

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“I Surrender Myself”

Sunday, October 8, 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

“Ready or Not” Text Matthew 25:1-13

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 -

Gluten Free Communion Sets are available. See Shelly Cain or our Greeter for help with this.

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 the Fellowship Hall. Bring dinner. Bible Talk & Prayer. Kids' Bible classes at 7pm

HCOC Millennials (mid 20's to late 30's) – Next Meeting is Wednesdays at 6:30pm. See Ali Franks for details.

Care Packages for the Needy – The updated list of items needed is in the foyer and on the bulletin board.

Casey Allen's paintings, all this month, can be seen and bought at 3 Little Birds Corks 19 N College Ave Newton

LIFT – Ladies' Bible study & fellowship. Sun. Oct. 8, 6pm Fellowship Hall. Bring dinner. Dessert will be provided.

Seniors' Lunch – Thurs. Oct. 12, 12 noon at Four Peas in a Pod in Conover. RSVP: Ann Stasny, 828-310-6404.

Area-Wide Singing, - Fri. 10/13, 7pm, Highland Acres Church of Christ, 1301 McLaughlin St, Statesville

Jenna & Seth Powell's Baby Shower - Sat. Oct. 14, 1-3pm in Fellowship Hall. RSVP on Facebook or Ali and Megan Rae. <https://www.babylist.com/list/jenna-powell-baby-registry>

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.

- COMING UP -

Our latest Church Directory is Online. See Randy/Pam Dennie to have a photo taken. Give inputs to Theresa Watkins.

LIME - Ladies' weekday Bible study – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month 11:00-12:30 (Fellowship Hall). For info Barbara Eckard (828-409-5994)

Trunk-or-Treat, Sun. Oct. 29 at 5:30pm. Bring individually wrapped candy and place in plastic bins in the lobby.

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

View Our Church Online Calendar: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r>

Church Information

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Website: www.hickorychurch.org | **Sun. Worship Live:** www.facebook.com/HCOC11/live/

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>

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

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.

Tisa Blocker has ongoing neck and back pain, but prays to soon be approved for treatment of these.

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

Margaret Burns is thankful for cards, gifts and well-wishes from seniors and others for her recent 95th birthday celebration and for all who attended her party.

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 had her gall bladder and gallstones removed. She is thankful for the beautiful plant from the church and for prayers, calls, visits, etc.

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

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

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 Jefferson seeks prayers for injuries of several of his Lenoir-Rhyne Univ. football teammate. He also seeks prayers for the university's revival.

LRU and other College Students are traveling for fall break. Pray for their safety.

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

Mary Nichols has pain from recent falls and will have an upper GI done on Oct. 10.

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

Steve Shirah is overwhelmed by medical bills related to his late wife Marti's care. He has a growth on his pancreas and issues related to his appendix. Family challenges are also weighing on him.

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

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.

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

9/27 Jean Brown, 10/8 Eloise Burton, 10/9 Canaan Creson, 10/9 Debbie Killian, 10/13 Kevin Boggs

October Hospitality Coordinator – Debbie Killian & Janet Keever