

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

## "The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church"

Sunday, May 11, 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:

#### "A Mother's Journey" Text: Mark 6 & 10

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. Order

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

**Elsa Barnes Sings National Anthem at Crowdads' Game** – Tuesday, May 13 at 7pm. Come and support our sister.

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

**Small Group Prayer and Fellowship**, Wed., at 6pm, around back in the Fellowship Hall - Covered Dish Meal. Bring food and drink to share and take part in the adult prayer time and Romans Bible study and Kids' Bible class.

**Young Adult Retreat**, Age 20-40, May 16-18, Carolina Bible Camp. Register (\$45) - [carolinabiblecamp.org/upcoming-events](http://carolinabiblecamp.org/upcoming-events)

**Family Game Night on Saturday 5/17** from 4:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish/drink and favorite games.

**Webb Murray Elementary Teacher Recognition** - From Barbara Eckard: 70 care bags were given to Webb Murray Elementary teachers/staff at our adopted school. We did Mini-Spa Kits (Lotion, Lip Balm, etc). We could use money donations to offset cost. Please contact Barbara Eckard to donate.

**AGAPE of NC Daily Prayer Opportunity for the Month of May!** - May is Foster Care Awareness Month. Use the following guide, to pray for foster and adoptive families and everyone who assists them. [simplebooklet.com/fostercareprayerguide](http://simplebooklet.com/fostercareprayerguide).

### – COMING UP –

**"Church Outing in the Park,"** Glenn Hilton Park, Hickory, Shelter 1, Sat., May 31, 11am-4pm. Co-hosting this with Glendale St. COC.

**VBS**, Sat., June 7, 10am – 2pm, age 4-Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Register: [tinyurl.com/HCOCVBS25](http://tinyurl.com/HCOCVBS25). See Janet, Theresa, or bulletin board.

**Grad Sunday is June 8-** Plan to stay for lunch/pot blessing! Email graduates' names (Pre-K – College) to hickorycofc@gmail.com

Scholarships are available to help with Summer Bible Camp (contact Theresa Watkins):

**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

28601 **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.

**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.**

**For students and staff of schools and colleges to follow Christ and to have God's favor as the school year winds down.**

**For God to guide us into the unknown in unexpected places where Jesus lives and will guide His disciples that the world might know and glorify Him.**

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

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

**Kevin Bibbee's** cochlear implant is gradually helping his hearing.

**Amy Connors**, our sister in upstate NY, is recovering from Thursday's shoulder surgery.

**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** had bladder surgery.

**Ezra**, Harley Mayfield's friend's one-year-old, is recovering from cancer treatments. Pray for healing after recent procedure.

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

**Chris Gibson** is having health challenges.

**Dee, Percil's sister**, had hip replacement surgery Thursday in Seattle. She came through the surgery superbly and is resting well. God is good. Thanks for all the prayers

**Diane H** has health issues and is seeking new employment.

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

**Myra Hill** is mostly homebound and very weak with difficulties standing and walking. She sends her love to us and earnestly seeks our prayers.

**Megan Rae Hollar** will have another back surgery, Fri., May 23. Pray exceedingly for her favor.

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

**Debbie Killian's** great nephew (1 year old) has gastrointestinal problems affecting his colon.

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

**Cindy Lidey's niece** was hit by a speeding driver who ran a red light. She had surgery yesterday for her broken feet. More surgery and rehab are ahead for her, and she has a broken nose.

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

**Ellis Lowman** and family got more encouraging news this past week. Doctors believe they can retrain his right eye so it starts working again.

**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.

**Margo Hull Nance**, of Wilkesboro, has been approved for a heart transplant. Pray for Margo, her husband, kids, and all the family.

**Timmy Rainwater** has health issues and seeks to be stronger in Christ.

**Karen Rheinbolt** had knee replacement surgery recently and is doing well.

**Radford Robbins** passed his hearing test, after initially failing it. He has started injections for his esophageal allergies.

**Tori Sly** seeks prayers for 4 yr. old Sophia, daughter of her classmate. She had a tennis-ball-sized tumor removed. She's well, but struggling with pain and muscle spasms. Her rare cancer may mean she has only weeks to months left. Her mom is praying for a miracle, and at the very least that she she'll be well enough to go home soon and celebrate her 5th birthday this month. Thanks for the prayers, and please continue to pray for this sweet girl.

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

**Darlene V** has started chemo and is troubled by family struggles.

**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.

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

**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**

**5/11 Bryan Steelman, 5/13 Ashley Lowman, 5/16 Shelby Abercrombie**

### **Anniversary**

**5/17 Kevin & Nancy Boggs**

**May Hospitality Coordinator Patsy Yoder**  
**Greeters: Debbie Killian & Barbara Gnann**