

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

**“Following Jesus Together”**

Sunday, January 5, 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.

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

**“The Great Invitation” – Text: Matthew 11:25-30**

**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/>

## **\*\*\* Have a Happy, Jesus-filled New Year \*\*\***

**- THIS WEEK -**

**Kingdom Café & Prayer Jan. 5** - 9:15am. Coffee and sweets will be provided. Join us as we pray for our unsaved loved ones.

**LIFT** – Jan. 5 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.

**LIME** - Wed., Jan. 8, 11am-1pm, in the Church Hut. Bring food to eat, for this lunch time mtg.

**Covered Dish Meal** - Wed., Jan. 8, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring food and drink to share. At 7pm, we will have our Kids' Bible Class and the Adults will continue discussing how to study the Bible with others. Please come out.

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

**Dragonslayer's Men Fellowship** - Sat., Jan. 11, 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**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.

## **- COMING UP -**

**Millennial's Pin Station Meetup Fri.** 1/17, 6:00pm in Newton. Pin Station is cash only! Everyone is welcome. RSVP w Dustin Mayfield.

**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.

**Winter Camp,** Jan. 17-20, Carolina Bible Camp, Mocksville, NC, for ages 13-19.. Register at: [carolinabiblecamp.org/wintercamp](http://carolinabiblecamp.org/wintercamp)

**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.

**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.

## **Church Information**

**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/HCOC11/live/](http://www.facebook.com/HCOC11/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.**

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

**Georgiana Allen** was home Sunday, after falling last week. Pray for her timely 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.

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

**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 and safe travels for everyone attending a Sat., Jan. 11, Memorial Service in Charlotte for her brother, Dick Sidbury, who passed recently. Pray for Barbara; Dick's wife, Cathy'; and daughter, Laura.

**Lionel Ellis**, after five years on his job, was with us Sunday and will have most Sunday mornings off. Praise God.

**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.

**Ron Gemperline** was not feeling well Sunday but is improving.

**Barbara Gnann** is grateful for her time with loved ones in Mauritius. Pray for her safe return on Jan. 10.

**Joe & Cathy Hall**, Congratulations on the birth of their eighth grandchild, Arya. She was born to Logan & Samantha McDowell on Dec. 18th in Colorado. **Cathy Hall** will need surgery soon.

**Myra Hill** will have a nerve test on January 27. She is not feeling well and may have RSV, given her respiratory challenges.

**Megan Rae Hollar** returned home, Tuesday. Praise God. She still has a ways to go, but has done so well to be back home to continue needed therapy after Dec. 20 back surgery.

**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 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 back home, after having some internal bleeding.

**Grace Lawrence**, Sherry Smart's sister, was in Baptist Hospital this week, because of irregular stress test. Thankfully, her heart checked out okay. Her spine surgery will be rescheduled.

**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.

**Phyllis**, Andy Wharton's sister-in-law, has an aggressive stomach cancer.

**Tonia Osaji** was with us Sunday. She 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.

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

**Leon Rousseau** was back with us Sunday and feeling much better after a recent fall.

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

**Ann Stasny** is grateful for prayers, flowers, meals, and more extended on her behalf during her health challenges. Praise God that she was with us Sunday and is feeling better.

**Courtney Stephens**, Angela Arnett's granddaughter, has stomach issues. Doctors are giving her medication to help her symptoms.

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

**Darlene Vaulter** needs continued prayers for her strength to help her family, and for her grandsons and their school situation.

**Ann Ward** is struggling with cancer.

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

**Lucille Woodrum**, who does not get to meet with us, sends appreciation for the extravagant fruit basket given her by the church this month. She is thankful for our thoughts towards her and sends her love.

**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**

**1/5 Shelly Wharton, 1/8 Barbara Eddins, 1/10 Bryan McDermott**

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