

Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Watch Sunday Sermon Live: <https://www.facebook.com/HCO111/live/>

Link to Daily Lectionary: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>



Worship Schedule

2022 Theme: "Relentless Pursuit"

Sunday at 9:30 In-Person - Adult and Kids' Bible Classes.

Sunday Worship at 10:30am In-person. The Livestream will be on Facebook. Kevin doing interview with Holmes family
Message: Mission Mauritius Text Matthew 5:14-15

LIFT – Ladies in Fellowship Together Bible Study – 1st Sundays at 6pm in Fellowship Hall

Food Pantry in M-25 Bldg - 1st & 3rd Mon. at 4:30pm.

Ladies' Discovery Bible Study - Mon. at 7pm on Messenger - "One Another". See Theresa Watkins or Ann Stasny to join.

Small Group Meal and Fellowship – Wed. at 6:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. Bring dinner and join us for informal fellowship and prayer. Kids' Bible class meets at 7pm.

HCOC Millennials (for mid 20's to late 30's) Bible study – Wed. at 6:30pm At the Hut. Come out and join the group in watching "The Chosen." See Ali Franks for details.

LIME – Ladies Interceding Mentoring & Encouraging Bible Study – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

LRU Bears in Scripture Bible Study – will resume meeting January 19, 2023 in the Hickory Room of The Cromer Center.

December Hospitality Coordinator

Dora McDonald

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When giving to HCOC:

1. Drop Offering in Box on Back Wall of Auditorium
2. Mail check to church address listed below
3. Use on-line banking to set-up the church as a payee
4. Donate: <http://hickorychurch.org/donate/>

Announcements & Reminders

Bring Kids to 9:30am Sunday Bible Classes. Eager teachers and amazing interactive Bible lessons await them.

Sign-up to Receive Text Messages about urgent church news via Remind program: TEXT @28c9869 to 81010.

Church Building Cleaning: Thanks to Blake Eckard and all who helped with cleaning/organizing this past week.

Christmas Day- Dec. 25- There will be no 9:30am bible classes, but we will have the 10:30am Worship assembly. Please join us. Regularly Sun. morning classes will be held Jan. 1, 2023

Hike Jan. 8 1:30 pm High Shoals Falls and Big Bear Falls Contact Ali Franks for details and info as well as the Facebook page

Winter Bible Camp at Carolina Bible Camp, Jan. 13-16, for ages 13-19 <https://carolinabiblecamp.org/wintercamp>

Women of Hope Conference – Murfreesboro, TN- FEB 3-4, 2023 <https://www.hhi.org/womenofhope>

Please see Percil or Theresa Watkins if you want to support or be part of a St. Martin Mission trip in 2023. See Percil's message for more info: <https://fb.watch/h5dZ4ZGRTs/>

AGAPE of NC Foster-Adoption Service Annual Giving. Get an AGAPE white or red cup from the church foyer- to collect your change (\$\$) through Sunday Jan. 15; write a check to HCOC (with AGAPE on memo line); or give online at: <https://tinyurl.com/AGAPEWorthIt2022>.

Congratulations to David Watkins who graduated from Harding University yesterday. Pray for God's guidance on his future plans.

Harding University offers church leaders an opportunity to take Bible courses for free. Visit <https://www.harding.edu/academics/colleges-departments/bible-ministry/center/distance-bible> or see Percil or Theresa Watkins

Happy Birthday

12/21 Sara Watkins 12/22 Hannah Watkins

12/23 Hester Burkhalter 12/24 Megan Rae Hollar

Happy Anniversary

12/19 Jerry & Eloise Burton 12/23 Tony & Cynthia Lipford

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.

Praise God for what He is doing in our midst and for the doors He is opening for the Gospel of Christ.

Pray for God to be honored and souls drawn to Christ, for those listed below:

Pray daily for our shepherds: Scott Fitch, Tom Keever, Steve Killian and Percil Watkins. Please let our shepherds know of any spiritual or other concerns that they can assist you with.

The Ukrainian War continues. Pray for all in Ukraine and Russia. Pray for peace and that God will be honored.

Support Healing Hands International's efforts to give relief to those in the Ukraine: <https://www.hhi.org/ukraine>

Casey Allen needs strength to overcome challenges.

Bill Barnette, Jennifer Steelman's Dad, is having some very serious issues with his heart. Jennifer is thankful for all prayers for her Dad.

Art Burkhalter is thankful to be home from the hospital and recovering from RSV and pneumonia. Doctors are managing his Afib.

Margaret Burns is getting relief for her back pain by using a brace.

Judy Cole, Barbara Eddins' sister, is legally blind after complications related to Covid and pre-existing eye problems.

David Dreyer, an LRU professor and father of boys attending our Parents' Night Out. Megan Bruder, the mother of the boys thanks everyone for the generous and thoughtful gift.

Scott Fitch is recovering from scratches to his inner eyelid.

Eric Glenn, the Watkins' friend, came through heart surgery well. He went home from hospital this week. Pray for his strengthening.

Lewis Hollar, Megan Rae's grandfather, is taking treatments for maintenance of his Leukemia.

Family of Hazel Lidey (4) in Vale, NC needs our prayers as they cope with her presumed murder this November.

Johnella Morris (90) of Chattanooga needs prayers for strength, after being in the hospital and rehab for 20 days. Her daughter, **Henrietta**, needs prayers as the caregiver. Henrietta is the college friend of Theresa Watkins.

Sherry Smart and her sister, Grace McGiboney, are recovering from bronchitis and pneumonia, respectively.

T.J. Snyder, Dave Cain's grandmother, is recovering from a broken femur. Praise God the Cain's were able to bring Ms. Snyder to Dave's parents here in our area to recover.

Edith Steelman, Bryan's mom, passed. Her life will be celebrated Sun., Dec. 18 at 1pm at Hickory Church of Christ. <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/26504198/edith-cody-steelman>.

Ronda Thorne, Mary Nichols' daughter, had one cataract surgery and will have another soon. Pray she returns to the Lord. Mary's great-nephew is challenged by Leukemia; his mother has had cancer for several years.

Flavio and Renee Uribe solicit our prayers, after Eric Kilincaslan, their dear friend in Ottawa passed. They are to go to South Africa, when Renee defends her dissertation real soon.

Donnie Watkins, Billy Davis' cousin, passed away in New Hampshire after a brief illness.

Percil Watkins ask for prayers for the church in St. Martin where they are struggling.

Kelissa Whitaker, who is here from Honduras working and worshipped with us recently, experienced 2nd and 1st degree burns on her arm and face, respectively, this past week while cooking.

Carson Whitters (13), the Watkins' friend, had a heart valve replaced in a 7+ hour surgery. He is off the ventilator.

Anita Wilfong does not need surgery on her feet and spine. She will have a biopsy on her thyroid on 12/16.

Doug Wood, Ann Stasny's cousin in SC, is still recovering from sepsis, pneumonia and being on the ventilator.

Pray for God to give us wisdom for assisting the homeless near us.

Pray for all students as the semester comes to an end and many travel home and other places for the holidays.

Pray for and support grieving loved ones this Christmas and beyond-Great

Article: <https://tinyurl.com/Hope4Sufferers>. Thanks to Kamy Bibbee for telling us in LIFT that Christmas is the "sufferers' holiday." May God help us extend His hope to those who are suffering.

Pray that all stay spiritually strong amid physical challenges. Pray for one another, even for those not listed here.

Shut-Ins: Barbara Eddins, Mary Nichols, and Marti Shirah. Ella Jane Mays at Terra Bella Sr. Living – Memory Care.

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