

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“The Great Invitation + Being An Inviting Church”

Sunday, December 7, 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:

“Managing the Storms of Life”

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 –

Interested in a Bible Study? To learn more about Jesus, baptism, or following Christ, reach out to Kevin Bibbee or one of our elders.
Kingdom Café & Prayer, Today, at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall. Coffee/sweets will be provided. Let's pray for unsaved loved ones.
LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together), Today, at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring supper. Dessert will be provided.
Ladies' Isaiah Discovery Bible Study - Facebook Messenger, Mon. at 6:15pm. There will be no meeting on Dec. 8; join us on Dec. 15.
Family Meal, Wed., Dec. 10, at 6pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bible classes for all ages are at 7pm.
Dragonslayers' Men's Bible Study, Sat., Dec. 13, at 8am, in the Fellowship Hall. Come out for an uplifting fellowship and Bible Study.
Welcome baby girl Ember Moon Sly. Ember was born to Nathan and Tori Sly on Nov. 26 at 9:34am. She weighed 7lb, 9oz and is 22 inches long. Her older siblings, Max and Violet are also thrilled at her arrival. See the precious photo below.

– COMING UP –

All-Star Moms Session that was scheduled for Tues., Dec. 2, was canceled due to no one attending. Please continue praying for this effort between Webb Murray Elementary School and us to be effective in creating constructive dialogue with moms of the Ridgecrest Apartments. **The next session is Tues., Dec. 16, at 4:45pm at HCOC.**
Christmas Pancake Breakfast Party for Kids and Parents, Wed., Dec. 17, 6:15pm - 7:40pm. We will also prepare fruit bags for our seniors, so we need kids and adults to donate oranges, grapes, bananas, tangelos, pears, fruit cups, peppermints, candy canes, other individually wrapped candy, or small nut packs. Any amount of these items will be a great help. Please let Debbie Killian know what you will bring (828-292-0434). Register kids here: tinyurl.com/HCOCpancake25
Children's Christmas Skit for Sun. Dec. 21 - Parents, contact Elsa Barnes if your child wants to participate. All kids who would like to participate should attend the older kids' Kingdom Kids on Sun., Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 to practice for the skit.
Kings Mountain Hike: Sun., Dec. 21, at 1:15pm in Blacksburg, SC. We'll walk 1.8-mile Battlefield Trail in the nat'l park, then 1.5 mile Living History Trail in state park. Read Facebook event info for safety & preparation. RSVP: Facebook or w/ Ali Franks. Cost: \$1-3.
Holiday Drop-in, Sun., Dec. 21, 6-8pm, at the Burkhalter's, 5302 Chestnut Dr., Hickory. Come for finger foods, cookies, & fellowship.
Coins for Christ is 12/28, and the last Sun. of each month. Encourage kids to bring donations, to help learn the importance of giving.
NO Kingdom Kids on Sun., Dec. 28. Let's all worship together, as we close out this wonderful year.
GriefShare, Grief Support Group, will meet at HCOC in the Hut, Sun., Jan. 11 at 2pm. There will be 13 1-hour meetings on Sunday afternoons. See Megan Rae Hollar or Jean Brown to sign-up. Workbooks are \$20.

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. **Email Prayer Requests & Announcements to:** bulletin@hickorychurch.org

Wi-Fi: Hickory Church of Christ WiFi: gentlesquash101

The Hickory Church of Christ is Praying

Shine like Jesus - As the holidays approach, look for those who may be alone or lonely; then bless them with the love of Jesus.

Anniversary Celebration - **Many congrats to Ken and Alice Lail who celebrated 60 years of marriage on Tuesday, November 25.**

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.**

Christine Adkins has bronchitis but is feeling better this week. She and her family are grieving the sudden passing of her niece, Susan Adkins who was in her 40's.

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

Mandy Barrow is still struggling in recovering from an ankle injury.

The Bonds' family was our guest Sun. Their grandfather is in the hospital.

Margaret Burns was hospitalized briefly, after falling at home. She is back home and getting along okay.

Ray Catlett is in Carolina Rehab of Burke, for rehab. Karen hopes he will be home by Thanksgiving. They look to move to Florida, by year-end and to sell their Hickory home next summer. Ray needs our prayers for continued healing. Karen sends her love to all.

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.

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

Bobbie Hadden's sister, Lisa, is taking dialysis and therapy, as part of a long road to recovery.

Cathy Hall is taking IV antibiotics. Pray for her healing.

Joe Hall's brother-in-law, Tyler, had a heart attack.

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

Megan Rae Hollar is progressing well, as her back heals from recent surgeries. Thank you Lord.

Sydney & Kim Jones – pray for their immigration process for St. Martin, to serve with the church there. Seeking closure by 12/31.

Tony & Cynthia Lipford seek prayers for Tony's brother, Mike Lipford, who is in Caldwell Memorial Hospital.

Madi McClinton seeks prayers for their mom, Tonya Jackson, who is incarcerated.

Quanisha McNeal, a recent guest, broke her femur and is home recovering nicely from surgery. She appreciates our prayers.

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.

Sonia Nobles, a sister in Christ and Watkins' friend, has cancer that has returned.

Timmy Rainwater needs ongoing prayers for various challenges.

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

Ronald Sands, the husband of a recent HCOC guest, is in CVMC with health challenges. Pray for his healing and for his wife's strength. They only moved to Hickory in October.

Mark & Katelyn Siminski's Uncle, Gary Farris (57), passed away. Pray for their safe travels as they return from his Celebration of in Grand Rapids, MI.

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

Ann Stasny departed this life Monday after extended illnesses and faithfulness to Christ. Pray for comfort for her husband, John, and for her children, David and Lisa Bierce.

Flavio and Renee Uribe are in Wisconsin with their children. He is weak, due to a reoccurrence of Lyme Disease. Email him at: Flavio.uribe@gmail.com and her at chocolateuribe@gmail.com.

Darlene V has 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.

Percil, Theresa, and Hannah Watkins sustained a rear-end hit and run Sunday in Charlotte. They have some muscle soreness and more, but are thankful their injuries were not worse.

Andy & Shelly Wharton had a recent house fire. His sister-in-law, Phyllis, has cancer. His brother, Anthony, has 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

12/14 Justin Kime

Anniversaries

12/11 Todd & Chelsea Robbins

Hospitality Coordinator: December – Janet Keever & Debbie Killian