

# Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, April 25, 2021

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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 to overcome challenges.

**Mark Byers**, Ashley Lowman's uncle in FL, had a brain bleed during a Leukemia trial treatment. The family is praying for a miracle for Mark, a faithful Gospel preacher, even though it seems God is calling Mark home.

**Katie Cloninger** is home after a hospitalization for heart issues, following tough Covid challenges.

**Sharon Hyatt**, Ann Stasny's cousin in CT, will have tests to diagnose heart problems. She may be facing bypass surgery.

**Gary Knutson**, of Triangle Church of Christ, is beginning a long recovery from back surgery he had on 4/21.

**Cecilia Lehmann** had surgery to remove an internal growth.

**Sparkle Lipford** had surgery Monday, to remove a sizable abdominal tumor. Pray for her continued healing.

**Lenoir Rhyne Univ** has some students in Bible discussions with some of us. Pray for hearts to be open to Jesus.

**Guy Martin** has lung cancer. He is the Burkhalter’s son-in-law.

**Mauritius Island** is on lockdown, due to a Covid outbreak. Emily & Aaron Holmes (Barbara Gmann’s family) are missionaries there.

**Jimmie Link** is recovering from surgery and got great news all was benign. Thank the Lord.

**Janetta McClure**, Marlene Matney's sister in WV, is better after having several health concerns.

**Marcus Newsome**, of Atlanta, has diminishing blood clots in his leg and lungs. Pray for him, his wife and family.

**Randy Pannell** has prostate cancer.

**Shannon Pannell**, Randy's nephew, has cancer.

**Michelle Patrick**, Theresa Watkins' sister-in-law, is getting stronger, as chemo helps her cancer.

**Marti Shirah** is awaiting biopsy results to come in May, to confirm fibrosis diagnosis.

**Rodney and Donna Smith**, Lisa Smith’s aunt and uncle in Florida, have been hospitalized due to Covid-19.

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

**Marianne Watson**, a faithful widow in NY, is home after having a stroke in MD, while traveling alone.

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

**Shut-Ins:** Barbara Eddins and Eadie Hopkins are at home; Jane Mays is at Elmcroft Assisted Living

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**Coronavirus** cases are fewer than they have been in months. Pray for vaccines and treatments to be safe and effective. 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; govt. leaders & our nation.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr 27 April McGrandy

Apr 30 Landen Killian

## Announcements & Reminders

Happy and blessed 2021 to everyone!

**2021 Appeal to God: "Open the Eyes to My Heart, Lord"**

**Sunday at 9:20am - Adult Bible Class on Zoom.** We are studying Acts. Email [office@hickorychurch.org](mailto:office@hickorychurch.org) for the Zoom Meeting ID.

**Sunday Worship Together at 10:30am** - Kevin Bibbee will speak. The worship may be seen on Facebook Livestream or the recorded message heard on the church website. The Facebook and church website links are at the top of the bulletin. Today's message, "Life in His Name: A Nazarene," is from Matthew 2:23 and is from the new Sermon Series: "Life in His Name."

**New Youth Studies** - "Do Right," based on the Whole Armor of God, take place on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:15pm (ages 8-12) and Thursdays at 6:15pm (ages 4-7). Email [office@hickorychurch.org](mailto:office@hickorychurch.org) to participate.

**Wed night, 6pm, Young Bible study** - under the picnic shelter behind the church building.

**Teen-Early 20's Zoom Bible Study** - contact Bryan McDermott, [bmcdermott@hickorychurch.org](mailto:bmcdermott@hickorychurch.org), to participate in the Saturday 7pm Zoom Connection

**Ladies' Discovery Bible Study Discussions**, Jesus' sermon on the mount and more, Mondays at 7pm on Facebook Messenger. Email [office@hickorychurch.org](mailto:office@hickorychurch.org) for information and to participate.

**Our Shepherding Course continues** - the next meeting is Sat. May 8, 10am - 12 noon in the church Fellowship Hall. Everyone (male and female) who wants to know more about God's role for men serving as shepherds is encouraged to take the course. Please contact Kevin Bibbee [kbibbee@hickorychurch.org](mailto:kbibbee@hickorychurch.org) for the materials and homework assignment, even if you cannot attend these sessions.

**High School Graduates** - please let Kevin Bibbee ([kbibbee@hickorychurch.org](mailto:kbibbee@hickorychurch.org)) know if you have students in your family who will graduate this semester. Please contact him by May 2nd.

**New Day Online Workshop** sponsored by Lubbock Christian University and North Boulevard Church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN - : Wed., April 21, 8-9pm EST - Youth Event and Thurs., April 22, 2-5pm EST Church Leaders Workshop. Register Online: [www.newdayresources.org](http://www.newdayresources.org) or Call 615.893.1520

**HCOC Member Connection Calls** - Please contact Kevin Bibbee [kbibbee@hickorychurch.org](mailto:kbibbee@hickorychurch.org), if you'd be willing to make connection care calls to our church family, during these challenging times.

**Lake Norman Church of Christ's** new "How to Study the Bible" course is on Thursdays at 7:30pm. Watch on the church website, Facebook and YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVeh\\_gwWhNH94bmPMvFKMDQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVeh_gwWhNH94bmPMvFKMDQ)

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## Lectionary Readings

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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