

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

## “I Surrender Myself”

Sunday, November 26, 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 -

#### Percil Watkins' Message

#### “Obedience of Faith, Justified in Christ” – Romans 1:5 and 6:3-7

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 Proverbs. See Theresa Watkins or Ann Stasny

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

**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.

**Teachers needed for Kingdom Kids**, See Janet Keever or Patsy Yoder to help. We now have a second Kingdom Kids' group for Birth thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

### - COMING UP -

**Kingdom Cafe**, Sun., Dec. 3, 8:45-9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Free sweets and coffee.

**Pray for Lost Loved Ones** - Sun. Dec. 3, 9:15am - 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Come meet with David Shuping.

**Bridal Shower for Bryce Jefferson & Hunter Carson**, Sun., Dec. 3rd in the Fellowship Hall, right after the worship. Bring food and drink to share. <https://www.myregistry.com/wedding-registry/hunter-c-and-bryce-j-fishers-in/3919284>

**LIFT - Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship**, Sun., Dec. 3 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring dinner. Dessert will be provided.

**Area-Wide Congregational Singing**, Fri. Dec. 8 at 7pm at West Innes Street Church of Christ, 2925 West Innes St, Salisbury

**Dragonslayers' Men's Fellowship** - Sat. Dec. 9, 8am-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Study of “Kingdom Men Rising” book.

**Donate to Fruit Bags for Seniors**. See Debbie Killian or bring oranges, apples, grapes, bananas, tangelos, pears, fruit cups, peppermints, candy canes, other individually wrapped candy, or small nut packs by Sat. Dec. 9 at 10am to help with this.

**Children and Parents' Christmas Pancake Breakfast** - Sat. Dec. 9, 10am in Fellowship Hall. Bring Fruit, candy or nuts to go in our fruit bags for our Seniors. Kids will make fruit bags for seniors. Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/Christmas23HCOC>

### 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***

**\*\* We rejoice with the angels, as Bryce Jefferson was baptized into Christ Tuesday. Pray for his growth in Christ.**

**HCOG Daily Prayer: May God's Kingdom Grow Here...**

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

**Pray daily for our shepherds:** Scott Fitch, Tom Keever, Steve Killian and Percil Watkins.

**Pray for God to be honored and souls drawn to Christ, by and with those listed below:**

**The Ukrainian War.** Pray for all in Ukraine and Russia. Donate to relief for Ukraine: <https://www.hhi.org/ukraine>

**Pray for all holiday travelers and for college students as they prepare for finals and finish their semester.**

**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** is recovering from Covid.

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

**Ray Catlett** and family are having struggles.

**Brittany Caulder**, Georgiana Allen's neighbor, is grieving the passing of her brother.

**Christy Davis** had outpatient surgery for a bulging disc. She is progressing, but still has some trouble sitting and walking.

**Carlton Dean**, friend of Jillian Williams in St. Martin, is in rehab now after having a stroke.

**Dennis**, the neighbor of Stacey Whitmire, has infection in both feet and will need to have these removed.

**Barbara Eddins** is homebound, but sends her love to the church. Thanks for this update from Roy Henson.

**Scott Fitch** is improving slowly, while still being homebound, as he is now taking medication for his back problems.

**Bob Forringer**, Megan Rae's stepdad, had a heart attack. He is seeing Charlotte doctors to learn treatment options.

**Barbara Gnann** is traveling home from TN. She seeks prayers for safe travels.

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

**Emily & Aaron Holmes and family** are in Mauritius and waiting for approval for extension of their work/resident permits, as Emily will be practicing as a counselor with the school. Pray for their papers to be processed quickly.

They are grateful for our prayers, love and support!

**Myra Hill** has arthritis in her knees and severe pain.

**Blake and Bryce Jefferson** seek prayers as they finish the semester and for spiritual struggles.

**Glenn Jefferson**, the dad of Bryce and Blake, is recovering from surgery on both feet.

**Scott Johnson**, Senior Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Conover, passed unexpectedly Mon. Nov. 20. Please pray for his family and the church family.

**Kenny**, Wharton's friend, is improving after a work-related fall that caused multiple injuries and internal bleeding.

**Mr. Lawrence**, the Watkins' neighbor, has lung cancer that's returned.

**Sparkle Lipford** is grateful her recent assessment showed no areas of concern for her abdominal tumors.

**LRU Football players** are dealing with injuries, as they begin post season playoffs.

**Mary Manning**, Ron Gemperline's sister, is experiencing some illness.

**Dot Mayo**, Jean Brown's mom, finished chemo for ovarian cancer and is taking an alternative treatment.

**Meloney Moody**, Mandy Barrow's mother, has leg problems after a quadruple bypass. She is improving, though.

**RayLynn Reid** has brain spots that are believed not to be cancerous. She will have a precautionary MRI on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Leon and Sally Rousseau** seek prayers for his Dec. 5th back procedure.

**Sally Rousseau** is in CVMC Room 324 with weakness after her recent bouts of pneumonia and Covid.

**Roy**, David Shuping's wife's brother, incurred losses last weekend due to a house fire. Four other family members lived with him and there was no homeowners' insurance.

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

**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**

11/29 Quinn Kime 12/1 Jessica Rivera 12/2 Shele Smith 12/2 Alexandra Franks

**Happy Anniversary**

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**November Hospitality Coordinator -Janet Keever**