

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, May 2, 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.

Jon Bohm will be relocating to his MI hometown, to help care for his Dad.

Sally Cannon had eye surgery and several skin cancers removed.

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

Emma Doss is having more stomach issues. She is in Texas and is Anna Setzer's sister.

Myra Hill fell, pulling tendons and ligaments in her left ankle and leg. She has a lot of inflammation, bone Spurs and Arthritis in her leg and ankle.

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 to remove an 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 Gnann'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 and is once again walking freely.

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.

Pericl Watkins is recovering from a fierce bout of poison ivy/poison oak.

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

Keyonda Williams (42), cousin of Valerie Streeter, passed recently from cancer in Greenville, NC.

Justin Wilkes (24), Sade's brother, was missing over a week from Greenville, NC, but thankfully was located and is well.

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

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.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 2 Percil Watkins

May 3 Scott Fitch

May 7 Koen Killian

May 7 Annie Stasny

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 for the Zoom Meeting ID.

Sunday Worship Together at 10:30am - Seth Powell will speak. The worship can 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 is "Life in His Name: High Priest."

New Youth Studies - "Do Right," based on the Whole Armor of God take place on Zoom Wednesdays at 7:15pm (ages 8-12) and Thursdays on Zoom at 6:15pm (ages 4-7). Please email office@hickorychurch.org to have children 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, 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 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. Contact Kevin Bibbee kbibbee@hickorychurch.org for the materials and homework assignment, even if you cannot attend these sessions.

Congratulations to Paxton Powell who is graduating from Lipscomb University Friday, May 7, with a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering.

Congratulations to Dinah Murekatete who is graduating from Lenoir Rhyne Univ Friday, May 7, with a Bachelor's in International Business

Donate to Bibles - Throughout May, please make an extra donation to our offering, to help with our Bible drive (include 'Bible Drive' on check memo line). This will help us have Bibles for giving to individuals in our community, as we share God's Word with them. See Kevin Bibbee, for more info.

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

NEW DAY CONFERENCE - Sept. 9-10, 2020 Onsite & Online - North Blvd Church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN. <https://www.newdayresources.org/>

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_9wWhNH94bmPMvFKMDQ

Many Thanks - I would like to extend out my deepest gratitude to my HCoC family for all of the love and support I received prior and post surgery. I truly appreciate the prayers, calls, cards and words of encouragement which have kept me going during this hard time. I am healing well and I give all praise to God for bringing me through it. Continue to keep me in your prayers, as I move forward in life as well as the healing process. With Christian Love, Sparkle Lipford

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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

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

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