

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

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

Sunday, April 6, 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:

**Kingdom Growth – Soil, Seed, & Storm. Text: Mark 4**

**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 –

**Revelation Sunday 9:30am Adult Bible Class** – Join us for this most encouraging class, in-person or at [facebook.com/HCOC111](https://facebook.com/HCOC111). Order “Revelation Commentary” by Jim McGuiggan from Sunset Bookstore, 3710 34<sup>th</sup> St., Lubbock, TX 79410, 806-788-3280.

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

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

**St. Martin Mission Trip** (Now- April 10) – Pray daily at 7pm, for God to open hearts to the Gospel and for His blessings to be with the mission, and on everyone's travels.

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

**LIME** - Wed., 11am-1pm, in the Church Hut. Bring food to eat. Contact Barbara Eckard: 828-409-5994.

**Covered Dish Meal** - Wed. at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring food & drink to share. At 7pm - kids' and adult Bible classes.

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

**Seniors' Lunch**, Friday at 12 noon at Palermo's in Conover. RSVP with Ann Stasny – 828-310-6404.

**Dragonslayers Men's Fellowship** - Sat. at 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Mt. Jefferson State natural Area Hike** Sat. at 12:30 pm in Jefferson. Read event info online. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks

**Invite others** to join us for our special gatherings on Palm Sunday, April 13, and for our Easter service on Sunday, April 20.

## – COMING UP –

**Church-wide Lunch (all ages) and Easter Egg Hunt (for ages 0-12), Sun. April 13 - 12 noon.** The Egg Hunt will be outside (shine) or inside (rain). **Bring individually wrapped candy for the Egg Hunt and place in basket in the foyer. Kids should bring a bucket, bag or basket for their eggs. We need desserts, drinks, variety packs of chips, and salad for the lunch.** Email [hickorycofc@gmail.com](mailto:hickorycofc@gmail.com) or see the church bulletin board to sign-up for the lunch and indicate what you will bring. Register kids: [tinyurl.com/HCOCeggHunt25](https://tinyurl.com/HCOCeggHunt25).

**Children's Easter Skit - Sun., Apr. 13, following our worship.** Join us for a reflective Easter skit presented by our young people.

**Warners Chapel Ladies' Day**, 8999 Lasater Rd., Clemmons, NC. Sat., Apr. 26. 9:30am. [warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org/](https://warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org/)

**Wilkesboro COC Youth Rally**, 1740 Curtis Bridge Rd., May 2-4. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1193881263999?aff=oddtcreator>

**“Church Outing in the Park,”** Glenn Hilton Park in Hickory, Sat., May 31, 11am-4pm. We are co-hosting this with Glendale St. COC.

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

**Palmetto Bible Camp Summer Camp** Registration is Open, Marietta, SC - [pbccamp.org/pbc-pre-registration/](https://pbccamp.org/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 28601

**Website:** [www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org) **Sun. Worship Live:** [www.facebook.com/HCOC111/live/](https://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 our nation and the world.

Pray for those affected by wildfires, including first responders, in North and South Carolina. This includes Palmetto Bible Camp.

We are thankful for the **Doggie Day Care and grooming business** that is using the former M25 building! Pray for success in this business.

- Pray for the hundreds of families affected by the earthquake causing so many deaths in Myanmar/Thailand.
- Pray for Diane H and her health issues.
- Pray for Barbara Eddins - she misses us so much!
- Pray for Darlene V as she started chemo and for family struggles.

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

**Georgiana Allen** seeks healing after a recent car accident.

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

**Elsa Barnes' aunt** passed recently. Her life was celebrated recently.

**Kevin Bibbee's** cochlear implants are gradually helping his hearing. He now seeks healing from water retention.

**Shelly Cain's** former student overdosed and passed. Pray for her family, for her friends, for Shelly, and all affected by her death.

**Linda DeLoreia** has Parkinson's and the flu; she needs surgery for kidney stones. **Wayne**, her husband, needs strength as caregiver.

**Randy Dennie's cousin, Jackie Miller**, has cancer that has returned.

**Kevin Dill** will have bladder surgery on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ezra**, Harley Mayfield's friend's one-year-old, took chemo that eliminated bone marrow cancer. He's to have a tumor removed next.

**Brian Flowers** has cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Chris Gibson** is having health challenges.

**Cathy Hall** is home with notable health challenges.

**Myra Hill** has been sick with the flu and other ailments.

**Megan Rae Hollar** is seeing renewed progress in her recovery from the second back surgery. Thank you, Lord! Pray this continues.

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

**Richard Johnson** is waiting to hear when he will have surgery.

**Andrew Layton** was injured at work. He seeks prayers for guidance for decisions he has to made and for a God-honoring attitude.

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

**Dustin and Harley Mayfield** need suitable housing.

**Zahn McCaslin**, Patsy Yoder's brother, has an inactive cancer. Praise God. He will get an infusion and "clean up" shot every three weeks and a CT scan in 3 months. He is home and on oxygen recovering from the flu.

**Chelsea Robbins' mom's** house thankfully escaped flooding in Oregon, although everything outside of her house was flooded badly.

**St. Martin Mission trip** (Now- April 10) - Pray for the April 2-9 Gospel Meeting. Pray for God to present people of peace who want to follow Christ. Our Mission Team, Rossana Lecaros & Percil & Theresa Watkins, returns April 10.

**Ann Stasny** had surgery to get a portal cath for infusions to help with internal bleeding.

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

**Darlene Vaulter** will have her daughter staying with her for some time. Pray for Darlene and the family during this adjustment.

**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.

**Mike Wilfong** had knee surgery last week and is doing well.

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

**Patsy Yoder** was home on Sunday due to illness.

**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

4/7 Angela Arnett, 4/8 Max Sly, 4/10 Rajeesh Patterson,

### Anniversary

4/6 Tyler & Ashley Lowman, 4/8 Steve & Debbie Killian, 4/11 Andy & Shelly Wharton

April Hospitality Coordinator: Janet Keever

Greeter: Andy Wharton