

# Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 6, 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**

**Casey Allen** needs strength for challenges.

**A two-month old boy** in Lincoln County is hospitalized with Covid. He is part of the church family where Cyndi Burkhalter attends.

**Megan Bibbee** is home from hospital. Some meds have been adjusted which seem to be helping her.

**Dave Bierce** will have a biopsy on his mouth, to assess for cancer.

**Mark Byers**, Ashley Lowman's endeared uncle in Florida, is taking intense treatments for Leukemia.

**Elsa Barnes** is home recovering from Covid. She believes worst is behind her.

**Mary Ellen Bross**, Dora's daughter, had MRI in Oct., to assess effectiveness of brain radiation; next MRI is in January.

**Jerry Burton** is home after having to go back in hospital for issues after heart surgery. Pray for continued healing.

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

**Johnny Catlett**, Ray's brother, has cancer.

**Chain**, Anna Setzer's brother-in-law, fell off a ladder, causing a cracked vertebra, but is getting better. Thank you, Lord.

**Holt Coleman**, Anna Setzer's co-worker's husband, has Covid. His healing is slowed by his diabetes and reoccurring fevers and bouts of weakness.

**Sharon Duncan** is at home recovering from Covid, as her mother, **Eadie Hopkins**, does the same. Pray for **Larry Duncan**, as he provides care for them.

**Barbara Eddins** has several health issues.

**Lionel Ellis** is back to work, after several health challenges. Praise God

**Hattie English**, Theresa's cousin, is recovering from two strokes and headed to a rehab facility.

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

**Robert Hadden**, Bobbi Henson's Dad, passed after having a massive heart attack. <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/18961360/Robert-Eugene-Hadden/Gastonia/North-Carolina/McLean-Funeral-Directors>

**Cathy Hall** is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

**Ann Henry** is continuing physical therapy at home and welcomes visitors.

**Tina Holler** seeks our prayers, as she deals with heart issues. Pray for her physical and spiritual needs.

**Robert Link (Jimmie's husband)** is slowly mending at home, while still testing positive for Covid. Pray he soon overcomes confusion and regains strength for independent living.

**Sparkle Lipford** saw doctors at Duke; a sample of an internal area of concern was taken. She will have results in two weeks and may be facing surgery and radiation.

**Lisa**, Ann Stasny's daughter, tested negative for Covid. She works in a medical care facility. Thank God.

**Jane Mays** is at Elmcroft Assisted Living.

**Joyce Parker, Janet Keever's sister**, passed from Covid complications.

**Joyce's husband, Mike**, and their children, **Zachary and Emily**, need our prayers, along with **Janet and all the family**. A celebration of life is Sun. Dec. 6 in Maryville, TN.

**Daniel**, Anna Setzer's brother, is improving after having painful eye problems.

**Marti Shirah** is home with health challenges

**Ann Stasny** will see a kidney specialist Dec. 7, because of irregular lab work. She is thankful for God opening a door for her to connect with her friend, **Christie**, to share life and His Word with Christie.

**John Stasny** has acute bronchitis.

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

**Chastity Stephens**, Angela Arnett's daughter, has Covid. She and her two children live with Angela. Pray for everyone in the family to be well, as they are all quarantined together.

**Justin Wharton** is home with Covid. Pray for his strength with all of the related challenges.

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

**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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec 6 Paul Caldwell

Dec 6 Tyler Killian

Dec 6 Jean Jernigan

## Announcements & Reminders

**Our Worship is at 10:30am Sun. at HCOC.**

Attend; watch Facebook Livestream or recording later; or listen to recording later on the church website. The Facebook link and church website link are at the top of the bulletin. Seth Powell will speak on "Everything You Need to Know about Jesus," based on John 7 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 Zoom ID, if you would like to attend on Zoom. Workbooks for the study are available; pick up the Part 1 and Part 2 workbooks from the church library. If you're not able to attend on Zoom, please get the workbooks & study the material on your own.

**Renew.Org Free Webinar** on Prayer and Fasting, Mon. Dec. 7 - 8pm (EST) : [https://live.renew.org/product/dec-7-prayer-and-fasting-the-why-and-the-how?mc\\_cid=74ae5554f6&mc\\_eid=3ae20ee678](https://live.renew.org/product/dec-7-prayer-and-fasting-the-why-and-the-how?mc_cid=74ae5554f6&mc_eid=3ae20ee678)

**The Shepherding Course** is Sun. Dec 13th at 4pm, in the church Fellowship Hall (downstairs, around back). Anyone, male or female, who wants to know more about the shepherd's role is invited to attend. Please wear a mask. We will meet with social distancing. Kevin Bibbee will introduce the role of the elder and distribute study materials for the January meeting.

**Dennis & Gayle Jaschob** have moved to live with their daughter, Jeannine, at 3913 Camellia Dr., Mobile, AL 36693. More info will come later, but we are planning on sending 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.

**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 can 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](#)

Donate Today to AGAPE of North Carolina: ~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

**Discovery Bible Study Bookmarks** are available on the front left pew of the church auditorium. Please pick up a set of these and see some of the men who lead in our worship, for details about how to use this simple tool in sharing the Bible with others.

**Weekdays 15-minute Noontime Prayer Meeting on Zoom** - a 15-minute time of prayer, at 12 noon, on weekdays is taking place through Christmas. Please

email [office@hickorychurch.org](mailto:office@hickorychurch.org), to request the Zoom link, in order to be part of this brief time of prayer and fellowship.

**Young Adults:** Please contact Seth Powell, to take part in their Facebook Messenger Group Bible Study which takes place on Wednesdays at 7pm

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

## Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

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