# **Hickory Church of Christ**

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Watch Sunday Sermon Live: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/HCOC111/live/">https://www.facebook.com/HCOC111/live/</a> Link to Daily Lectionary: <a href="https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu//">https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu//</a>



### **Worship Schedule**

Yearly 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: Spiritual Vision Text: Proverbs 29:18

**LIFT – Ladies in Fellowship Together** Bible Study – 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall – **Meets today**, *due to the new year holiday*.

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

HCOC Millennials (mid 20's to late 30's)—Wed. at 6:30pm in the Hut or at Waterbean Coffee Shop. Come join the group in watching "The Chosen." See Ali Franks for details.

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

**LRU Bears in Scripture Bible Study** resumes meeting Thurs, January 19<sup>th</sup> in the Hickory Room of The Cromer Center.

#### **December Hospitality Coordinator**

Debbie Killian/Janet Keever

# **Church Information**

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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: <a href="http://hickorychurch.org/donate/">http://hickorychurch.org/donate/</a>

### Happy New Year!!!

#### **Announcements & Reminders**

Adults and Kids Come Out for 9:30am Sunday Bible Classes. Eager teachers and amazing Bible lessons await everyone.

**Murray's Mill Loop Trail** - Sun. 01/08, 1:30pm at Murray's Mill RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks. Please read through the trail information prior to attending

**Church Hiking trip Sun. 01/22 at 1:30pm** at South Mountain. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks. Please read through the hike info prior to attending.

Senior's Lunch – Thursday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon at 321 Café, 2725 Northwest Blvd, Newton, NC.

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

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.

Parents' Night Out – "Island Night" - Sat. Jan. 21, 5-9pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. Register kids (ages 0-16) at https://tinyurl.com/HCOCPNO23. Space is limited.

**Dragonslayers Men's Fellowship** Sat. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am (and the last Sat. of each month), in the Fellowship Hall. Come prepare for spiritual battle. See David Shuping for info.

Care Package Donations- The HCOC Millennials are collecting supplies. If you would like to donate, please do so by Sun. 01/29. Item lists can be found in the foyer near the donation basket.

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

Valentine's Day Game Night - Sat. 2/11, 6:30pm-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own dinner and a treat or drink to share. All are welcome!

# **Happy Birthday**

1/8 Barbara Eddins 1/10 Bryan McDermott 1/12 Blake Eckard

<u> Happy Anniversary</u>

## 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: <a href="https://www.hhi.org/ukraine">https://www.hhi.org/ukraine</a> **China** is ravaged by a massive Covid outbreak.

Casey Allen needs strength to overcome challenges.

Bill Barnette, Jennifer Steelman's Dad, has very serious heart issues. Jennifer is thankful for all prayers.

**Art Burkhalter** is home after having another stent replaced for his heart issues. Charlotte doctors cannot do any more to help him.

Sally Cannon is healing from previous car accidents.

**China** is ravaged by a massive Covid outbreak.

Myra Hill is home, longing to regain her strength.

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

**Koen Killian** weighted cast is working as desired for his broken shoulder. He will not need surgery, thank God.

Kristen Killian is recovering from a challenging bout of Covid.

Alice Lail has arterial blockage in her legs.

**Jimmie Link** had skin cancer removed from her foot.

Johnella Morris (90) and her daughter, Henrietta, need prayers for healing and for caregiving, respectively.

Marti Shirah was hospitalized due to anemia and dehydration. Pray for her husband, Steve, as he assists her.

David Shuping was home Sunday and not feeling well.

**T.J. Snyder,** Dave Cain's grandmother, is recovering from a broken femur.

**Ronda Thorne,** Mary Nichols' daughter, is recovering from cataract surgery. Pray she returns to the Lord.

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

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

Pray for our local and distant college students who will be traveling to begin their spring semester.

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.