

# Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, December 4, 2022

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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's message: Sweeter than Honey**  
**Text: Psalm 119:103**

**LIFT – Ladies in Fellowship Together Bible Study – 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Sundays at 6pm in Fellowship Hall

**Food Pantry in M-25 Bldg - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. See Ali Franks for details.

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

**LRU Bears in Scripture Bible Study –** will resume meeting in January 2023.

**November Hospitality Coordinator**

Dora McDonald

## Church Information

**Preaching Minister:** Kevin Bibbee

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**Prayer requests and announcements:**

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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. We aim to help grow their faith in Christ, for life's challenges.

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

**Chosen 3** is Tues Dec 6 at 3:45 the AMC 15 in Hickory. Contact Percil or Theresa Watkins if you are interested in going.

**Table Rock Summit Hike:** Sun. Dec. 11 at 2:15 in the Linville Gorge. RSVP on Facebook or contact Ali Franks. For your safety, please read through hike information prior to attending.

**Church Building Cleaning:** Dec. 12-19, 9am-12 weekdays & 9am-3pm on Sat. Come and help. See Blake Eckard for info

**Seniors' Lunch, Wed. Dec. 14 at 12 noon** at El Paso Mexican on Hwy 70 in Conover. RSVP: Ann Stasny, 828-310-6404.

**Christmas Game Night** Sat 12/17, 6:30-9:00pm in the fellowship hall. Bring your dinner and a treat or drink to share. We will have s'mores, a fire, and indoor/outdoor games.

**Please see Percil or Theresa Watkins** if you would be interested in supporting or being part of a St. Martin Mission trip in 2023. See Sundays message for more info:  
<https://fb.watch/h5dZ4ZGRTs/>

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

## Happy Birthday

12/5 Anita Wilfong 12/6 Tyler Killian 12/6 Jean Jernigan

## Happy Anniversary

12/5 Jerry & Patsy Yoder

## **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.

**Jerry Barnett**, Jared's dad, is recovering from a ruptured appendix. He was treated at Asheville Mission Hospital.

**Bill Barnette**, Jennifer Steelman's Dad, is recovering from getting artery stents.

**Lynn Benicken**, Dora McDonald's daughter passed. Pray for Dora; Tom, Lynn's husband, and family.

**Art Burkhalter** has RSV. He is in Room 519 at CVMC and is to be transferred to Charlotte's Atrium Hospital when a bed opens up there. He will need to have his heart stents evaluated, given the RSV.

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

**Paul Caldwell** had a mini-stroke.

**Angel Crowe and Ronda Thorne**, Mary Nichols' daughters, have a bad case of the flu and cataracts causing vision loss, respectively. Pray they both return to the Lord.

**Eric Glenn**, Watkin's friend, will have open heart surgery December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Dennis Harrow**, the Wharton's friend, has kidney cancer.

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

**Emily and Aaron Holmes and kids** were blessed to travel safely from Mauritius to the U.S. this past week. They will be in the U.S. until early January and will share with us on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> about their Mission experience so far.

**Bryce Jefferson** - pray for the Lenoir-Rhyne University Bears in Scripture study. May God's Word transform hearts of participants and may students struggling with college classes get needed help.

**Dora McDonald** is grateful for calls, cards, and all kindnesses extended to her surrounding Lynn's passing (her daughter).

**Mike Moritz** is home recovering from a lengthy hospital stay.

**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.

**William Smeriglio**, the Stasny's grandson, is battling Covid, after more than a week.

**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 Wednesday, after coping with several health challenges.

**Ronda Thorne**, Mary Nichols' daughter, had cataract surgery today. Pray for healing. Mary's great-nephew is challenged by Leukemia; his mother has been treated for cancer for several years .

**Flavio and Renee Uribe** solicit our prayers, after Eric Kilincaslan, their dear friend in Ottawa passed. Flavio was blessed to speak during Eric's Celebration of Life Saturday. 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.

**Anita Wilfong** will see doctors week of 12/5 for issues with her feet and spine and will have biopsy on thyroid on 12/16.

**Samantha Willis** - SVT heart issues.

**College Students** - Lenoir-Rhyne University, CVCC and our kids at colleges around the country solicit our prayers as they complete the semester and take finals. May Christ's light shine through all of these.

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 Assisted Living.**

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

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