

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“Following Jesus Together”

Sunday, November 24, 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.

Josiah Tilton's Message:

“Give Thanks to the Lord” – Text: Psalm 107:1-3

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 -

Coats and Blue, Black, or Gray sweatpants are needed for boys and girls at Webb Murray Elementary. We adopted this school and look to assist them as needed. Place new/slightly used items in plastic bin in church lobby. Contact Theresa Watkins (910-512-4754).
Middle & High School Students, please write sermon notes on a sheet from the foyer. Share these with the Sunday speaker.
Plastic store bags for Conover School. Please bring and deposit these in the basket in the foyer to help this nearby school.
Buncombe County DSS Youth Christmas Gifts – Today is the last day please place gifts in the church library.
Ladies' Discovery Bible Study on Facebook Messenger, Mondays at 6:45pm. We are studying the book of Isaiah.
Darrell Clark's Bible Study on Facebook, "Search for the Truth in Isaiah" Tues. & Thurs. at 7pm. See Darrell to join the group.
HCOC Millennials (mid 20's to late 30's) – Millennials' Fellowship: Monthly gatherings at various times
Small Group Prayer and Fellowship – Our Gathering is CANCELED for Wed., Nov. 27th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
LRU Bears in Scripture Campus Bible Study resumes meeting in January.
Sparkle Lipford thanks us for showing her God's love during her surgeries. Her abdominal masses are not cancerous. Praise God.
Barbara Eckard is grateful for everyone helping her celebrate her 70th Birthday on Nov. 10 and for >\$700 being donated to Buncombe Country Christmas Stockings for Youths through her celebration.
Parents' Night Out (PNO) was amazing on Nov. 16. Thanks to parents who brought their kids and to all volunteers who served. Let Janet Keever or Theresa Watkins know if you would like to volunteer with PNO.

- COMING UP -

Budget Inputs – Ministry Leaders and others, please turn in 2025 budget requests to Larry Duncan by December 1st.
Kingdom Café & Prayer First Sundays at 9:15am Coffee and sweets will be provided.
Volunteering w/Corner Table Wed. 12/04, 10:00 1925 Tate Blvd. SE, Hickory RSVP w/Kevin Boggs 828-381-9105
Covered Dish Meal Wed. 12/11, 6:00pm Fellowship Hall Please bring a dish or drink to share.
Seniors' Lunch - Fri., Dec. 13, 12 noon, at Western Steer, 334 Southwest Blvd, Newton, NC. RSVP with Ann Stasny, 828-310-6404.
Candy Cane Ginger Bread Christmas Pancake Breakfast for Children (0-16 years) and parents - Sat. Dec. 14, 10am.
Sara Watkins graduates from NC State Univ., Sat., Dec. 14, 9am at Lenovo Center (formerly RBC Center & PNC Arena). Everyone is invited. Her Bachelor's degree is in Civil Engineering. Parking info: <https://commencement.ncsu.edu/fall/parking-and-accessibility/>.
Parents and Children Pizza Lunch with elders - Sun. Dec. 15, 12 noon, in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP: tinyurl.com/HCOCPizzaLunch
Winterfest - Friday-Sunday, Feb. 14-16. Gatlinburg, TN - for grades 6-12. winterfest.org
Cole Bay Church of Christ in Saint Martin Tent Campaign - Gospel Meeting and Health Screening Event, April 2-9, 2025. Housing is

Church Information

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Sun. Worship Live: www.facebook.com/HCOC111/live/

Email Prayer Requests & Announcements to: bulletin@hickorychurch.org | **Wi-Fi:** Hickory Church of Christ WiFi: gentlesquash101

The Hickory Church of Christ is Praying

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:

Foreign Wars. Pray for all in the **Ukraine - Russia War.** And for those involved with the **Israel-Hamas War.**

Pray for our nation and the world.

Keep praying for all of Western North Carolina and Florida from Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton

Casey Allen needs strength to overcome his challenges. God is working to restore Casey.

Georgiana Allen still has a lot of pain in her legs. She appreciates our prayers for her.

Jared Barnett's Uncle Danny Barnett passed. The memorial service was held Sat. 11/23. Pray for this family as they deal with their loss

www.beamfuneralservice.com/obituaries/danny-barnett

Kevin Bibbee - Praise God - is a candidate for the cochlear implant. February 2025 may be the earliest time to get the first surgery.

Hester Burkhalter's two grandsons and two family friends were injured in a car accident Friday. The grandsons are home, while the friends remain in critical condition.

Margaret Burns has immense back and leg pain.

Billy & Christy Davis covet our prayers, as they are relocating to Nashville, TN, to assist their daughter and family with their five young kids. We praise God for their faithful service to the congregation here over the years.

Debbie Dill is struggling a great deal with back pain and is facing surgery.

Pam Dennie's mom, Penny Lopez, has covid. Randy Dennie, Pam's husband, has covid symptoms.

Jonathan Flowers of the LRU Bible Study seeks prayers for his uncle, **Nick Ferguson**, who was injured in an eleven-car accident.

Jessica Fuchs, an LRU student, is learning to walk and use her left side again, after having issues related to her medication.

Barbara Gnann left for a two-month trip to Mauritius Nov. 20. She arrived there safely. Praise the Lord.

Cathy Hall is responding well to IV antibiotics and is feeling better than she has in months. She hopes to go home Friday from Atrium Health Davie Medical Center and continue with IV antibiotics at home. She appreciates our prayers.

Myra Hill is struggling with health issues.

David Jernigan has a fullness at the base of his tongue, which is inflammation or a mass. He will see an Ear, Nose, and Throat specialist on Dec. 4th in Winston-Salem, to hopefully learn what it is. His speech is a little better, but he still has a constant headache.

Richard Johnson is having a difficult time with back pain and is facing surgery. Please pray fervently for him.

Frank Kemp had kidney surgery to remove a mass.

Grace Lawrence fell after the storm and injured her back, is waiting to have a MRI done.

John Little, a former elder at the congregation here, is progressing towards advanced dementia. His wife, Kristen, may be seeking for us and others to help with him soon.

Dixie Miller and family of the Northview congregation are doing better..

Zahn McCaslin, Patsy Yoder's brother, had a port placed and started a series of chemotherapy for lung cancer.

Maxine Newson, a friend of the Watkins' family, has an aggressive brain tumor that has immobilized her. Pray that she will start radiation treatments this week, to slow the tumor's growth. She was fitted for a radiation mask last week.

Dick Sidbury, 81, Barbara Eckard's brother, has passed his swallowing test today so he can go back to rehab. He is being transported there now. Praise God. An elder in a nearby congregation hopes to visit him soon. Pray for Dick's healing and salvation.

Eddie and Margaret Sigmon's neighbors, the husband and wife, fell recently. Both are still requiring medical attention.

Ann Stasny was taken to the hospital Sunday and released. Now she has strep throat

Courtney Stephens, Angela Arnett's granddaughter, has stomach issues. She is waiting on an appointment with a GI doctor.

Josiah (Si) Tilton was home Sunday with a bad cold. His wife, Boni, is still dealing with pain in her knees.

John and Payton Tripp, Heidi Fox Tripp's husband and son; her parents, Keith and Sabina Fox, and family, are grieving Heidi's passing. Write the family at Keith and Sabina's: 1116 Crescent Moon Ct.; Durham, NC 27712.

Darleen Vaulter seeks prayers healing, that her cancer has not spread and for a second job to support her family. She asks for God's guidance for her sons, Andrew and Abraham, and for a better school for her grandson, Andrew.

Ann Ward is struggling with cancer.

David Watson, Kevin Boggs' friend, had a heart attack and is awaiting treatment.

Anita Wilfong's mom, Ruth Cloninger, is being treated at Cardinal Care in Lincolnton, Room 103. Her arm is healing.

Yosoko is home from Maple Leaf and walking better.

Shut-Ins: Margaret Burns, Barbara Eddins, Mary Nichols, and Kay Smith. Ella Jane Mays is at Terra Bella Sr. Living – Memory Care. Ruth Cloninger is at Cardinal Care in Lincolnton.

Happy Birthday

11/24 Marissa Baker, 11/29 Quinn Kime

Happy Anniversary

11/25 Kenneth & Alice Lail

November Hospitality Coordinator Janet Keever