

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

"The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church"

Sunday, May 18, 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.

Message for Today

The Unexpected Journey into the Unknown – "Direction" Text: Mark 7-9

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 –

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
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 now studying 1 Corinthians. Please come out.

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.

Vacation Bible School, Saturday, June 7th from 10am-2pm, for children 4 yrs- Rising 6th graders. Please register or to sign up to volunteer with crafts, decorating, teaching, food, registration, singing, skits, and more. Please see the church bulletin board or Janet Keever. We need large and medium boxes (10-15) and lots of green tissue paper (all shades), by June 1st.

– COMING UP –

LIME - Wed., 5/28, 11am-1pm, in the Church Hut. Bring food to eat. Contact Barbara Eckard: 828-409-5994.

"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 6th Grade. Register: tinyurl.com/HCOCVBS25. See Janet, Theresa, or bulletin board.

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

River Run Trail Hike: Sat. 06/14, 9:15am at New River Access 221. Please read through the trail information on Facebook prior to attending for safety and preparation. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks.

Reynolda House Art Museum & Gardens: Sat. 06/28 at 9:15am in Winston-Salem. **Cost:** \$18 for adults, \$0 for kids, EBT holders, & military. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks. **Info:** reynolda.org

Gorges State Park Hike: Sat. 07/12 at 9:15am in Sapphire. Please read through the trail information of Facebook prior to attending for safety & preparation. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks.

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 **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.

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 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.

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

Chris Gibson is having health challenges.

Dee, Percil's sister, had hip replacement surgery in Seattle and is doing well. She looks to start physical therapy Monday.

Diane H has health issues and is seeking new employment.

Cathy Hall is home with new health challenges.

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

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

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 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 has HOCM (Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy) and is #3 on heart transplant list. She is home for 30 days, while taking vaccine for MMR. After that she hopes to be #2 on transplant list. Pray for this journey, for open doors, and healing.

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

Karen Rheinbolt Praise God for her great progress after knee replacement surgery! She and the family are back in Davidson.

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 will 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 Clonger is at Cardinal Care in Lincolnton.

Birthdays

5/20 Tammy Rainwater, 5/23 Danielle Burkhalter

Anniversary

5/23 Justin & Sharon Kime 5/24 Noah & Ali Franks

May Hospitality Coordinator Patsy Yoder
Greeters: Bryan & Jennifer Steelman