

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church”

Sunday, August 24, 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:

“Wisdom is Calling!” Text: Proverbs 8:1a CJB

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 –

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

Small Group Prayer and Fellowship - Wed. at 6:30pm - Fellowship Hall. Bring your dinner. At 7pm, we will have our Kids' and Adult Bible Classes. *The adults are 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!

LRU Organization Fair – Wed., Aug. 27, 6-8pm, LRU Quad. Contact Percil or Theresa Watkins to help with this event where we will invite students to our Bears In Scripture Bible Study.

Church T-Shirts, Please see Percil Watkins or Ali Franks, if you would like to order an HCOC t-shirt or hoodie.

– COMING UP –

Gorges State Park Hike (~4-5 miles): Sat., Sept. 6, at 9:15am in Sapphire. Hikers must read through the trail information prior to attending for safety & preparation. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks.

Parents' Night Out for kids 0-16 years old. Sat., Sept. 6, 5pm-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. Register at: tinyurl.com/HCOCPNO25.

Please see Janet Keever or Theresa Watkins, to help with this.

LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) is about to begin! First Sunday each month starting September 7th at 5pm. Bring your own supper and we will have desserts to share. Please see/contact Kamy or Janet if you would like a workbook for \$15.

Dragonlayer's Men Fellowship - Sat., Sept. 13, 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Information

Pastoral Care/Prayer Minister: Kevin Bibbee | **Church office:** 828.464.4983

Family Life Minister - Christian Counselor: David Shuping – 980.525.7384 | **Evangelist:** Flavio Uribe - 828-348-4266

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

Website: www.hickorychurch.org | **Sun. Worship Live:** www.facebook.com/HCOCPNO25

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 safety and success for everyone going to school and college. And for God's blessings on all school and college staff.

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

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. Our prayers are greatly appreciated for him.

Barbara Eckard started Physical Therapy Thursday as follow-up after surgery for her fractured femur.

Barbara Eddins appreciates our prayers and sends her love to the church.

Ezra, Harley Mayfield's friend's 1 yr. old son, is being treated for cancer.

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

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

Cathy Hall is having surgery Wed., as her shoulder is popping out of place where she had reverse shoulder replacement recently.

Myra Hill is weak with difficulties standing and walking. Her son, Dale, is having medical challenges.

Megan Rae Hollar is home healing from back surgery. Pray that her antibiotics help her, while not causing other problems.

Aaron and Emily Holmes and family are back in the U.S., after being on mission in Mauritius for five years. Pray for them to have a smooth transition with getting settled in Williamsburg, VA.

Nicole Hyatt, Ron Gemperline's friend, need prayers for life struggles and for a new job.

Sidney & Kim Jones needs prayers for their immigration process for St. Martin. They are back in Trinidad for now. Kim's Dad recently had a stroke and Sidney's mentor's wife has stage 4 breast cancer.

Zahn McCaslin, Patsy Yoder's brother, has inactive cancer. He is home on oxygen. They are grieving his granddaughter's passing.

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.

Chelsea Robbins has challenges with her heart that doctors are evaluating.

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

Ann Stasny is at Crestview Health & Rehab in Mooresville, NC – Room 400, taking physical therapy. Her being there is a great answer to prayer, so she can prayerfully get strong enough to walk again. Pray for strength for her husband, John.

Delane Stout had her toes removed due to diabetes and is relieved she won't need her foot amputated now.

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

Ann Ward is struggling with cancer.

Andy & Shelly Wharton had a house fire Wednesday afternoon that seemed to start in their kitchen when they were not home.

Insurance adjusters are assessing the damage, and they are staying in a hotel for several weeks. There is a fair amount of water and smoke damage and their dog died in the fire. His sister-in-law, Phyllis, has cancer. She could not have kidney surgery recently, due to challenges that were discovered. His brother, Anthony, has health challenges and his brother, Adam, had cornea surgery 8/22. Please pray for all of these. Thanks so much.

Lucille Woodrum is hopeful that she will be able to eat adequately, without swallowing difficulties, and regain weight.

Shut-Ins: Margaret Burns, Barbara Eddins, Myra Hill, Mary Nichols, and Kay Smith. Ella Jane Mays is at Terra Bella Sr. Living – Memory Care. Ruth Cloninger is at Cardinal Care in Lincoln.

Birthdays

8/24 Georgia Killian, 8/25 Randy Dennie, 8/27 Ray Catlett & Timmy Rainwater, 8/28 Tracie Perkins, 8/30 Marlene Matney

Anniversary

8/24 Caleb & Jessica Creson, 8/27 Ray & Karen Catlett, 8/29 Bryan & Jennifer Steelman

August Hospitality Coordinator: Elsa Barnes