

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“Following Jesus Together”

Sunday, December 1, 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.

Percil Watkins' Message:

“Understanding the Times” – Text: 1 Chronicles 12:32

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 -

Budget Inputs – Ministry Leaders and others, please turn in 2025 budget requests to Larry Duncan by today.

Middle & High School Students, please write sermon notes on a sheet from the foyer. Share these with today's speaker.

Kingdom Café & Prayer today at 9:15am Coffee and sweets will be provided.

LIFT - Today at **5pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your supper and dessert will be provided. (For Ladies)

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.

Small Group Prayer and Fellowship – Wed. at 6:30pm – Fellowship Hall. Bring your dinner. 7pm, Kids' and Adult Bible Classes

HCOC Millennials (mid 20's to late 30's) – Millennials' Fellowship: Monthly gatherings at various times

Volunteering w/Corner Table Wed. 12/04, 10:00 1925 Tate Blvd. SE, Hickory RSVP w/Kevin Boggs 828-381-9105

Plastic store bags for Conover School. Please bring and deposit these in the basket in the foyer to help this nearby school.

Coats and Blue, Black, or Gray sweatpants are needed for Webb Murray Elementary students. Place items in plastic bin in lobby.

Our M-25 Building is set to become a Dog Boarding Business. Stay tuned and be prayerful about the lease being signed soon with a local business owner. See our elders, for questions about this.

- COMING UP -

For emotional help with the holidays, please speak with our church Counselor, David Shuping, 980-525-7384.

Church Hike - Glen Burney Trail: Sun. 12/08 at 2:00pm in Blowing Rock. Hikers must read through the trail information for safety and preparation prior to attending. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks.

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 Gingerbread Christmas Pancake Breakfast for Children and parents - Sat. Dec. 14, 10am. tinyurl.com/HCOCpancake24

Sara Watkins graduates from NC State Univ., Sat., Dec. 14, 9am at the Lenovo Center, Raleigh. Her degree is in Civil Engineering.

Parking: <https://commencement.ncsu.edu/fall/parking-and-accessibility/>. Luncheon at Brooks Ave. Church of Christ at 12:30pm.

Parents and Children Pizza Lunch with elders - Sun. Dec. 15, 12 noon, in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP: tinyurl.com/HCOCpizzaLunch

Winterfest - Fri-Sun, Feb. 14-16. Gatlinburg, TN - for grades 6-12. winterfest.org. Let our elders know if you would like to chaperone.

Cole Bay Church of Christ Saint Martin - Gospel Meeting & Health Screening, April 2-9, 2025. Housing is available with church members. Medical professionals and others are invited to attend, to help with the campaign. Let Percil or Theresa Watkins (828-292-0255) know if you would like to be part of this Mission Campaign Team. Pray for God's blessings on this.

Church Information

Preaching Minister: Kevin Bibbee **Church office:** 828.464.4983

Family Life Minister - Christian Counselor: David Shuping – 980.525.7384

Address: 1218 Fairgrove Church Road, Hickory NC 28602 **Website:** www.hickorychurch.org |

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 Sat. 11/23. Pray for this family as they deal with their loss.

Kevin Bibbee - Praise God - is a candidate for the cochlear implant. February 2025 may be the earliest time to get the first surgery. He just returned from his annual outing to WV. Praise God for his safety and renewal during this time away.

Jessica & Caleb Creson have a new baby, Titus Alexander, who was born Nov. 1. Let them know we are thinking of them.

Hester Burkhalter's two grandsons and friends were in a horrific car accident. The grandsons are home, but the friends remain in critical condition.

Margaret Burns has immense back and leg pain.

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

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 made it safely to Mauritius, for a two-month visit with family. Praise the Lord.

Cathy Hall is home from the hospital but has side effects from the medicine. Otherwise, she is grateful for the IV antibiotics which helped her feel so much better. She will need surgery soon.

Myra Hill is struggling with health issues.

Nicole Hyatt has personal issues going on in her life.

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

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. The family took her off the ventilator and opted not to start radiation, due to the rapid growth of the tumor. Pray for their comfort, as it seems she is passing.

Avian Powers, Tom and Janet Keever's granddaughter, had surgery at Baptist Hospital Sun. night for a ruptured appendix. She was in the hospital through yesterday and is very thankful to be home. The family appreciates all prayers offered for her.

Dick Sidbury, 81, Barbara Eckard's brother, is back in rehab, after having stomach and shoulder problems. 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 and are still requiring medical attention.

Ann Stasny is recovering from strep throat and now pneumonia.

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

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.

Darlene Vaulter is putting off decisions about her cancer treatments until next year, due to her needing to work. She is struggling. Please reach out to and encourage her.

Ann Ward is struggling with cancer.

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

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

12/1 Jessica Creson, 12/2 Shele Smith & Ali Franks, 12/5 Danielle Barnett, Caleb Creson, & Anita Wilfong,

12/6 Tyler Killian & Jean Jernigan

Happy Anniversary

12/5 Jerry & Patsy Yoder

December Hospitality Coordinator: Debbie Killian & Janet Keever