



# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

## “The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church”

Sunday, September 21, 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:

**“Three Kinds of Faith” Text: James 2:14-26**

**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 –

**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, Mondays at 6:45pm. We are being blessed in our study of Isaiah.

**Small Group Prayer and Fellowship**, Wed., September 24, at 6pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring food and drink to share. 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**, Please see Percil Watkins or Ali Franks, if you would like to order an HCOC t-shirt or hoodie.

**Directory Changes**. Please email [office@hickorychurch.org](mailto:office@hickorychurch.org) with changes or additions to the church directory.

**Help Needed**. PNO and our Children's classes greatly need more volunteers. Please see Janet Keverer or Theresa Watkins to help.

**Sim's BBQ** – Come join in the fun with BBQ and bluegrass on Saturday 9/27 at 5:30pm! See Kamy or Kevin with questions

### – COMING UP –

**Gorges State Park Hike (~4-5 miles)**: Sat. 10/04 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.

**Kingdom Café & Prayer**, 10/5 at 9:15am. Coffee and sweets will be provided. Join us in praying for our unsaved loved ones.

**LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together)** 10/5 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.

**Dragonslayer's Men Fellowship** - Sat., Oct. 11, 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Carolina Renaissance Festival Meetup**: Sat. 10/11 8:45am in Huntersville. Tickets must be purchased online in advance. Ticket cost - \$45 (w/insurance)

**Deep River Church of Christ LADIES DAY** October 11<sup>th</sup> 9am through lunch. Theme: In His Presence, speaker: Tara Merrill. Register on church website.

### 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 Keverer, Steve Killian, & Percil Watkins | **Deacons**: Larry Duncan, Blake Eckard, Josiah Tilton, & Joe Hall **Website**: [www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org) | **Sun. Worship Live**: [youtube.com/@HickoryCOM](https://youtube.com/@HickoryCOM)

**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 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 will need surgery.

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

**Hester Burkhalter** is home after having the removal of her gallbladder. She would like to thank all for their prayers and visits.

**Margaret Burns** was able to come home from hospital, but had to be readmitted. She spent her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday in the hospital..

**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. Our prayers are greatly appreciated for him.

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

**Barbara Eckard's** sister-in-law, Catherine Grow Sidbury passed away Sunday Evening, September 14. She was 77 yrs. old and in hospice care in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Please pray for the whole family, especially her daughter, Laura, as she has a lot of arrangements to make and is also in need of salvation.

**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.

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

**Megan Rae Hollar** is progressing from back surgery and hopes to be off of IV antibiotics soon.

**Aaron and Emily Holmes and family** are getting settled in Williamsburg, VA., after being on mission in Mauritius for five years.

**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.

**Cindy Lidey** has respiratory challenges. **Her son, Willie**, is in physical therapy for shoulder pain and asks prayers that surgery won't be needed.

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

**Dee Dee Miles** seeks prayers for Crystal who was hit by a car and is in a lot of pain.

**Andrew Moody** has two broken ribs. He is Mandy Barrow's brother.

**Margo Hull Nance** is home after 3 mths plus in the hospital and remains third on the transplant list.

**Mary Nichols** has health challenges.

**Karen Rheinbolt** had a second knee replacement and she did very well.

**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.

**Flavio and Renee** were able to spend time with Flavio's stepmom last week in Florida. She is now in a regular room and out of ICU. Pray for her continued improvement.

**Flavio and Renee Uribe & Percil and Theresa Watkins** will be in St. Martin Sept. 13–24 Pray for their work

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

**Ann Ward** is struggling with cancer.

**Andy & Shelly Wharton** Continue to pray for them as they recover from their house fire. Pray for Andy's family: his sister-in-law Phyllis (cancer), his brother Anthony (health concerns), and his brother Adam (cornea surgery 9/22).

**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**

**9/20 Airah Burkhalter, 9/20 Annie Lowman, 9/24 David Shuping, 9/24 Ryan Lipford**

### **Anniversary**

**9/20 John & Annie Stasny, 9/24 David & Teresa Shuping**