Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Watch Sunday Sermon Live: https://www.facebook.com/HCOC111/live/

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

Worship Schedule

2023 Yearly Theme: "I Surrender Myself" – Matt. 16:25

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

Sunday Worship - 10:30am In-person. Livestream is on Facebook. **Kevin's message: The Kingdom of God – What's it Worth to Me? Text: Matthew 13:44-46**

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

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 Bible discussion and prayer. Kids' Bible classes are 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 – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 12 noon, Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and join the discussion.

LRU Bears in Scripture Bible Study, Thursdays at 7pm in the Hickory Room of The Cromer Center. Everyone is invited.

Dragonslayers Men's Fellowship - 11am-12:30pm - the last Sat. of each month in the Fellowship Hall. Come prepare for spiritual battle. See David Shuping for info.

March Hospitality Coordinator

Debbie Killian

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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

Adults and Kids Come Out for 9:30am Sunday Bible Classes. New Adult Class on Genesis meets in the Auditorium. Eager teachers and amazing Bible lessons await everyone.

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

Parent's Night Out- Thanks to everyone who volunteered to continue to make this night a great success.

Church Hiking Trip- Today March 19- 1:30pm in High Shoals Falls and Big Bear Falls- South Mountain State Park. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks.

Sunday April 2 Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt 12:00 noon. The entire church is invited to lunch and the Easter Egg Hunt is for kids 0-12 years old. The Egg Hunt will take place rain or shine. We will hide eggs indoors, in the event of rain. Register here: **https://tinyurl.com/HCOCEggHunt23 Please bring individual wrapped candy for the Egg Hunt and place it in the basket in the foyer**

St. Martin Mission Trip – July 11-25. Be part of the team and/or donate to the effort. All Pray. See Percil or Theresa Watkins for info.

Senior's Lunch – Thursday, April 13th – 12 noon at Sweet Taters, 102 10th St NW, Conover, NC. RSVP with Ann Stasny – 828-310-6404.

"Greatest Archaeological Find of the 20th Century with Dead Sea Scrolls" – April 14-16, with Howard Younger, MA – Theology with Emphasis: Dead Sea Scrolls. Fri. 7-9:30pm and Sat. 10am-12 noon with Lunch Meal. Sun. 9:30am class and 10:30am Message. Invite teens - adults. Childcare provided. Register: **www.tinyurl.com/HCOCDeadSea**

RJ Hall is looking for an apartment in the area with a yard (where he can keep his animals). Contact Joe: 828-228-2905

Plastic Grocery Bags are needed. Bring these and place them in the basket in the church foyer. Five hundred bags will be used by Penny Lopez to make a sleeping mat for the homeless.

Happy Birthday

3/25 Scott Powell

Happy Anniversary

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, by and with those listed below:
Pray daily for our shepherds: Scott Fitch, Tom Keever, Steve Killian and Percil Watkins. Please let them 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 long-term challenges.
Mason Archer (21) has new tumors related to his Leukemia
Bill Barnette, Jennifer Steelman's Dad, has serious heart issues.
Mary Ellen Bross, Dora McDonald's daughter, lost an elderly friend in Dec. and her sister, Lynn, in Oct.
Hester Burkhalter's mother (91) is in UNC Health Blue Ridge Hospital in Morganton and not doing well.
John Covalinski was in the ICU unit with blood clots in both legs and lungs. He is at home now and in a huge amount of pain. Please keep John and his parent, Mary Nell and Dick Covalinski in your prayers.
Ema Doss, Anna Stezer's sister, is doing better with her acute IBS.
Scott Fitch is recovering from cataract surgery and will have the second surgery March 22nd.
Robert Foringer, Megan Rae's mom's boyfriend, had his toe amputated, due to infection, and is doing well.
Myra Hill is home with challenges related to her diabetes and more.
Lewis Hollar, Megan Rae's grandfather, is in remission, but taking lower doses of chemo for his Leukemia.
Alice Lail may need leg artery bypass, for leg and feet pain**.** Pray with her as she contemplates treatment.
Andrew Layton has back pain.
Rossana Lecaros – Peru is challenged by flooding. Loss of life, many injured and missing.
Le Ann, a friend of Sherry Smart and her sister Grace, had surgery for endometrial cancer. She will get results and her treatment plan next week. Pray for God's grace to abound towards her..
Ryan Lipford is having night seizures.
Sparkle Lipford has three more weeks of recovery, following surgery to remove several abdominal masses.
Penny Lopez, Pam Dennie's mother, had a heart cauterization. She is to have a heart valve replaced soon.
Johnella Morris (90) and her daughter, Henrietta, need prayers for healing and for caregiving, respectively.
Mary Nichols has ongoing health concerns and a burden for physical and spiritual needs of family members.
Ron Nichols, Ron Gemperline's friend, is recovering from a stroke.
Richard Rheinbolt's co-worker, Ms. Vang, is seeking prayers to overcome infertility.
Pam Roberts' friend in Michigan lost a special needs daughter (17) due to complications after spinal surgery.
Jasmine Schuller, a friend of Pam Roberts', is hospitalized with complications from a Jan. 24th surgery.
Marti Shirah is at Carolina Caring, Room 103, in Connelly Springs for rehab. She has elected to stop chemo, given its harshness. She is now more alert. She is doing well with rehab and getting stronger.**Lisa Smith** had surgery and will have her gall bladder and a gall stone removed soon.
Linda Troutman, Barbara Eckards' friend, is having problems related to a hematoma on her leg.
David Watkins is seeking employment in computer programming, after graduating from Harding Univ in Dec.
Percil Watkins seeks prayers for St. Martin's Cole Bay church and for July mission trip to St. Martin.
Kelissa Whittaker - Wildfires on her neighboring Honduran island have ceased and no lives or homes were lost.

Lenoir Rhyne and our other College Students are returning from or traveling home for spring break. Pray for their safety and for their hearts to be drawn closer to Christ.
Pray for God to give us wisdom for assisting the homeless near us.
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.

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