



Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

"The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church"

Sunday, October 5, 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:

"Two Wisdoms" Text: James 3:13-18

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.
Kingdom Café & Prayer, Today at 9:15am. Coffee and sweets will be provided. Join us in praying for our unsaved loved ones.
Catawba County Hunger Walk, Today at 3pm in Downtown Newton. Contact Kevin Boggs 828-381-9105, if you want to walk.
LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) Today at 5pm. Bring supper. Dessert will be provided. See Kamy or Janet for \$15 workbook.
Ladies' Discovery Bible Study on Facebook Messenger, Mon. at 6:45pm. We are blessed in our Isaiah study. See Theresa W. to join.
Covered Dish Meal, Wed., Oct. 8, at 6pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring food and drink to share. At 7pm, are our Bible classes.
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.
Area-Wide Congregational Singing, Fri., Oct. 10 at 7pm at Highland Acres Church of Christ, 1301 McLaughlin St., Statesville, NC.
Dragonslayer's Men Fellowship - Sat., Oct. 11, 8am in the Fellowship Hall.
Carolina Renaissance Festival: Sat. 10/11 8:45am in Huntersville. Purchase tickets online in advance. Ticket cost -\$45 (w/insurance)
Deep River Church of Christ LADIES DAY Oct. 11th 9am - lunch. "In His Presence," Register: tinyurl.com/DeepRiverLL.
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.

– COMING UP –

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

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**.

Pray for safety and success for school & college students and staff. Pray for those affected by the Minneapolis school shooting.

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

Mandy Barrow has a broken ankle and is recovering from surgery.

Jean Brown asks that we continue praying for her as she walks through this journey of learning to live without her parents.

Hester Burkhalter was recently in the hospital overnight. Pray for her continued healing from an earlier gall bladder surgery and for her strength to be restored so she can be there for her teens and older children.

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

Randy Dennie has upcoming gall bladder surgery.

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 being treated for cancer.

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. She hopes she will not need to have a second shoulder surgery.

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

Roy Henson had 2 MRI's this past Wednesday.

Megan Rae Hollar is progressing from back surgery and is off IV antibiotics.

Retta and Chuck Hughes' son, Chuck Jr, had a stroke recently. His right side may be affected. He is in a rehab in Maryland.

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 transplant list.

Mary Nichols seeks prayers for her declining health.

Aileen Powell, Scott Powell's mom, passed away Monday morning in Statesville. Visitation is 2-3 Saturday at Troutman Funeral Home Troutman, NC. The service will be at 3pm at the funeral home. www.troutmanfuneralhome.com/obituaries/mary-powell

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 had surgery this past Wednesday.

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.

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

Flavio and Renee Uribe & Percil and Theresa Watkins returned safely from St. Maarten after an encouraging time there with the church and community.

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

Greg Walker, Joe Hall's cousin will have surgery next week 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 – Memory Care. Ruth Cloninger is at Cardinal Care in Lincolnton.

Birthdays

**10/6 Cailyn Creson, 10/9 Canaan Creson, 10/9 Debbie Killian
October Hospitality Debbie Killian & Janet Keever**