

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“Following Jesus Together”

Sunday, December 22, 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 Christmas Sense of Hearing” – Text: Matthew 19:13-15

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 -

Billy and Christy Davis are moving to TN to be closer to their daughter and her family. Last week was their last Sunday with us. Darrell and Laurie Ann Clark are moving to SC to follow God's leading into full time ministry with the Georgetown Church of Christ starting January 1st. We will miss these two wonderful couples and their service to God here at Hickory! Please look in the foyer sometime during these next three Sundays and sign North Carolina books for them.

Ladies' Discovery Bible Study on Facebook Messenger, Mondays at 6:45pm. We are studying the book of Isaiah.

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

NO CLASSES WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK, due to the Christmas Holiday

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 has been leased to become a Dog Boarding Business. See our elders, for questions about this.

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.

- COMING UP -

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

Hurricane Helene Cleanup Sat. Jan. 4 at 12 pm in Asheville. Participants need to register online with Samaritan's Purse at spvolunteer.org RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks.

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. **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

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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.

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

Margaret Burns has immense back and leg pain.

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

Alexandra Franks is struggling with upper and lower back issues. Please pray for relief as she goes to seek treatment.

Jessica Fuchs, an LRU student, is walking, though limping, after having issues with medication. Pray she can return to school soon.

Cathy Hall will need surgery soon.

Myra Hill saw the Neurologist this past Thursday and had some blood work done. She is waiting for an appointment for the MRI.

She will go for a nerve test on 1/27 and she will know all her test results. She thanks all of us for the prayers and sends her love.

Megan Rae Hollar had back surgery Dec. 20 in Charlotte. Pray that she had a successful surgery and will have a full recovery.

Nicole Hyatt has personal issues going on in her life.

David Jernigan had a biopsy for the place on his tongue and he should hear his results on Monday 12/23.

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 – some just finished their studies 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 daughter, 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, has had 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.

Leon Rousseau fell outside his home and is very sore and bruised. He said that he missed being with everyone on Sunday.

Dick Sidbury, 81, Barbara Eckard's brother, passed. 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, Thank You, Lord! She had to receive blood transfusions again for low hemoglobin. Pray also that she will continue to recover from the flu.

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 continued prayers for her strength to help her family, and for her grandsons and school.

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

12/21 Sara Watkins, 12/22 Cathy Hall & Hannah Watkins, 12/23 Hester Burkhalter, 12/24 Megan Rae Hollar,

12/25 Christine Adkins, 12/27 Ron Gemperline & Mary Nichols

Anniversaries

12/23 Tony & Cynthia Lipford, 12/27 Blake & Barbara Eckard, 12/28 Percil & Theresa Watkins

December Hospitality Coordinator: Debbie Killian & Janet Keever