

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

"I Surrender Myself"

Sunday, July 23, 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: "Use What you've Got Text: Matthew 25:14-30 Luke 19:11-26

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

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.

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. Camp runs through July 29th for ages 9-19 years old.

VBS Decorations Needed- See Kamy or Kristen for details

– COMING UP –

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.

5th Annual Back to School Prayer, Worship and Cookout Sun., Aug. 13th 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

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.

Art Burkhalter, passed away this past Thursday 7/20. Heritage Funeral Home of Valdese will be serving the family and when arrangements are made we will get the word to you

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 is doing well after having a neck artery cleaned out. He is still on restricted activities.

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. Please pray for his 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.

Anna Tharp, Alisha Lipford's friend was baptized at Carolina Bible Camp 7/21

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, opted not to have colon surgery and will resume taking food by mouth. Pray for his well-being. He is grateful for our prayers.

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

St. Maarten Mission update: Our Hickory team, except for the Watkins' are back home. The VBS and Gospel Meeting conducted there were greatly blessed by God. Everyone used their talents to expand God's kingdom in the campaign. Close to 40 kids attended VBS, by the last day, and attendance at Sunday services and the Gospel Meeting was 40+ and way up from their regular attendance. Individual Bible studies are still being conducted and efforts are ongoing to address immigration issues with bringing a full-time minister from Trinidad. An individual (not sure of the name) is being baptized into Christ tomorrow from the St. Martin mission.

Shut-Ins: Barbara Eddins and Mary Nichols. Ella Jane Mays at Terra Bella Sr. Living – Memory Care.

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

Happy Birthday

7/26 Jennifer Steelman, 7/28 Deborah Miles

Happy Anniversary

7/16 Mike & Anita Wilfong

July Hospitality Coordinator – Dora McDonald