

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“Following Jesus Together”

Sunday, December 8, 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 Senses of Christmas” – Text: Luke 2:8-20

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 -

Keith & Sabina Fox and Family extend their thanks for the cards, prayers, visits, and more after Heidi's passing last month.

Church Hike - Glen Burney Trail: Today 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.

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.

LIME - Wed., Dec. 11, 11am-1pm, in the Church Hut. Special meeting dates for November. Bring food to eat, for this lunch time mtg. Contact Barbara Eckard: 828-409-5994.

Covered Dish Meal Wed. 12/11, 6:00pm Fellowship Hall Please bring a dish or drink to share.

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

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

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.

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)

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

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.

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 Wednesday 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 is home from the hospital but has side effects from the medicine. She will need surgery soon.

Roy Henson had a medical procedure Tuesday. He seeks prayers for all to be well with him.

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

Nicole Hyatt has personal issues going on in her life.

David Jernigan will need a biopsy, 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, is in Room 478 at Frye Hospital. He has some internal bleeding and other issues.

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, passed this past Tuesday. Please pray for comfort for her family.

Avian Powers, Tom and Janet Keever's granddaughter, was released from Baptist Hospital after having surgery for a ruptured appendix. She is easing back into school and activities slowly.

Dick Sidbury, 81, Barbara Eckard's brother, passed 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. She received a transfusion, for low hemoglobin. She is recovering from pneumonia.

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

Sylvia Turnmire lost her mother last week, and now her husband Bryan's mother, Alice, was just hospitalized and moved to comfort care unexpectedly on Saturday. The Cain family appreciates prayers for these.

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.

Theresa Watkins seeks wisdom for some circumstances she is dealing with.

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

12/14 Justin Kime

Happy Anniversary

12/12 Bryce & Hunter Jefferson

December Hospitality Coordinator: Debbie Killian & Janet Keever