

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

**“Following Jesus Together”**

Sunday, December 15, 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.

## **Kevin Bibbee's Message:**

**“The Taste of Christmas” – Text: John 1:14**

**BAPTISMS may be scheduled at any time. See Kevin Bibbee or an elder to set a time to be clothed with Christ.**

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### **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 -**

**Parents and Children Pizza Lunch with elders** - Today, 12 noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Give input on activities and RSVP for lunch: [tinyurl.com/HCOCPizzaLunch](http://tinyurl.com/HCOCPizzaLunch) -

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

**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.

**Rejoice with Darrell and LaurieAnn Clark**, as Darrell has agreed to become the Minister for Georgetown Church of Christ in Georgetown, South Carolina.

**Family Life Ministry** is working to put Greeters in place to welcome guests to our Sunday meetings. We will also be sharing information in early 2025 on spiritual gifts assessments. See David Shuping about these.

**Candy Cane Ginger Bread Christmas Pancake Breakfast for Children was a huge success.** Thanks for all the donations and for those who volunteered their time.

## **- COMING UP -**

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

**Kingdom Café & Prayer Jan. 4** 9:15am Coffee and sweets will be provided.

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

**Seniors' Lunch** - Fri., Jan. 10, 12 noon, at Western Steer, 334 Southwest Blvd, Newton, NC. RSVP with Ann Stasny, 828-310-6404.

**Winterfest** - Feb. 14-16. Gatlinburg, TN - for grades 6-12. [winterfest.org](http://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

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**Sun. Worship Live:** [www.facebook.com/HCOC111/live/](http://www.facebook.com/HCOC111/live/)

**Email Prayer Requests & Announcements to:** [bulletin@hickorychurch.org](mailto: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.

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

**Winter Brooks**, from our community, lost her sister recently in an accident in Charlotte.

**Margaret Burns** has immense back and leg pain.

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

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

**Cathy Hall** will need surgery soon.

**Myra Hill** will go to the Neurologist on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. She is suffering from diabetes. She misses all of us and sends her love.

**Megan Rae Hollar** will have back surgery on Dec. 20.

**Nicole Hyatt** has personal issues going on in her life.

**David Jernigan** will had a biopsy Friday, for the place on his tongue, and another CT scan. He may need a second opinion, to fully understand his headaches, slurred speech, and numbness.

**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.

**Robert Knox**, Cynthia Lipford's brother, was hospitalized recently for internal bleeding, but is now home..

**Grace Lawrence**, Sherry Smart's sister, will have surgery on her spine Jan. 2 at Baptist.

**LRU Bible Study** students are finishing their studies this semester and others will return in Jan.. Pray they all keep growing in Christ.

**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.

**Vick Nichols**, Mary Nichol's son. Mary is asking for prayers for her son who is dealing with some challenges the past few months and now has a virus.

**Avian Powers**, Tom and Janet Keever's granddaughter, is recovering from surgery for a ruptured appendix.

**Dick Sidbury**, 81, Barbara Eckard's brother, passed last Thursday. Please pray for Barbara and Dick's wife, Cathy, and daughter Laura.

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

**Ann Stasny** is home from the hospital and thankful the fluid overload in her lungs is better. Pray for all of her health challenges.

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

**Sylvia Turnmire** lost her mother, and now her husband Bryan's mother, Alice, was hospitalized and moved to comfort care.

**Darlene Vaulter** has a lot weighing on her, including decisions about cancer treatments which she looks to make next month. She still seeks a second job. Her two sons are having struggles too.

**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**

**12/18 Alicia Hollar, 12/20 Tanner Anthony**

**December Hospitality Coordinator: Debbie Killian & Janet Keever**