



Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church”

Sunday, November 9, 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:

“Do You Know Your “Why”?” - Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14

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 –

Our Sunday Worship Livestreams can now be seen on both facebook.com/HCOC111 and youtube.com/@HickoryCOC

Ladies’ Discovery Bible Study on Facebook Messenger, Mon. at **6:15pm (New Time)**. We are studying Isaiah. See Theresa W. to join.

Meal and Bible Classes, Wed., at 6pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This coming Wed., Hot Dogs are the main course. Please bring slaw, chips, drinks, dessert, etc. At 7pm are our Bible classes for all ages.

Bears in Scripture Bible Study - Thursdays at 7pm at LRU, Fireside Rm in Cromer Center. Pray for God’s blessings on this gathering.

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.

Kings Mountain Hike – Sat., Nov. 15, at 9:15am in Blacksburg, SC. We will walk the 1.8-mile Battlefield Trail in the Nat’l park, then hike the 1.5 mile Living History Trail in the State Park. Read event info on Facebook prior to attending for safety and preparation. RSVP on Facebook or with Ali Franks. State Park Cost: \$1-3 per person.

Songfest w/ Keith Lancaster of Praise & Harmony Acapella Co., Sat., Nov. 15, 2pm, at Deep River Church of Christ, 2067 Deep River Rd., High Point, NC. RSVP: tinyurl.com/DRSongfest. Arrive early, as it will be a packed facility. Bring lawn chairs & blankets for optional hot dog roast & s’mores to follow.

– COMING UP –

Congregation Meeting, Sun., Nov. 16, after our brief worship assembly.

All-Star Moms, Tues., Nov. 18, 4:45 – 5:30pm. Come to the church building as we join Webb Murray Elementary in kicking off this program for moms of Wimberly Crossings (Ridgecrest) Apartments. Volunteers are needed to read to children and to share information with the parents in some of the sessions. See Barbara Eckard, Janet Keever, or Theresa Watkins to help.

CHURCH BUDGET TIME: Thanks to your faithfulness, we are providing God-focused studies for all ages; enhancing our outreach; and helping support three global ministers. We still have building repairs to make in our buildings, A/V systems, etc. All 2026 yearly budget requests and supporting documentation needs to be submitted to our Treasurer, Larry Duncan, by **Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025**.

Churches of Christ Orphan Sunday, Sun., Nov. 16. To make a donation: take a pamphlet from the foyer; mail donation to Orphan’s Lifeline Int’l, P.O. Box 1100, Kalispell, MT 59903; or see Tom Keever.

Children's Christmas Skit for Sun. Dec. 21 - Parents, contact Elsa Barnes (828-301-4037) if your child(ren) want to participate.

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/@HickoryCOC
and [Facebook.com/HCOC111](https://facebook.com/HCOC111). **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**.

Casey Allen needs God's strength to overcome his challenges.

Georgiana Allen has been challenged with several medical issues recently.

Mandy Barrow is recovering from a broken ankle and is still unable to put consistent weight on it.

Danny Billings - father-in-law of Nicki Steelman's high school classmate. Doctors found cancer has spread to his lungs and bones.

Jean Brown is home recovering from Monday's knee replacement.

Shelly Cain's Aunt Melody passed recently. Please pray for Shelly's uncle, cousins, and the entire family.

Ray Catlett is in Carolina Rehab of Burke, for rehab. Karen hopes he can return home by Thanksgiving. They look to relocate to Florida, between Christmas and the New Year. They hope to sell their Hickory home next summer. Ray greatly needs our prayers for his continued healing. Karen sends her love to all.

Ruth Cloninger, Anita Wilfong's mom, is recovering from pneumonia.

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.

Blake Eckard fell Thursday at Grandfather Mountain and has a mild concussion and is bruised pretty badly.

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

Cathy Hall still needs corrective surgery for issues with her reverse shoulder replacement.

Myra Hill needs prayers for strength in her legs and feet.

Megan Rae Hollar is progressing nicely after having multiple back surgeries in recent months.

Jamaica, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic need prayers and support after Hurricane Melissa last month.

Sydney & Kim Jones need prayers for their immigration process for St. Martin, to serve with the church there. They are back in Trinidad for now. Sydney's mentor's wife has stage 4 breast cancer.

Cindy Lidey's cousin's daughter, Lisa, was killed in a 4-wheeler accident, while Lisa's husband, Dave, is hospitalized due to a badly broken leg he sustained from the same accident.

Harley Mayfield has a corneal ulcer. Her eye is healing nicely, with eye drops she is using.

Quanisha McNeal, a recent worship assembly guest, broke her femur Sat. and had surgery Mon. at Baptist Hospital. She greatly appreciates our prayers, as she recovers at home.

Deborah Miles has ongoing back pain, even after getting recent injections.

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 waiting for a greatly needed heart transplant.

Mary Nichols seeks prayers for her declining health.

Timmy Rainwater needs ongoing prayers for various challenges.

Pam Roberts has kidney cancer. She will have surgery at Baptist Hospital December 19.

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

John & Ann Stasny have ongoing medical challenges. Pray for, write, call, and/or visit them. She is at Crestview Rehab, 752 E. Center Ave. – Room 400, Mooresville, NC 28115-2591.

Flavio and Renee Uribe are in Wisconsin with their children. He has a reoccurrence of Lyme Disease and she has bronchitis. Email him at: Flavio.uribe@gmail.com and her at chocolateuribe@gmail.com.

Darlene V has a number of health challenges and wants to grow closer to Christ.

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, in recovering from their house fire. Pray for Andy's family: his sister-in-law Phyllis (cancer), his brother Anthony (health **concerns**). Shelly is with her mom in WV, as her mom mends from surgery.

Mike Wilfong is home recovering from Wednesday's knee replacement.

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

11/9 Myra Hill, 11/10 Barbara Eckard, 11/10 Lucille Woodrum, 11/12 Jerry Burton, 11/15 Andy Wharton

Hospitality Coordinator: November – Janet Keever