

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

## “I Surrender Myself”

Sunday, October 29, 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 Message

#### “An Offer We Can’t Refuse” Text Matthew 22:1-14

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

Small Group – Wed. at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring dinner. Bible talk & prayer. Kids' Bible classes are at 7

HCOC Millennials (mid 20's to late 30's) – Wed. at 7pm in the hut. 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.

Kingdom Cafe, Sun., 8:45-9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Takes place each first Sunday. Free sweets and coffee.

LRU Bears in Scripture Campus Bible Study - Thursdays, 7pm, Hickory Room - Upstairs in the LRU Cromer Center.

Casey Allen's paintings, thru 10/31, can be seen and purchased at 3 Little Birds Corks 19 N College Ave Newton

LIME - Ladies' Bible study – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 11am, Fellowship Hall. For info, call Barbara Eckard - 828-409-5994

Trunk-or-Treat, Sun., Oct. 29 at 5:30pm - **More decorated cars are welcome and more candy is needed.** Show up at 5pm, to decorate cars - Contact Kamy 828-228-1230 or Megan Rae 828-446-9524 with questions. **Last year, we had 400+ kids attend.** - **Volunteers are needed for info. Table - See Kevin Bibbee or Theresa to help.**

Kingdom Cafe, Sun. Nov. 5, 8:45-9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

LIFT - Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship. Sun., Nov. 5 – 6pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring dinner. Desserts provided.

### - COMING UP -

Seniors' Lunch, Thurs., Nov. 9 at 12 noon at New York Hibachi Buffet in Hickory on Hwy 70.

Dragonslayers Men's Fellowship - Sat. Nov. 11, 8am-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

### 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>

**Pray for the weekly Bible study** at Lenoir-Rhyne University to be effective in helping students follow and imitate Jesus.

**Pray regularly for our unsaved loved ones** that they would believe in and follow Christ.

**Allen**, Steve Killian's cousin, has Covid, but needs to have his gallbladder removed

**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.

**Tisa Blocker** was treated for neck pain Oct. 26.

**Sherry, Jerry and Eloise Burton's** daughter, had a kidney removed recently.

**Randal Burton**, Carolina Bible Camp Executive Director, is doing well with infusion treatments for prostate cancer.

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

**Ruth Cloninger**, Anita Wilfong's mother, is back at The Greens at Lincolnton, after a brief hospital stay because of a sinus infection and fluid behind her eardrum.

**Charles Fitch**, Scott Fitch's cousin, is dealing with life struggles.

**Scott Fitch** has ongoing back pain.

**Bill Gardner** has been comatose for several days.

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

**Blake Jefferson** has a fractured, but healing rib.

**Glenn Jefferson, Bryce and Blake's Dad**, is recovering from surgery on both feet.

**Beatrice Little**, wife of Gordon Little, a deacon with Lake Norman Church of Christ, passed 10/20. Keep their family in your prayers. Funeral was Sat. 10/28 <https://www.kepnerfh.com/obituaries/beatrice-little>

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

**April McGrandy**, daughter of Pam Roberts, is home from an overnight stay in Frye ER, after April fell hitting her head. She ended up with a gash that required staples.

**Mary Nichols** will see GI doctors this week, as follow-up to 10/17 endoscopy.

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

**Annie Salter**, Theresa's aunt, will have squamous cell removed from her foot on Nov.14.

**Steve Shirah** is coping with medical bills related to his late wife Marti's care. His medical tests have found no issues.

**John Stasny** is home after having carotid artery unblocked. Pray for his continued healing.

**Steve Steelman, Bryan's brother**, had a heart attack Monday.

**Gary Ward** & wife, Scott Fitch's cousin, are dealing with Gary's diabetes and life struggles.

**David Watkins** seeks God's guidance and favor in his job search.

**Stacey Whitmire** has excessive back pain and may need surgery.

**Jillian Williams** of the Cole Bay church seeks prayers for her friend in NY, Carlton Deen, who had a severe stroke.

**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.

**Israel - Hamas War** – Pray for God's peace to prevail.

**Shut-Ins:** Barbara Eddins, Mary Nichols and Margaret Burns. 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**

**11/1 Kevin Bibbee, 11/4 Sally Rousseau,  
November Hospitality Coordinator –Janet Keever**