

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church”

Sunday, February 16, 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:

God Gives Gift(s)! Part 2 of 3 Text Romans 12:1-8

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 –

Benevolence Need: Megan Rae Hollar is home, recovering from a major infection and a second back surgery. She has been out of work since December and will likely be out of work for several more months. Please consider making a donation to the church, marking it "Megan Rae," to help with her expenses while she is unable to work.

Help is needed with creating flyers, t-shirts, and business cards for the church. See Percil Watkins, to help with this.

Parents Night Out Thanks to all you assisted in any way. Teaching, food, supplies, time, etc. It is all so much appreciated.

Webb Murray Elementary Teacher Recognition – Many thanks to those who donated to the Valentine's Lunch for Murray's teachers and staff. All was greatly appreciated, and several seek prayers for themselves and all staff, the students, and families.

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 studying 1 Corinthians**. Please come out.

Lenoir-Rhyne University Bears in Scripture Bible Study Thurs. at 7pm in the Fireside Room of the Cromer Center.

Women of Hope Weekend - "Bold Hope," Feb. 21-22, Franklin, Tenn. <https://www.hhi.org/women/woh-weekend-tennessee/>.

Vineyard Trail to Carter Falls Hike: Sun. 02/23 at 2:15pm in Elkin. Hikers must read through the trail info prior to attending for safety and preparation. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks.

Spiritual Gifts Survey – Paper copies will be available on Sun., Feb. 16. Online assessments can be completed at the church building on laptops that will be made available or they can be completed online at home. <https://www.mrcc.org/ministries/support/4151-2/>

Coats and Blue, Black, or Gray sweatpants are needed for Webb Murray Elementary students. Place items in plastic bin in lobby

- COMING UP -

Zoom Prayer Time, Feb. 24-Mar. 5, 12 noon. Meeting ID: 840 2151 4138. Passcode: hcoc. Hosted by Scott Fitch.

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

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

Orienteering Class Hike: Sun. 03/09 at 1:45pm at Riverbend Park. David Shuping will be teaching the class. Please read through the event info online for safety and preparation prior to attending. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks.

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 or if you will donate funds to help others go. They and Rossana Lecaros will travel March 25-April 10.

Church Information

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

Family Life Minister - Christian Counselor: David Shuping – 980.525.7384

Elders: Scott Fitch, Tom Keever, Steve Killian, & Percil Watkins | **Deacons:** Larry Duncan & Blake Eckard

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 those in the L.A. area who were affected by 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.

Bill Barnette, Jennifer Steelman's Dad, has pulmonary fibrosis. Jennifer covets our prayers.

Elsa Barnes seeks prayers for her co-worker, Deanna, who is out of work on disability and has some difficult family situations.

Kevin Bibbee will have surgery Mon. Feb. 24, as part of his getting a cochlear implant to help his hearing.

Jean Brown's Dad, John Mayo, passed recently. Jean; her Mom, Dortha Mayo; and family covet our prayers. Jean is grateful for all acts of kindness and love shown to her family during her Dad's illness and passing.

Shelly Cain's uncle, Pat Stivers, had a heart attack and is home from the hospital with a defibrillator

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

Ezra, the 11-month-old son of Harley Mayfield's friend, has cancer.

Cathy Hall is home from the hospital but still has health challenges.

Roy Henson is home with the flu.

Myra Hill has been really sick with a second recent bout of the flu. She is also having a hard time with diabetes, neuropathy, and spinal stenosis. She loves and misses us and asks that we keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Megan Rae Hollar is home is home healing from a major infection and her second back surgery since late December.

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 Frye Hospital, Room 360. He has several health difficulties.

John Little, a former HCOC elder, is moving towards advanced dementia. His daughter, Kristen, may seek our help with him soon.

Dustin Mayfield's friend, Dalton Franklin, passed from an asthma attack. He left behind a wife and four kids.

Harley Mayfield is to have a sleep study. Pray that God will provide suitable housing for them.

Zahn McCaslin, Patsy Yoder's brother, is doing well with lung cancer chemotherapy. Time between his treatments will be increased.

Anita Miller, Andy Wharton's sister, passed recently in WV. A private graveside service will be held within the family.

Cyndi Moore, Hester Burkhalter's daughter, had double-bypass heart surgery and is home. Pray for continued healing.

Craig & Teresa Phillips will travel around the U.S., before returning to Nepal March 4. Pray for safety and blessings on their travels.

Christine Rainwater, Timmy Rainwater's sister-in-law, is in hospice care. Pray for Christine and her husband, Scott, and all the family.

Radford Robbins had a procedure on Feb. 3rd and is waiting for the test results.

Ann Stasny has spinal stenosis and is thankful that medication to address her intestinal bleeding has been approved.

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

Sadie Tolley, one of our Parents' Night Out (PNO) moms, has been missing since some time in January. Another PNO parent has extensive challenges that warrant our prayers.

Flavio Uribe is grieving the recent passing of his Dad in Florida. Pray for his strength and peace.

Darlene Vaulter seeks to use her spiritual gifts to glorify God.

Veronica with the Conover Wal-Mart has pancreatic cancer and is on medical leave. She hopes her 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.

Jim Williams, Timmy Rainwater's brother-in-law of Lenoir, swollen leg impedes his walking. He is also diabetic.

Several of our youths and adults will attend the Winterfest Youth Retreat this Friday-Sunday in Gatlinburg, TN. We praise God for this. Pray for everyone to have a spiritually uplifting time and safe travels.

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.

Birthdays

2/17 Patsy Yoder, 2/19 Kim Adcox, 2/20 Bonita (Boni) Tilton, 2/22 Barbara Gnann

Anniversary

2/15 Randy & Pam Dennie

February Hospitality Coordinators: Debbie Killian & Janet Keever