

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

***"I Surrender Myself"***

**Sunday, September 17, 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**

**"Fruitless or Fruitful" Text Luke 13:1-9**

**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 -**

**Ladies' Discovery Bible Study - Mon. at 7pm on Messenger** – Study 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 7 pm  
**HCOC Millennials (mid 20's to late 30's)** – Next Meeting is Wednesdays at 6:30pm. See Ali Franks for details.  
**HCOC Millennials are making care packages** – The list of items needed is in the foyer and on the bulletin board.  
**Northview Church of Christ Special Needs Carnival, Sat. Sept. 30, 11am-2pm - 2615 Amity Hill Rd., Statesville, NC.**  
Please spread the word about this great event.

## **- COMING UP -**

**Kingdom Cafe, Sun. Oct. 1, 8:45-9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.** Takes place each first Sunday. Free sweets and coffee. Prayer will be at 8:45am, for the refreshments and for connecting with those who worship with us at 10:30am.  
**"The Blind" Movie Night at Hickory AMC.** - Tues. Oct 3 at 7pm. Join the HCOC group at this time or see it a different time. Start buying tickets now, to keep the movie around for a long time. <https://www.amctheatres.com/movies/the-blind-73666>  
**LIME - Ladies' weekday Bible study** - Wed. Oct. 4 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Barbara Eckard (828-409-5994) for details .  
**Fall Costume Party & Pumpkin Carving** - Sun. Oct. 7, 4-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish and drink to share. Don't forget to bring a pumpkin and carving tools!  
**Jenna & Seth Powell's Baby Shower** - Sat. Oct. 14, 1-3pm in Fellowship Hall. RSVP on Facebook or Ali and Megan Rae.  
**Dragonslayers** Sat. Oct. 14, 8am in the Fellowship Hall.  
**Eastern Catawba County Hunger Walk, Sun. Oct. 15.** Join our Team - Sign-up w/ Kevin Boggs 828-381-9105.  
**Trunk-or-Treat, Sun. Oct. 29 at 5:30pm.** Bring individually wrapped candy and place in plastic bins in the lobby.

## **Church Information**

**Preaching Minister:** Kevin Bibbee **Church office:** 828.464.4983

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**Website:** [www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org) | **Sun. Worship Live:** [www.facebook.com/HCOC11/live/](https://www.facebook.com/HCOC11/live/)

**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>

**Amanda, Christine Adkins Daughter,** has difficulties with her Multiple Sclerosis. Doctors may change her meds.

**Anna, Alisha Lipford's friend,** was baptized at Carolina Bible Camp. Pray for her spiritual growth.

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

**Christine Adkins** is traveling and also dealing with great back pain.

**Bill Barnette, Jennifer Steelman's Dad,** will have a pacemaker installed today.

**Tisa Blocker** has ongoing neck and back pain.

**Randal Burton of Carolina Bible Camp** is taking immunotherapy for an aggressive prostate cancer.

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

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

**Barbara Eckard** invites prayers for an individual who lost their job Wednesday and needs to find another job soon.

**Casey Hall Garner** has heart palpitations, since having their first child in July. Her EKG was abnormal, so she will wear a heart monitor for a while. Her condition may be hereditary.

**Barbara Gnann** has Tested negative for Covid, after being positive for a number of days.

**Bobbie Hadden's 7 month old niece, Josie,** has RSV and rhinovirus.

**Cathy Hall** is having heart tests done, while recovering from neck surgery.

**Janet Hawn,** Jimmie Link and Debbie Killian's sister, is having ongoing back pain.

**Lewis Hollar,** Megan Rae's grandfather, is in remission for Leukemia.

**Blake & Bryce Jefferson** are seeking more spiritual strength.

**Richard Kellar,** the father of Kevin & Kamy Bibbee's brother-in-law, passed in Williamstown WV. Pray for comfort and peace for the family.

**Latonya,** Andrew Layton's co-worker, has a son with epilepsy who collapsed from a seizure.

**Libbie, The Watkin's neighbor,** is waiting for biopsy results. Pray for God's favor for her physical and spiritual needs.

**John Massicott of NY,** from the St. Martin Mission Team, will have cataract surgery Sept. 21.

**Dot Mayo,** Jean Brown's mom, finished chemo for ovarian cancer. Praise God.

**Johnella Morris,** 91, the mother of Theresa Watkins' college sister, Henrietta, passed peacefully on Sunday in Chattanooga, after an extended illness.

**Mary Nichols** fell recently. She has back pain and a possible stomach infection. She needs help with transportation.

**Thomas Pope,** 1 year old, has improved vision. Praise God for the healing.

**RayLynn Reid** has spots on her brain that may be a growth, but not cancer. She sees doctors again in Oct.

**Steve Shirah** is challenged with managing medical expenses, after his wife Marti's passing. He has ongoing tests for several internal organs, and he has other family challenges. He earnestly seeks our prayers.

**Shele Smith** had a pacemaker installed last week. Her post-op checkup went great.

**Ann Stasny** is back home after being in the hospital in Connecticut with digestion problems.

**Connie,** David Bierce's caregiver, lost her son, John, due to liver cancer. John had four small kids. His wife is Jeanette

**Ronda Thorne,** Mary Nichols' daughter, has improved from her stomach infection. She will have another test soon.

**JC Whisnant** had an artery cleared recently. He is home and thankful for prayers.

**Jillians Williams** of the Cole Bay church will have surgery Sept. 19 to remove pelvic screws. Her friend in NY, Carlton Deen, had a severe stroke and resulting brain trauma.

**St. Maarten New Minister Support** - Pray that God provides funds for a full-time minister to begin serving the church in December. To help, for one to five years, submit a check with "St. Maarten Minister" on the memo line.

## **Happy Birthday**

9/18 Jerry Yoder, 9/20 Airah Burkhalter

## **Happy Anniversary**

9/20 John & Annie Stasny

**September Hospitality Coordinator – Debbie Killian**