

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“I Surrender Myself”

Sunday, December 3, 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 -

David Shuping' Message

“He Shall Be Called Wonderful Counselor” – Isaiah 9:1-7

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.

Kingdom Cafe, Today, 8:45-9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Free sweets and coffee.

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

Bridal Shower for Bryce Jefferson & Hunter Carson, Today 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. Today 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.

Sign-up to bring fruit on Bulletin Board or at: www.tinyurl.com/FruitDec9

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>

- COMING UP-

Brief Congregational Meeting – Sun. Dec. 10, after the worship assembly. This includes budget and St. Martin Mission updates

Gold Hill Rail-Trail Hike - Sat. Dec. 16, 9:30am, 16141 Old Beatty Ford Rd, Gold Hill, NC. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks

Seniors' Lunch resumes in January. There will be no lunch outing in December.

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.

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

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, had infection removed from his foot.

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

Scott Fitch still has some back pain, but praise God he was with us in worship Sunday.

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

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

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 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.

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.

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.

Seth & Jenna Powell are proud first-time parents. Clement Nathaniel weighed 7 lbs. 20 in. long. He and mom are well.

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 seek prayers for his Dec. 5th back procedure. Sally is home from the hospital. She and Leon are grateful for prayers, calls, visits and all encouragement given.

Annie Salter, Theresa Watkins' aunt, will have squamous cell removed from her ankle Mon., Dec. 4.

Ann Stasny has cellulitis on both legs

Roy, David Shuping's wife's brother, had a house fire. Four other family members lived with him.

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 by early 2024. 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

12/5 Danielle Barnett, 12/5 Caleb Creson, 12/5 Anita Wilfong, 12/6 Tyler Killian, 12/6 Jean Jernigan

Happy Anniversary

12/5 Jerry & Patsy Yoder

December Hospitality Coordinator –Dora McDonald