

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church”

Sunday, January 19, 2025



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.

Bailey Forest 's Message:

“Agape Ministry” – Text:

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 –

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

Small Group Prayer and Fellowship - Wed. at 6:30pm - Fellowship Hall. Bring your dinner. At 7pm, we will have our Kids' Bible Class, and the Adults are discussing how to build relationships and initiate and study the Bible with others. Please come out.

Lenoir-Rhyne University Bears in Scripture Bible Study resumes next Thurs., 1/23, at 7pm in the Fireside Room of the Cromer Center. See Percil Watkins, to help with this outreach.

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

Hollow Rock Trail Sun. 1/19 at 1:45pm at the Rocky Face Recreational Area. Hikers must read through the trail info for safety and preparation prior to attending. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks.

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.

Church Information

- COMING UP -

Valentine's Day Family Game Night: Sat. 02/01, 4:30pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish/drink to share and your favorite games. If you would like to donate toward prizes, please contact Megan Rae or Ali. All are welcome! Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Kingdom Café & Prayer Feb. 2 - 9:15am. Coffee and sweets will be provided. Join us as we pray for our unsaved loved ones.

LIFT – Feb. 2 at **5pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your supper and dessert will be provided. (For Ladies)

Seniors' Lunch – Tues. Feb. 13, 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. Registration: \$45 for kids & adults. Optional t-shirts: \$15. Make checks payable to HCOC and get these to Theresa Watkins. Lodging & Transportation are provided. Will need money for meals.

Women of Hope Weekend - "Bold Hope," Feb. 21-22, Franklin, Tenn. Register by Jan. 31, to get the early-bird discount. <https://www.hhi.org/women/woh-weekend-tennessee/>. Registration fees start at \$80.

Cole Bay Church of Christ Saint Martin - Gospel Meeting & Health Screening, April 2-9, 2025. Housing is available with members. Medical professionals and others are invited. Let Percil or Theresa (828-292-0255) know if you would like to be part of 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.

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

Family Life Minister - Christian Counselor: David Shuping – 980.525.7384

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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 those injured and families of those killed in The New Year's Day terrorist attack in New Orleans.

Pray for all those in the Los Angeles area who are affected by the fires there.

Pray for our nation and the world.

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

Georgiana Allen is mending, after falling recently. Pray for her continued recovery.

Angela Arnett is under the doctor's care for allergy and respiratory problems.

Kevin Bibbee - Late February is when he looks to have ear surgery and to get the cochlear implant to help his hearing.

Betty Bostian, Megan Rae's Great-Aunt passed Mon., Jan. 13.

Charlie Brown, of the Cole Bay Church of Christ, was hospitalized with weakness. He is on dialysis three times a week.

Hester Burkhalter has a new great-granddaughter, Rowyen Rhodes. She was born Friday morning 1/10, weighing six pounds. Mom and baby are doing well.

Margaret Burns is grateful for our prayers, cards, and calls. She has much less back and leg pain now.

Shelly Cin's uncle, Pat Stivers, had a heart attack this week and had stints put in. He is in a WV hospital.

Billy & Christy Davis, New address is 6834 Sonya Dr. Nashville, TN 37209. Their phone numbers are still the same.

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

Barbara Eckard and family seek prayers for comfort. Her brother, Dick Sidbury, was remembered in a Memorial Service yesterday in Charlotte. Pray for Barbara; Dick's wife, Cathy'; and Dick's daughter, Laura.

Ali Franks has a herniated disc. Pray that Physical Therapy will help her.

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

Barbara Gnann is grateful for her time with loved ones in Mauritius and is thankful to have returned home safely on Friday.

Cathy Hall will need surgery soon.

Roy Henson seeks our prayers, as he recovers from something close to pneumonia.

Myra Hill is extremely ill with RSV and other challenges. She covets our prayers.

Megan Rae Hollar will have surgery, Wed., Jan. 22, on her back again, since her incision from the Dec. 20 surgery has opened somewhat. Pray for her coping with the pain from the incision, in the meantime.

David Jernigan's tongue biopsy showed no cancer. Praise God. He hopes to soon learn cause of his speech and eating problems.

Richard Johnson is having a difficult 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 back home, after having some internal bleeding.

Grace Lawrence, Sherry Smart's sister, saw doctors Tuesday, to learn more about problems with her heart., Sherry Smart's sister, saw doctors Tuesday, to learn more about problems with her heart.

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.

Cindy Moore, Hester Burkhalter's daughter, will have double-bypass heart surgery. She's waiting to hear the date for this.

Tonia Osaji is a Dec. graduate of LRU and was part of our Bears in Scripture Campus Bible Studies. Pray for her, as she settles in Charlotte to work before going to graduate school this fall.

Christine Rainwater is in a diabetic coma. She is in the ICU.

Timmy Rainwater was in the hospital recently, but is now home, thankfully. He has had a difficult time with some of his medications.

Leon Rousseau is feeling much better, as he continues recovering from a recent fall.

Eddie and Margaret Sigmon's neighbors are both home and doing better after falling a few months ago.

Ann Stasny had a throat camera test this week. Thankfully, doctors have determined the source of her low hemoglobin episodes. Pray the infusion is approved by her insurance and that she will be able to start these soon.

Courtney Stephens, Angela Arnett's granddaughter, has less pain with her stomach issues. The medications are helping her.

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

Darlene Vaulter is praying about starting chemo and/or radiation for her breast cancer.

Veronica with the Conover Wal-Mart has pancreatic cancer. She hopes upcoming treatments will relieve her pain.

Ann Ward is struggling with cancer.

Anita Wilfong's mom, Ruth Cloninger, is at Cardinal Care in Lincolnton, Room 103.

Birthdays

1/24 Jess Abercrombie

Anniversary

1/21 Dustin & Harley Mayfield

January Hospitality Coordinator: Debbie Killian & Janet Keever