

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

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

Sunday, July 20, 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

**Rely on God's Power Text: 1 Corinthians 4:16-20**

**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 –

Adults, please come to our Sunday, Wednesday, and other meetings. Parents, please bring your children to the Sunday and Wednesday Bible studies, to help them follow Jesus. Our fellowship in these gatherings helps our commitment to Christ.

**40 Days of Prayer Weekday Zoom**, Mon. – Fri., **12 noon**, now thru Aug. 8. **Meeting ID:** 861 7169 6208 and **Passcode:** 40. **You may also call in by dialing:** 301-715-8592. **Meeting ID:** 861 7169 6208. **Participant ID:** 40. **Note our new time.**

**Ladies' Discovery Bible Study** on Facebook Messenger, Mondays at 6:45pm. We are being blessed in our study of Isaiah.

**Elsa Barnes Sings National Anthem at the Crawdads' Game** – Tues., July 22, at 7pm. Come and support our sister. Hot Dogs are \$1.

**Small Group Prayer and Fellowship** - Wed. at 6:30pm - Fellowship Hall. Bring your dinner. At 7pm, we have our Kids' and adult Bible Classes. **The adults have begun studying 2 Corinthians.** Come and bring the whole family.

**Young Adults Group** (High school to 30's) meets in the Hut, Wednesdays at 7pm. Come for great Bible Study and Fellowship!

**Glendale St. Church of Christ Vacation Bible School**, Fri., July 25, 6pm. Sat. July 26, 10am – 2pm (lunch). Sun., July 27, 10am. Bring the kids (4 years old - teens) to this special time. Sign-up on our church bulletin board or contact Theresa Watkins 910-512-4754.

### – COMING UP –

**Scott Fitch's Shepherd Group Meeting**, Sat., Aug. 2, 6PM at Scott's house (3725 2nd Ave. NW, Hickory 28601). We will share a meal and fellowship. Please let Bryan Steelman or Scott know if you can attend or if you have any questions.

**Piedmont Youth Day (For 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**, Sat. Aug. 9, 9:30am-6:30pm. Abilene Church of Christ, 120 Bell Farm Rd., Statesville.

Register: [piedmontyouthday.rsvpify.com](http://piedmontyouthday.rsvpify.com) or call Landon at 704-881-3083. Let Shelly Cain or Theresa Watkins know if you want to attend. We will meet at our church building at 9am, to head to Statesville.

**Annual Back to School Prayer, Worship and Cookout** - Sun., Aug. 10th. Bible Classes, Prayer, and Worship. We will have a Hot Dog Cookout at ~11:45am. Invite School/College Students, School/College Staff and families. Bring Salads, Side Dishes, Drinks, and Dessert. Please donate \$10 or more, to help with gifts for our students. See Janet Keever or Theresa Watkins, to help with gifts.

**River Run Trail Hike:** Sat., Aug. 16, 9:15am at New River Access 221. Hikers must read through the trail information on Facebook prior to attending for safety and preparation. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks.

**August Family Game Night** Sat. Aug 23 at 5 pm. Contact Ali Franks for info.

### Church Information

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

**Family Life Minister - Christian Counselor:** David Shuping – 980.525.7384 | 1218 Fairgrove Church Road, Hickory NC 28601

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

**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.

**Foreign Wars.** Pray for all in the **Ukraine - Russia War**. And for those involved with the **Israel-Hamas War**.

**Pray for comfort and peace for all involved in the Texas floods this past weekend.**

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

**Bill Barnette**, Jennifer Steelman's Dad, is home under hospice care with pulmonary fibrosis.

**Jean Brown's mother, Dot Mayo**, is home under hospice care. Please pray for peace and comfort for the family for the days ahead.

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

**Randy Dennie's cousin, Jackie Miller**, has cancer that has returned. She is having a hard time with this.

**Kevin Dill** has stage 2 bladder cancer.

**Barbara Eckard** breaking her right femur. She got her staples removed Friday and all seems to be healing well.

**Ezra**, Harley Mayfield's friend's 1 yr. old son, had several surgeries for a cancerous tumor and problems with his kidneys.

**Carol Ferrell's** daughter, Kim Rector, has fluid buildup at the base of her brain, resulting in headaches and loss of balance. She is at home under the care of a neurologist.

**Scott Fitch** is struggling physically. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

**Cathy Hall** had reverse shoulder replacement surgery. She is doing well with physical therapy, while still having some pain.

**John Helton** stepped off of his tractor wrong and landed hard, hurting his neck.

**Myra Hill** is weak with difficulties standing and walking. She is taking physical therapy to help her condition.

**Megan Rae Hollar** had surgery last Saturday, after her back wound opened. She is home recovering and taking needed antibiotics.

**Aaron and Emily Holmes family** leave Mauritius in August, after a five-year mission. Pray for guidance, as they return to the U.S.

**Sidney & Kim Jones** needs prayers regarding their immigration process for St. Martin. They are back in Trinidad for now.

**Tom & Janet Keever** are returning from TX and helping Janet's mother-in-law, **Beverly Stiles**, process her grief and relocate here.

**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.

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

**Harley Mayfield** has medical challenges.

**Zahn McCaslin**, Patsy Yoder's brother, has an inactive cancer. He is home and on oxygen.

**Margo Hull Nance** is in Baptist Hospital, as she is #3 on the heart transplant list. She will remain there until a heart is available.

**Mary Nichols** has health challenges. Her son, Dennis Smith, had his 4<sup>th</sup> heart attack and open-heart surgery. He is at Frye Hospital.

**Richard Rheinbolt** had a successful hip replacement Thursday and is recovering well. Flavio & Renee Uribe are here to assist him.

**Chelsea Robbins** is waiting to see a cardiologist about unresolved concerns with her heart.

**Tori Sly** seeks prayers for Sophia (5) who is undergoing chemo and radiation.

**Ann Stasny** is in Iredell Hospital, after having several serious health challenges this past week. She hopes to return to The Greens Maple Leaf in Statesville soon.

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

**Ann Ward** is struggling with cancer.

**Lucille Woodrum** is hopeful that she will be able to eat adequately, to regain unexplained lost weight.

**Justin and Janet Wrye** and family were with us for about seven weeks and a great blessing with our Bible classes, VBS, and more.

Pray for them, as they have relocated to Utah. Pray they soon find a church home there to worship and serve with.

**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**

**7/26 Jennifer Steelman, 7/28 Deborah Miles**

**July Hospitality Coordinator: Debbie Killian**