

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

"I Surrender Myself"

Sunday, December 24, 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

"What King Jesus Offers" – Romans 1:17 Colossians 1:21-29

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.

- COMING UP-

LIFT - Ladies' Bible Study and Fellowship. Sun., Jan. 7 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your dinner. Dessert will be provided.

Kingdom Café - Sun., Jan. 7 and each 1st Sunday, 8:45-9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Come for free sweets and coffee.

Pray for Lost Loved Ones - Sun., Jan. 7, 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Meet with David Shuping and others to pray for loved ones to be saved.

Small Group Prayer and Fellowship, Wed., January 10 at 6pm, meet around back in the Fellowship Hall for a Pot Blessing Meal. Bring food and drink to share and then take part in the adult prayer and Bible discussion and Kids' Bible class.

Carolina Bible Camp Winter Camp - "Faith Works", for ages 13-19, Fri. - Mon., Jan. 12-15, 1988 Jericho Church Rd., Mocksville, NC. Register at the link: www.carolinabiblecamp.org/register

Bearwallow Mountain Trail Hike - 4854 Bearwallow Mountain Rd, Hendersonville, NC. - Sun., Jan. 14, 2pm. Bring lunch and eat in the Hut after the worship. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks, 828-855-5712 . Read event info. for safety and preparation prior to attending.

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 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.

Amanda (Mandy) and Hazel Barrow are now fever-free, thank God, while Hazel still has a bad cough.

Hester Burkhalter has swollen legs and pain in her hip that limits her activity. She will have hip replacement Jan. 9.

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

Randal Burton, Carolina Bible Camp Executive Director, was to start new treatments for prostate cancer, but is now hospitalized with a severe UTI. Thankfully, his strength and cognition are improving with the meds.

Dave and Natalie Cain are doing much better, after recent bouts of fevers, coughs, etc.

Ray Catlett and family are having struggles.

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.

Ron Gemperline's sister, Mary Manning, is in better health and back to work. Praise God.

Christina Gionfriddo, Linda Knowlton's daughter, is home from the hospital. Her liver numbers are elevated still, but they are coming down slowly, thankfully. She will have blood drawn weekly, until her liver levels are back to normal

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.

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, the Newlyweds, are grateful for love and encouragement shown them.

Kenny, Wharton's friend, is now in a rehab facility. Pray for his healing.

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

Mary Mason, Shelly Cain's grandmother, is in ICU with a lung infection; she needs to improve or doctors' care.

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

Miguel (80), the brother of Rossana Lecaros, had back surgery Tues. and is doing well. Pray for his recovery.

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 daughter, Adelia (Angel), to return to Christ.

Zane Odell visited with us Sunday, seeking prayers as she journeyed to MS for her sister's funeral.

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

Leon and Sally Rousseau are grateful for God's restoring Sally from Covid and pneumonia recently. They appreciate everyone's prayers, visits to her in the hospital, cards, flowers and concern.

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

Annie Salter, Theresa Watkins' aunt, is dealing with difficult legal issues related to family matters.

Steve Shirah is ill at home.

Roy, David Shuping's wife's brother, incurred losses due to a house fire.

David Watkins seeks God's guidance and favor in his job search. He has an interview Thursday.

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

12/24 Megan Rae Hollar, 12/27 Ron Gemperline, 12/27 Mary Nichols

Anniversary

12/27 Blake & Barbara Eckard, 12/28 Percil & Theresa Watkins

December Hospitality Coordinator –Dora McDonald