# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

## "Following Jesus Together"

Sunday, January 7, 2024

## 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

"A Picture of Life Together" - Ephesians 5:21-33

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: <a href="http://hickorychurch.org/donate/">http://hickorychurch.org/donate/</a>

#### - THIS WEEK -

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

**Pray for Lost Loved Ones** – TODAY at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Meet to pray for loved ones to be saved.

LIFT - Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship. TODAY at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring dinner. Dessert is provided.

**Ladies' Discovery Bible Study - Mon. at 7pm on Messenger,** Study of Proverbs. See Theresa Watkins or Ann Stasny **Small Group Prayer and Fellowship,** Wed., Jan. 10 at **6pm**, around back in the Fellowship Hall - Covered Dish Meal.

Bring food and drink to share and take part in the adult prayer time and Romans Bible study and Kids' Bible class.

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.

**Seniors' Lunch**, Thurs., Jan. 11, at noon at Cerro Grande, 102 10th St NW, Conover, NC. Contact Ann Stasny (828-310-6404) to sign-up.

**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

**Dragonslayers Men's Fellowship** - Sat. Jan. 13, 8am-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Come out for a Wonderful Study of "Kingdom Men Rising."

**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.

### - COMING UP-

**Valentine's Day Family Game Night** - Sun. 02/11 at 4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite games and a dish to share! RSVP on Facebook, or with Ali & Megan Rae.

Parents Night Out, Sat. 2/17, 5pm – 9pm in the Fellowship Hall. For ages 0-16. Registration opens soon.

South Fork Rail Trail Hike, 2677 Laboratory Rd. Lincolnton Sun. Feb 18 at 1:15pm

## **Church Information**

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Email Prayer Requests & Announcements to: bulletin@hickorychurch.org

### The Hickory Church of Christ is Praying

Dustin and Harley Mayfield were baptized into Christ Sun. Dec. 24, 2023. Pray for their growth in Christ.

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

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.

Georgiana Allen has a bad cough and heavy nasal congestion.

Bill Barnette, Jennifer Steelman's Dad, has ongoing heart problems. Pray for his healing.

**Kevin Boggs** is grateful for prayers and healing for his neck inflammation.

Jean Brown will see doctors soon, regarding recurring knee pain.

**Hester Burkhalter** is home with swollen legs. She is to have hip replacement Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Randal Burton, Executive Director of Carolina Bible Camp, started radiation treatments for Prostate Cancer.

Christy Davis is home. She now has a stye on her eye, after having a sinus infection and a bad cough.

Barbar Eckard seeks prayers as she leads a Tuesday study on Habakkuk.

**Scott Fitch** was back with us Sunday. He is grateful for prayers and healing of his back.

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

**Christina Gionfriddo,** Linda Knowlton's daughter, has liver numbers which are now much closer to normal, since being off blood pressure meds.

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

**Roy Henson** is thankful for the lower dose of his MS meds, so he can keep taking it. He goes for a follow-up Monday for chest pains.

**Tammy Herman,** the grandmother of two PNO participants, was with us Sunday and is mending from collarbone surgery. **Emily & Aaron Holmes and family** are in Mauritius waiting for new work/resident permits.

Myra Hill has arthritis and pain in her knees, and RSV. Her granddaughter, Ella Grace has RSV as well. Please pray.

**Sydney Jones,** the new minister for Cole Bay Church of Christ in St. Martin, started working with them 12/25. Praise God. Donations for this mission and pledges for 1 to 5 years of support can be placed in our offering box.

Kenny, the 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, was celebrated for her faith and family focus at her funeral Sat., Dec. 30 in Ohio. Pray for comfort for Shelly and all the family and for travel safety for all returning from the funeral.

Cyrus Mayfield (2), Dustin & Harley's son, was back with us, after having the flu. Praise God.

**Dot Mayo,** Jean Brown's mom, has a scan this week related to her earlier ovarian cancer.

Miguel (80), the brother of Rossana Lecaros, had back surgery 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.

**Andrea Patterson** (Rajeesh's mom) finished her Bachelor's Degree in Dec. in Medical Lab Science at Winston-Salem State Univ. Rejoice with her and the family.

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

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

**Richard,** Steve Killian's friend, has been in the hospital for 68 days. This is wearing on him and his wife, Misty.

**Leon Rousseau** was home Sunday, due to illness.

Annie Salter, Theresa Watkins' aunt, is dealing with difficult issues. Pray for her encouragement and spiritual strength.

**Gwen Sherman,** Stacey Whitmire's mom, seeks prayers for her nerve pain shots to last longer this time.

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

**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**

1/8 Barbara Eddins, 1/10 Bryan McDermott, 1/12 Blake Eckard