

# Hickory Church of Christ

Imperfect people learning to love perfectly.

Sunday, March 26, 2023

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## 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: "Out of the Storeroom" Text Matthew 13:47-52**

**LIFT – Ladies in Fellowship Together Bible Study – 1<sup>st</sup>**  
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 – 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**, 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**


## Church Information

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2. Mail check to church address listed below
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## Announcements & Reminders

**Shelly Wharton** was baptized into Christ, Fri. 3/24. Please welcome Shelly to the body of Christ and pray for her.

**Sun. April 2 All-church Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt (12 yrs & under) at 12 noon.** The Egg Hunt takes place rain or shine. Sign-up: [www.tinyurl.com/HCOcEggHunt23](http://www.tinyurl.com/HCOcEggHunt23). **Please bring candy for the Egg Hunt and place in the basket in the foyer. Kids should bring baskets for eggs.**

**Senior's Lunch – Thurs, April 13<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon** at Sweet Taters, 102 10th St NW, Conover. RSVP: Ann Stasny – 828-310-6404.

**"Greatest Archaeological Find of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/HCOcDeadSea)

**Lake Norman Church of Christ Youth Rally**, April 21-23, for Grades 6-12. Register at <https://lakenormancoc.org/>.

**May 5th-6th: CBC Bloom Ladies Retreat:** 7pm Fri. – 2pm Sat. Register at [carolinabiblecamp.org/events](http://carolinabiblecamp.org/events)

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

**Bring Plastic Grocery Bags** and place in basket in the foyer. Five hundred bags make a sleeping mat for the homeless.

**Congratulations to the Sly and Steelman families: Violet Eve Sly** was born to Nathan and Tori at 5:40am Saturday (3/18). She weighed 7 lbs 9 oz and is 19 ¼ in long.

**Care for College Students:** Let's encourage our college kids with cards, as they finish this semester. Bring cards by 4/9: Kaylin Bibbee - Lipscomb; Leaci Brice, Noah Franks and Alyssa Lipford - CVCC; Ali Franks - Caldwell Community College; Kimi Hall - Freed-Hardeman; Christian Chinen, Allison Drum, Davis Hall, Blake Jefferson, Bryce Jefferson, Saige Ley, Damion Medwinter, Ethan Smith, and Shane Wells - LRU; Hannah Watkins - Rice University; Sara Watkins - NC State; and Braden Wharton – Montreat

## Happy Birthday

3/26 Christy Davis 4/1 Elsa Barnes

## Happy Anniversary

3/29 Tom & Janet Keever

## **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>

**Peru flooding-** several lives were lost, and educational centers and health care facilities were damaged. Pray for the Ilo church that we support; they moved to a smaller facility, because of economic challenges.

**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.

**David Bierce** seeks prayers for coping with life struggles and for favor with upcoming medical tests.

**Hester Burkhalter's mother (91)** is back at the nursing home, after a recent hospitalization. She is not doing well.

**Paul Caldwell** had surgery last week and is recovering at home.

**John Covalinski** was in ICU with blood clots in both legs and lungs. He is at home now and in pain.

**Ema Doss**, Anna Stezer's sister, is doing better with her acute IBS.

**Scott Fitch** is recovering from cataract surgery.

**Lewis Hollar**, Megan Rae's grandfather, is in remission, but taking lower doses of chemo for his Leukemia.

**Bryce Jefferson** encourages us to focus on God and not on our circumstances, as we face trials.

**Alice Lail** may need leg artery bypass, for leg and feet pain. Pray with her as she contemplates treatment.

**Le Ann**, a friend of Sherry Smart and her sister Grace, had surgery for endometrial cancer. She will get results and her treatment plan soon. Pray for God's grace to abound towards her.

**Ryan Lipford** is having night seizures.

**Sparkle Lipford** has two 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.

**Richard Rheinbolt's co-worker**, Ms. Vang, is seeking prayers to overcome infertility.

**Jasmine Schuller**, a friend of Pam Roberts', is hospitalized with complications from a Jan. 24th surgery.

**Marti Shirah** -Carolina Caring-Connolly Spring, Rm 103, doing well in rehab. She appreciates plant the church sent.

**St. Martin Mission Trip – July 10-20.** Pray for God to be glorified. See Percil or Theresa Watkins for info.

**Renee Uribe** successfully defended her PhD dissertation on "Theology of Missions" in South Africa. Praise God.

**David Watkins** is seeking employment in computer programming, after graduating from Harding Univ in Dec.

**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, Myra Hill, 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.**