

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

**“I Surrender Myself”**

Sunday, July 16, 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**

**Kevin Bibbee: “Investing in Eternity Text: Luke 16:1-17**

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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. Envelopes are available on the Foyer Credenza.
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 –**

**A New Teen Bible Class Meets Sunday at 9:30am** – Open to any teen (rising 6th - 12th grade). Class is taught by our college students.

**Ladies' Discovery Bible Study - Mon. at 7pm on Messenger** – Study of the book of Acts. 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)** – Next Meeting is Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Hut to watch “The Chosen”.

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

**T-shirts** – Shelly Wharton & Barbara Eckard still have a few shirts available to offset their expenses St. Martin mission trip.

**HCOC Millennials will continue to make care packages** - Updated list for the summer is in the foyer and on the bulletin board.

**Carolina Bible Camp (Mocksville, NC)** - Help with fees is available for kids for summer camp; See Larry Duncan or one of our elders for this. Register for camp at [www.carolinabiblecamp.com](http://www.carolinabiblecamp.com). Camp runs through July 29<sup>th</sup> for ages 9-19 years old.

**VBS Decorations Needed**- See Kamy or Kristen for details

**– COMING UP –**

**Roan Mountain State Park Hike (TN/NC)** - Saturday July 22 at 9:00 am in Roan Mountain, TN. Please read the hike info prior to attending. RSVP to Ali Franks on Facebook.

**Vacation Bible School, Sun. - Tues., August 6-8, 5:30pm-8pm.** Register for VBS: <https://tinyurl.com/HCOCVBS23>. For kids and adults.

**Family Game Night – Saturday 8/12 at 5pm in Fellowship Hall** – Bring a dish or drink to share! If you would like to donate towards prizes, contact Ali Franks or Megan Rae.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Prayer, Worship and Cookout Sun., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> - 11:45** Invite School & College Students, Staff & Families.

**Join our Church Team** for the Eastern Catawba County Hunger Walk, Sat. Oct. 15. Contact Kevin Boggs 828-381-9105 to participate.

## ***Church Information***

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**Email Prayer Requests & Announcements to:** [bulletin@hickorychurch.org](mailto:bulletin@hickorychurch.org)

## **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** seeks prayers for her back.

**Casey Allen** needs fervent prayers to overcome his challenges.

**Brittany Caulder**, Georgiana Allen's neighbor, has marital problems.

**Ruth Cloninger**, Anita Wilfong's mother, has eye trouble resulting from Bell's Palsy.

**Christina Gionfriddo** gave birth to **Izabella Nicole**, Fri. 6/30 at 1:15pm. She is 8lbs and 20" long. Christina is Linda Knowlton's daughter in Ct. We rejoice over Izabella finally being here, after Christina's pregnancy challenges.

**Cathy Hall** has much less pain in her neck and back following her neck surgery.

**Janet Hawn**, Debbie Killian's sister, is home from rehab. Her new hip is responding well to therapy.

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

**Megan Rae Hollar** is seeing some improvement with her heart, migraine and GI issues.

**Melissa Jefferson**, Bryce and Blake's mother in Atlanta, was back at the ER recently, because of a reaction to medication. She is extremely grateful for the beautiful flowers sent her by the Hickory church.

**Mohammed Karimi** had blood pressure issues after surgery to clean out his neck artery but he is much better now.

**Laney Lawrence**, a PNO regular, is responding to medication to treat sensitivity to light in both eyes. Praise God.

**Jesus Lecaros**, Rossana's brother, had prostate surgery Friday. It went well, Thank GOD! Please pray for his complete recovery.

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

**Johnella Morris (90) and daughter, Henrietta**- Theresa's friends. Johnella was in hospital for three weeks.

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

**Sharon**, Sherry Smart's neighbor, had a successful surgery for cancer and is progressing well.

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

**Ann Stasny** has knee problems from her fall. She will have another cat scan on her brain on July 20th.

**John Stasny** had squamous cell skin cancer removed and will go back in three months for a check-up.

**Talajenay "T"**, Friend of Watkins' relative, is back home in GA as doctors opened her airways which became blocked after having gallbladder removed.

**Sam Watkins**, Percil's brother, is home from Duke Hospital. He will see doctors 7/20 to determine if he is strong enough to have surgery to repair his colon.

**Doug Wood**, Ann Stasny's Cousin, has pneumonia.

**Our St. Martin Mission** group have arrived safely! Pray for faithful sharing about Christ through these efforts.

**Marion Williams (93)**, the Watkins' friend in Winston Salem, passed away on July 6.

**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**

7/5 Gabriel Burkhalter, 7/6 Pam Dennie, 7/12 Margaret Sigmon, 7/19 Sharon Kime,  
7/26 Jennifer Steelman, 7/28 Deborah Miles

## **Happy Anniversary**

7/16 Mike & Anita Wilfong

July Hospitality Coordinator – Dora McDonald