

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

## “The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church”

Sunday, February 23, 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:

#### Fitted Together! Part 3 of 3 Text Ephesians 4:16

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/>

### – 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 evaluating logos for flyers, t-shirts, and business cards for the church.** See Percil Watkins, to help with this.

**Sign the NC Gift book** in the foyer, for Darrell & LaurieAnn Clark. Today is the final Sunday to sign it, before we mail it to them.

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

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

**LIME** - Wed., Feb. 26, 11am-1pm, in the Church Hut. Bring food to eat, for this lunch time mtg.

**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.

**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 are in the foyer. Online assessments can be completed at the church building on laptops that will be made available, or at home on your computer. <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.

**Encouraging Our College Students:** Please bring cards/notes of encouragement, gift cards, etc., for our college students: Nazonika Bell - CVCC; Abigail Blackwell - CVCC; RJ Hall - CVCC; David Watkins - CVCC; and Hannah Watkins - Rice University. Kamy Bibbee is placing a box marked "Cards for College Kids" in the church foyer. She will collect and send the cards to the distant student and deliver them to the local students. **Please bring cards by Sun., March 2**, to ensure the packages reach the students before their final exams. This will encourage them greatly. Cash donations to help with gifts and postage may also be given to Kamy. Please email [hickorycofc@gmail.com](mailto:hickorycofc@gmail.com) to let us know if any college students have been omitted or if other changes are needed.

### - COMING UP -

**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.

**Carolina Bible Camp Summer Camp** Registration is Open, Mocksville, NC - [carolinabiblecamp.org/register](http://carolinabiblecamp.org/register)

**Palmetto Bible Camp Summer Camp** Registration is Open, Marietta, SC - [pbc.camp/pbc-pre-registration/](http://pbc.camp/pbc-pre-registration/)

## **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](http://www.hickorychurch.org) **Sun. Worship Live:** [www.facebook.com/HCOC111/live/](http://www.facebook.com/HCOC111/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 those in the L.A. area who were affected by fires there and for those affected by floods in and around Hazard, KY.**

**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, getting cochlear implants to help his hearing. His brain will take time to adjust to the new device, so patience is needed for his hearing to gradually improve.

**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.

**Kevin Dill** is having health challenges

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

**Chris Gibson** is having health challenges.

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

**Myra Hill** has been really sick with a second bout of the flu. She also has a hard time with diabetes, neuropathy, and spinal stenosis.

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

**Frank Kemp** had kidney surgery to remove a mass.

**Robert Knox**, Cynthia Lipford's brother, is recovering from 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.

**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.

**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**, a Parents' Night Out (PNO) mom, has been missing since January. Another PNO parent has major life challenges.

**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.

**Praise God for our youths and adults who attended the Winterfest Retreat last weekend in Gatlinburg and had an uplifting time.**

**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**

**2/23 Roy Henson, 2/24 Carol Boags**

**February Hospitality Coordinators: Debbie Killian & Janet Keever**