

# Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Watch Sunday Sermon Live: <https://www.facebook.com/HCOc111/live/>

Recorded Sermons: <http://hickorychurch.org/sermons/>

## 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.

**Nancy Belville** looks to move to Georgia to be with her daughter, as soon as her home sells.

**Ellen Boyle**, Annie Stasny's childhood friend, got a vocal cord implant, in Charlotte Medical Center.

**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** is at Caldwell Memorial Hospital with pneumonia and blood pressure that is dipping too low occasionally.

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

**Mary Nell Covalinksi** fell and broke her hip, but she is home again. Therapy plans are still being worked out.

**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.

**Zy'meir Keyes** has Covid

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

**Cecilia Lehmann**, she is Lucy Awana's good friend, 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 students who are expressing interest in Bible discussions. Pray for God's blessings on these.

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

**Mauritius Island** is off lockdown, after a Covid outbreak, while school is still meeting virtually. Emily & Aaron Holmes (Barbara Gnann's family) are missionaries there.

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

**Marcus Newson**, of Atlanta, is taking physical therapy, as leg and lung blood clots diminish; he's much stronger daily.

**Randy Pannell** is being treated for prostate cancer.

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

**Andrea Patterson** is grateful for recent iron infusions and prescription vitamin D that is helping her feel much better.

**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.

**Jim Williams**, brother of Sally Cannon and Timmy Rainwater had a pacemaker installed Tuesday.

**Ken Yearwood**, Patsy Yoder's stepmother's husband, fell and hit his head. He is in Trauma Unit in Knoxville, TN hospital.

**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.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 10 Pam Roberts

May 11 Bryan Steelman

## 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 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: Immanuel - God's Presence Found in a Mother" from Isaiah 7:13-14

**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](mailto: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](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** - 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](mailto:kbibbee@hickorychurch.org) for the next meeting date, class materials and homework assignment, even if you cannot attend these sessions.

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

**Congratulations to Dinah Murekatete** who graduated 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.

**Nancy Belville** has a refrigerator available, if anyone has need

**Please begin bringing cards and small tokens** to go in our jars to bless our high school graduates: Lucas Arnett, Karsen Osborne, and JohnQuavis Keyes

**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.

**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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVeh_9wWhNH94bmPMvFKMDQ)

**When giving to HCOc**

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 10:44-48; Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May Hospitality Coordinator - Patsy Yoder

**Preaching Minister:** Kevin Bibbee 828.228.1641

**Church office:** 828.464.4983

**Address:** 1218 Fairgrove Church Road,  
Hickory NC 28602

**Website:** [www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org)

 [www.facebook.com/HCOc111](https://www.facebook.com/HCOc111)

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