

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

***“I Surrender Myself”***

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**



**VISIT OUR INFO. TABLE AFTER THE WORSHIP AND PICK UP A GUEST PACKET**

If you are new to HCOC, please share your contact info with us.

If you would like to commit your life to Christ, receive prayer or learn more about our church family, please let us know.

**– TODAY –**

**Today's Message**

**“Haughty or Humble” Text: Luke 18:9-14**

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**BAPTISMS may be scheduled at any time. See Kevin Bibbee or an elder to set a time to be clothed with Christ.**

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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 on Church Website: <http://hickorychurch.org/donate/>

**– THIS WEEK –**

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

**Small Group – Wed. at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Bring dinner. Bible Talk and Prayer. Kids' Bible classes are at 7pm.

**HCOC Millennials (mid 20's to late 30's) – Wed. at 6:30pm in the Hut.** Join the group in watching “The Chosen.” Contact Ali Franks.

**Place Plastic Grocery Bags** in the basket in the church foyer for making sleeping mats for the homeless.

**Parents' Night Out** – Thanks to all who helped last night to make our night with the children a success.

**T-shirts are here \$20.00-** See Shelly Wharton or Barb Eckard after church.

**Linn Cove Viaduct Hike: Today in Linville,** after 2:15 pm. Please read through trail information. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks

**A big thank you to Colton Smith for leading singing and Ethan Smith for speaking last Sunday!**

**Continue to pray for our college students:** Congratulations to those who completed finals and finished the semester strong and to those who graduated! Pray for rest and refueling for students out of school for the summer and those that are still in school for the summer.

**– COMING UP –**

**Dragonslayers' Men's Fellowship – Sat. June 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sat. June 24<sup>th</sup>, 11am-12:30pm,** in the Fellowship Hall. Contact David Shuping.

**Join our Church Team** for the Hunger Walk, Sat. Oct. 15, benefitting the Corner Table. Contact Kevin Boggs 828-381-9105.

## **Church Information**

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## **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.**

**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.

**The Ukrainian War.** Pray for all in Ukraine and Russia. Donate to relief for Ukraine: <https://www.hhi.org/ukraine>

**Christine Adkins and Mohammed-** lots of physical challenges for Mohammed and others in the family.

**Roger Arnett,** Angela's husband, had a heart catheterization and echogram, to check for blockages.

**David Bierce** seeks prayers to overcome spiritual struggles.

**Tisa Blocker** has worsening health issues.

**Art Burkhalter** is weakened to the point of needing to use a walker.

**Sally Cannon** needs prayers for family issues.

**Ruth Cloninger,** Anita Wilfong's mother, has Bell's Palsy.

**Elle Decoe** looks to do a two-year residency with outreach to Gardner-Webb University Starting Aug. 1.

**Barbara Eckard** has been cleared to put weight on her leg again, as her fracture is healing well.

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

**Aaron & Emily Holmes** will remain in Mauritius at least through Dec. 24 in mission efforts there. Their friend, Mr. Ashley is pursuing full-time ministry and seeking support. Email him: [ashleyjhurree653@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyjhurree653@gmail.com)

**Andrew Layton** has a torn rotator cuff and seeks God's help to be more patient..

**Saige Ley,** a LRU football player, was baptized April 26 at HCOC. Pray for his growth in Christ.

**Sparkle Lipford** has abdominal tumors that have not changed since her surgery. PTL!

**Penny Lopez,** Pam Dennie's mother, has heart catheterization this week at Duke.

**Dot Mayo,** Jean Brown's mom, is undergoing chemo for ovarian cancer.

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

**Mary Nichols** has health issues that are getting worse.

**Tonia Osaji** seeks prayers for her aunt who has breast cancer and for Jordan who is recovering from a torn Achilles tendon.

**Thomas Pope,** 1 year old, may have no vision or need special glasses. The family prays to trust God during this.

**Anna Setzer's** seeks prayers for her mom, Mina, in Texas who has chronic acute neck pain.

**Marti Shirah** who passed April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for her husband, Steve; son, CB; and family. Memorial gifts may be made to Hickory Church of Christ, in her honor.

**Sherry Smart** is struggling with respiratory problems. She hopes to be with us Sunday.

**Justin Smith** needs prayers for his health.

**John Stasny** to have skin cancer removed this week. Surgery is May 23.

**St. Martin Mission Trip – July 2023. Please make donations to the mission with your offering, by June 25, 2023.**

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

**Sam Watkins,** Percil's brother, made it home from the hospital this past Sunday. He is grateful for all prayers.

**Theresa Watkins** seeks prayers for wisdom and repents of not enlisting God's help more with recent challenges.

**Kelissa Whitaker,** from Honduras, praises God she secured work in Bluffton, SC for May thru November.

**Shut-Ins:** Barbara Eddins and Mary Nichols. 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.**

## **Happy Birthday**

**5/5 Danielle Burkhalter 5/25 Grace McGiboney**

## **Happy Anniversary**

**5/23 Justin & Sharon Kime 5/24 Noah & Ali Franks**

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**May Hospitality Coordinator – Patsy Yoder**