

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

**“I Surrender Myself”**

Sunday, May 7, 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 –**

**Kevin Bibbee’s Message**

**“Building Resilient Faith” – Luke 18:1-8**

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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.**

**LIFT – Ladies in Fellowship Together – 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Final Session for this Spring is Today.**

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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.

**LIFT - Ladies' Bible Study, Sun. May 7 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring Dinner. Dessert will be provided. Final meeting until fall.**

**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.

**Seniors’ Lunch – Thurs. May 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon at Olive Garden. RSVP with Ann Stasny, 828-310-6404.**

**Game Night, May 13, 5:30pm (Fellowship Hall). Bring your dinner and a treat/drink to share. To donate prizes, see Ali or Megan Rae**

**Broad Street Church of Christ Gospel Meeting, Sun. May 7: 10am, 11am & 6pm; May 8-10: 7pm. 433 E. Broad St., Statesville, NC.**

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

**– COMING UP –**

**Parents' Night Out Sat. - Sat. May 20th, 5pm-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring Kids ages 0-16 years old.**

Register: [www.tinyurl.com/HCOCPNO23](http://www.tinyurl.com/HCOCPNO23).

**Linn Cove Viaduct Hike: Sun., May 21, 2:15 pm in Linville. Please read through trail information. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks**

**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>

**Georgiana and Casey Allen** are recovering from respiratory challenges.

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

**Tisa Blocker** has worsening health issues.

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

**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** sees doctors Wed. for her fractured knee.

**Katera Frazier**, one of the LR students we prayed for last Sunday, lost her grandmother last week. The funeral was Sunday in Morganton.

**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)

**Lenoir-Rhyne University and other college students**, as they take finals, travel and begin new life phases.

**Blake Jefferson** has follow-up on his hand surgery on May 4th; he seeks that we all have hearts for others.

**Saige Ley**, a LRU football player, was baptized last Wed. at HCOC. He graduates May 12 and will play football at UNC Pembroke this fall. 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, will have heart catheterization on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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** mom in TX is struggling with health issues.

**Marti Shirah** who passed April 21st was remembered in a Celebration of Life Saturday at HCOC. Please pray for her husband, Steve; son, CB; and family. Memorial gifts may be made to Hickory Church of Christ, in her honor. <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/hickoryrecord/name/martha-shirah-obituary?id=51719776>.

**Sherry Smart** has been sick with sinus and other respiratory infections for a couple of weeks.

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

**John Stasny** learned his squamous is on his head, but has not extended to his brain. PTL. Surgery is in late May.

**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, is in Duke Hospital with a bladder infection, but thankfully won't need surgery. More tests are underway.

**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**

**5/7 Koen Killian 5/7 Annie Stasny**

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**April Hospitality Coordinator – Patsy Yoder**