. She works in a nursing home.

Cathy Hall is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Ann Henry is taking physical therapy at home.

Betty Hill, mother of Sandra Hill, an HCOC visitor, has cancer that is spreading.

Her chemo is being increased. Doctors do not believe there are more options for Betty's treatment, should increasing the chemo treatments be ineffective.

Tina Holler is wearing a heart monitor. Hopefully, her heart issues will be diagnosed and resolved so she can have arm surgery to help with her dialysis. Pray for her physical and spiritual needs.

Deidre Keller Messer gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Jamie, 12/18/20, at 6lbs, 4ounces and 19 inches long. Both are doing well. **Congrats to**

**Deidre, Grandmother Lisa Smith and family.**

Rossana Lecaros is thankful for prayers, as she is coming out of flu symptoms and is feeling better.

Robert Link (Jimmie's husband) is mending at home from Covid. Pray he overcomes confusion and regains strength.

Ryan Lipford is having frequent seizures. Pray for others in the Lipford family who also have physical challenges.

Sparkle Lipford is waiting for test results for sample taken from abdominal growth. She may need surgery and radiation.

Jane Mays is at Elmcroft Assisted Living.

Angel and John, Mary Nichols' daughter & son-in-law, have Covid. They have two daughters in the home.

Joyce Parker, Janet Keever's sister, passed from Covid complications. Joyce's husband, Mike, and their children, Zachary and Emily; Janet and all the family need our prayers.

Michelle Patrick, Theresa Watkins' sister-in-law in Orlando, FL, has liver cancer that has returned and spread to several parts of her body, including her lungs. She is unable to work at this point and struggles to walk and do much.

Marti Shirah is home with health challenges

Margaret Sigmon has several friends who have Covid. They are having a difficult time with it.

Edith Steelman, Bryan's Mom, has worsening memory issues.

Justin Wharton is healing from struggles with Covid.

Maxine Wharton, 96, is Andy's mother. She is showing signs of memory or cognitive issues.

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Coronavirus cases are increasing globally. Pray for proposed vaccines and treatments to be effective, approved and released. Pray for strength for those with the virus; for medical workers; and for all affected by the pandemic.

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Pray for the church; families; students & school/college staff; police & military staff; govt. leaders and for our entire nation.

## Announcements & Reminders

Happy and blessed 2021 to everyone!

**Temporary Canceling of Sunday 10:30am Worship Together** - Due to increasing Covid challenges, we are cancelling our Sunday Worship Together at HCOC at least until mid-January. We are mailing handouts for the messages to those without computers or internet access. Others can Watch Kevin Bibbee's 10:30am Sun. message on Facebook Livestream or see the Facebook recording later or listen to the recorded message on the church website. The Facebook and church website links are at the top of the bulletin. Today's message is: "Open the Eyes of My Heart!" from John 9 in the Sermon Series: "Jesus, God's Love in Action."

**Sunday at 9:20am - Adult Bible Class on Zoom.** We are studying Acts. Please email [office@hickorychurch.org](mailto:office@hickorychurch.org) for the Zoom Meeting ID. Workbooks for the study are available in the church library.

**Family Movie Night on Zoom** - Thanks to all who joined us this past Thursday for our viewing of "The Star." We hope to watch another movie or program together on Zoom in the future.

**Today AGAPE of NC's 5th Annual Change For Life Giving Campaign** needs your help. This foster care, adoption and counseling services agency welcomes our change and other donations to help with their ministry. Please get your change or other donation to Tom Keever this week or send a donation to AGAPE through one of the means: Online at: <http://www.agapeofnc.org/donate> -Text GIVE to 919-335- 4685. Or ~Send checks to: AGAPE of NC, PO Box 985, Wake Forest, NC 27588

**The Shepherding Course** will tentatively take place in January, depending on the Covid-19 status. Anyone, male or female, who wants to know more about the shepherd's role and is interested in taking the course, please contact Kevin Bibbee for the materials and homework assignment.

**Dennis & Gayle Jaschob** moved to live with their daughter, Jeannine, at 3913 Camellia Dr., Mobile, AL 36693. We are planning to send a book with notes. Send emails to [kevinkamy@gmail.com](mailto:kevinkamy@gmail.com) or mail your notes to Bibbee's address, 4147 Hemingway Dr, Hickory, NC 28601, to be placed in the book. Please help us in this effort to encourage these two special people.

**AGAPE of NC's 5th Annual Change For Life Giving Campaign** is here! AGAPE of NC provides foster care, adoption and counseling services. Collect your change through Dec. 27, in a cup from the lobby or on your own, and turn it in to Tom Keever or give by one of the means below. [Campaign Video Link](#)  
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**When giving to HCOC** (if not on Sundays)

1. Mail check to church address listed below
2. Use on-line banking to set-up the church as a payee.
3. Donate: <http://hickorychurch.org/donate/>

## Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

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Prayer requests and announcements:  
[bulletin@hickorychurch.org](mailto:bulletin@hickorychurch.org)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec 27 - Ron Gemperline

Dec 28 - Mary Nichols

Dec 28 - Eamon Fecteau

Jan 1 - Sharon Duncan

Jan 1 - Tom Killinger

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec 27 - Blake & Barbara Eckard

Dec 28 - Percil & Theresa Watkins

Dec 28 - Eamon & Kelsey Fecteau