



Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

"The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church"

Sunday, October 12, 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:

"Friendship with the World and Earthly Wisdom" Text: James 4:1-10

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 –

Bible Class for 11 & 12th graders, College Students, & Young Adults, Sundays at 9:30am. See Kevin Bibbee. The class meets in the Hut.
Ladies' Discovery Bible Study on Facebook Messenger, Mon. at 6:45pm. We are blessed in our Isaiah study. See Theresa W. to join.
Small Group Prayer and Fellowship, Wed., at 6:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own dinner and enjoy the fellowship. At 7pm, we will have our Kids' Bible classes, and our adults are studying 2 Corinthians.

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

Bears in Scripture Bible Study - Thursdays at 7pm at Lenoir Rhyne University. Be praying for the students and leaders of the study.

Interested in a Bible Study? If you or someone you know would like to learn more about Jesus, baptism, or following Him, please reach out to Kevin Bibbee, David Shuping, Flavio Uribe, or one of our elders.

Church t-shirts and hoodies: please see Percil W. or Ali F. if you would like to order a church t-shirt or hoodie. We need an approximate count before the price can be determined.

Encouragement Cards for College Students- We're collecting these over the next three weeks. Hannah Watkins (Rice Univ), Noah Franks (Indiana Tech), David Watkins (CVCC), RJ Hall (CVCC) If you'd like to donate money for treats to accompany the cards, please see Kamy.

– COMING UP –

Palmetto Bible Camp Singles Retreat, Oct. 24-26, Ages 18+. Register: pbc.camp/pbc-pals-singles-retreat/

Rockhill Church of Christ Ladies' Day, Sat., Oct. 25, 8:30am – 1pm, 4995 Needmore Rd, Cleveland, NC. Attire: Sunday attire and wear your favorite hat. Guest Speaker, Denise Taylor of Glendale St. Church of Christ.

Trunk or Treat, Sun., October 26, 5-6pm -- please bring candy to the church building over the next several Sundays and leave it in the baskets in the foyer. Please let Ali Franks or Megan Rae Hollar know if you would like to have your car included in this event..

Beginning October 26, we will have a teaching opportunity for our children. Once a month, kids can come up front and give coins, learning the concept of giving to "COINS FOR CHRIST."

Please join us on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Steelman home, as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of baby Ember Sly. This will be a Drop-In Baby Shower from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

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

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 | **Sun. Worship Live:** youtube.com/@HickoryCOM

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**.

Praise God for all of the young people who have been attending our Wednesday classes. Pray they continue attending.

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

Mandy Barrow is recovering from surgery for her broken ankle.

Danny Billings - father-in-law of one of Nicki Steelman's high school classmates. Doctors have discovered he has cancer that has spread to his lungs and bones.

Jean Brown will have a knee replacement on Nov. 3

Hester Burkhalter was at church Sunday and said she is thankful for the prayers and encouragement

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

Randy Dennie had gall bladder surgery Wednesday and is recovering nicely. He is grateful for all the prayers.

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. He had surgery Oct. 2. Our prayers are greatly appreciated for him.

Barbara Eckard's sister-in-law, Catherine Sidbury passed away Sept. 14. Please pray for the family, especially for Catherine's daughter and only child, Laura, who has a lot of things to take care of and also needs salvation. Send cards to: Laura Sidbury, 19 W. Stewart Ave. – Apt. 2, Landsowne, PA 19050. Catherine's husband, Barbara's brother, Dick, passed away in Dec. 2024.

Ezra, Harley Mayfield's friend's 1 yr. old son, is now cancer-free after eight months of treatments. Thank the Lord.

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

Ron Gemperline's friend, Lisa S., is struggling with some relationships.

Curtis Gilbert, husband to Sandi, father to John, Tara and Pennie, went to paradise Sept. 20. He was a gospel preacher for many years, a military veteran, and a fine Christian man. williamsfh.com/obituaries/lanson-gilbert

Matthew Gilbert, a friend of Dave Cain, who crashed a go cart and severely broke his arm. Surgery was planned at Baptist.

Cathy Hall has lingering health challenges and is undergoing tests.

Myra Hill needs prayers for strength in her legs and feet, and for her granddaughter's recovery after a recent appendectomy.

Megan Rae Hollar is progressing well after having several back surgeries.

Nannette Wilson (60), childhood friend of Theresa Watkins', passed 10/3 in GA. Please Pray for Nannette's family and loved ones.

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.

Deborah Miles is suffering from pain since she had back surgery. Pray for healing.

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 home after being in the hospital for over three months. She is number four on the heart transplant list.

Mary Nichols seeks prayers for her declining health.

Aileen Powell, Scott Powell's mom, passed away recently in Statesville. The funeral service was last Saturday.

Timmy Rainwater was at ER last week with knee problems after a fall, he is back home now.

Pam Roberts was recently diagnosed with a cancerous mass on one kidney – please pray for wisdom, peace and healing for her.

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

Kirk Sams, minister of Kannapolis Church of Christ and Carolina Bible Camp Week 1 Director, has prostate cancer and is healing after recent surgery for the cancer. Doctors are pleased with what they saw during the surgery.

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. Recently, she has not been taking physical therapy. Pray that she will soon start taking therapy again.

John Stasny had to go to ER last week, he is back home and is thankful no heart problems were noted.

Flavio Uribe's stepmom in Florida is recovering from recent surgery.

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

Greg Walker, Joe Hall's cousin, had surgery for a massive brain tumor.

Ann Ward is struggling with cancer.

Andy & Shelly Wharton need continued prayers, as they recover from their house fire. Pray for Andy's family: his sister-in-law Phyllis (cancer), his brother Anthony (health **concerns**).

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 –

Birthdays

10/13 Kevin Boggs, 10/15 Dora McDonald, 10/17 Jimmie Link

October Hospitality Debbie Killian & Janet Keever