

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

"I Surrender Myself"

Sunday, December 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 Bibbees' Message

"Who Jesus Is" – Colossians 1:15-19

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 -

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 3rd Grade.

LIME - Ladies & #39; weekday Bible study - Wed. Dec. 20 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. They meet 1st and 3rd Wed. Contact Barbara Eckard (828-409-5994) for details.

Welcome Darrell and Laurie Ann Clark of Lincolnton to the Hickory Church of Christ family. The Clark's expressed to our elders recently that they wish to worship and serve God together with us.

Church Financial Update - Thanks to Larry Duncan for providing Sunday's update of our giving and spending relative to the 2023 church budget. Please contact Larry, 828-310-6519, if you have questions about his status report.

Thanks to the sisters who volunteered and the Dragonslayers' men who did a wonderful job preparing the pancake breakfast and hosting the Christmas party for kids and parents Saturday. Pray for these efforts to help draw kids and parents closer to Christ.

Thanks to all for donating fruit and candy to our seniors' holiday baskets.

- COMING UP -

LIFT - Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship. Sun., Jan. 7 – 6pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring dinner. Desserts provided.

Church Information

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The Hickory Church of Christ is Praying

HCOC 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 Kever, 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.

Angela Arnett is taking antibiotics for cough, earache, sore throat and laryngitis.

Danielle Barnett was at home due to illness on Sunday.

Barbara Boger-Anderson, Ann Stasny's classmate, lost her son-in-law to pancreatic cancer.

Hester Burkhalter's aunt, Martha Hughes, passed in Charlotte. Hester will have hip replacement January 9, 2024.

Margaret Burns' carpal tunnel is improving after an injection. She still has back pain.

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.

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 removed from his foot.

Bob Forringer, Megan Rae's stepdad, has follow-up in Charlotte after his heart attack.

Ron Gemperline's friend, Nicole Hyatt, has job troubles and difficult spiritual struggles.

Christina Gionfriddo, Linda Knowlton's daughter, has been hospitalized since Sat., due to her liver and gallbladder.

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

Tammy Herman, the grandmother of two PNO participants, is recovering from collarbone surgery.

Emily & Aaron Holmes and family are in Mauritius waiting for new work/resident permits, as Emily has been approved to begin serving as Counselor with the school.

Myra Hill has arthritis in her knees and severe pain.

Blake Jefferson graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne and will be relocating to Charlotte.

Bryce and Hunter Jefferson are now happily married. Pray for them as they settle down in Huntersville.

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.

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

Mary Mason, Shelly Cain's grandmother, is in Cleveland Clinic, after having two surgeries and an infection.

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

Dora McDonald is sick with laryngitis. Her daughter, **Mary Ellen**, is in NY and sick with cough, laryngitis and fever, while continuing to battle cancer.

Miguel (80), the brother of Rossana Lecaros's, will have back surgery Tues., Dec 19th.

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

Mary Nichols has various health challenges. Pray for her children- for some to turn back to Christ and others to repent and be baptized into Christ.

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

Leon Rousseau did not have his back procedure Tuesday, due to insurance issues.

Timmy Rainwater seeks prayers for his Friends: **Bobby Triplett** who had a stroke and **Tim Price** has shingles.

Annie Salter, Theresa Watkins' aunt, will have squamous cell removed in February.

Ann Stasny has cellulitis on both legs.

Steve Shirah is ill at home.

Happy Birthday

12//21 Sara Watkins, 12/22 Hannah Watkins, 12/23 Hester Burkhalter, 12/24 Megan Rae Hollar

Anniversary

12/19 Jerry & Eloise Burton, 12/23 Tony & Cynthia Lipford

December Hospitality Coordinator –Dora McDonald