

Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“Growing an Intimate Relationship with God”

**** Sunday, April 26, 2026 ****



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: – Kevin Bibbee “Opened & Released” Mark 7:24-37

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/>

Offering Report – April 19, 2026

Weekly General Offering Need: \$3,175

General Offering: \$5,567.00 YTD: \$55,923.83

God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7b

– THIS WEEK –

Coins for Christ is today and there will be no Kingdom Kids.

Grief Share, Grief Support Group, meets Sundays at 2pm in the Hut. Contact Megan Rae Hollar (828-446-9524), for info.

Interested in Bible Study? To learn more about Jesus, baptism, or following Christ, reach out to Kevin Bibbee or our elders.

Ladies’ Hebrews Discovery Bible Study – Mondays at 6:45pm on Facebook Messenger. See Theresa Watkins to join this study.

Mid-Week Bible Classes for Kids, Wed. at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Family Meal**, Wed., at 6:30pm. **Adult class** 7:20-8:00 Galatians Study – In-Person and on Zoom. Contact Joe Hall, 828-228-2905, for the Zoom link.

Trust-Based Relational Intervention Training Zoom for church leaders, youth workers, and others interested in being better-equipped to serve those among us. Tuesday, April 28, 2pm – 3:30pm. Zoom- **Meeting ID: 846 0111 6472. Passcode: 778114.**

Baby Shower Danielle Barnett - Sunday May 3 Please bring salads and light sandwiches. Needs list is on Bulletin board.

Youth Rally, Fri. - Sun., May 1-3, Wilkesboro Church of Christ, 1740 Curtis Bridge Rd, Wilkesboro, NC. See registration info. in the photo or contact Andy King, 704-460-7768.

– COMING UP –

Family Game Night: Fri. 05/08, 6:30pm-9:00pm. Please bring a dish to share, and your games! RSVP with Megan Rae or Ali.

Hannah Watkins' Graduation from Rice University, Sat., May 9, 8pm EST, Houston, TX. There are limited tickets available for the ceremony, but see Theresa Watkins if you are interested in attending. **Graduation Livestream:** commencement.rice.edu.

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 28602 | **Elders:** Scott Fitch, Tom Keever, Steve Killian, & Percil Watkins | **Deacons:** Larry Duncan, 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

Pray regularly for our unsaved loved ones that they would believe in and follow Christ.

Pray daily for our shepherds, deacons, minister, counselor, and evangelist.

Foreign Wars. Pray for all in the Ukraine - Russia War. And for those involved with the Israel-Hamas War.

Pray for the conflict in Iran, for our troops, and for a peaceful resolution.

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

Georgiana Allen is to have surgery on June 16 to remove carcinoma from her eyelid.

Marissa Baker and Sean seeks our prayers for their infant son who is doing okay, but was released from the hospital Friday.

Hester Burkhalter and Family send love and blessings to us, as they complete their 3-week cross-country and Hawaii trip.

Jerry Burton was remembered in a beautiful Memorial Service this past Sunday. His relatives include his son, Wayne; daughters, Gail and Kelly; niece, Alicia Hollar; great-niece, Megan Rae Hollar; and many others. Pray for his family and loved ones. Memorials may be made to Hickory Church of Christ.

Shelly Cain seeks prayers for; A sister in Christ's granddaughter (under age 10) in Texas who has heart failure and is being evaluated for a heart transplant. Please pray for Arianna, her mom Katherine, and grandma Joy. (And the rest of the family)

Paul & Jan Caldwell's son, Michael, has seen the doctor and the cancer he has is melanoma. He is to start treatment soon. They have had good success with this treatment. Please continue to pray for this.

Alfred Cole, Cindy Lidey's brother-in-law, is in rehab, due to an accident

Cole Bay Church of Christ seeks God's guidance for more growth. They are without a full-time preacher but are praying for one.

Blake and Barbara Eckard are now in their new home- 1031 Long Drive, Newton, NC 28658. Thanks to all who helped them relocate. Pray for them as they get settled and prepare their former home to be sold.

Barbara Eckard seeks prayers for Sam Nixon (21), the brother of her nephew's fiancé'. He had a 2nd surgery Fri.

Cathy Hall is in Davey Hospital with a double kidney infection.

Joe & Cathy Hall's niece, Rachael, is suffering from an undiagnosed illness. She is in her 30's and is almost in a wheelchair.

Tasha Herman, the Watkins' friend and a PNO mom, is recovering from outpatient surgery she had on April 16.

Myra Hill was in the ER this past Sat. night. Her blood sugar level was above 400 and she had other challenges.

Cindy Lidey has a racing heart and high blood pressure. She will have an MRI soon.

Deborah Miles sister-in-law, Brenda Battler, passed away in Baltimore. MD.

Dee Dee Miles seeks prayers for her neighbor, Belinda, for challenges that she is having.

Andrew Moody will need more injections soon. Pray for all to go well with him for these.

Steve Moore, Si Tilton's friend and our brother, is in Searcy, AR. He is terribly sick with cancer and needs are prayers.

Margo Hull Nance is waiting for a greatly needed heart transplant.

Mary Nichols seeks prayers for a family situation that involves DSS.

Lori Pickett, the sister of the Watkins' friend, is battling lung, pancreatic and liver cancer. She is taking chemo treatments.

Chelsea Robbins' husband Todd passed away recently. Pray for the family, as they cope with his absence.

Lisa S. seeks our prayers for family issues she is having.

Eddie Sigmon is recovering from surgery. He saw doctors Friday, to assess his healing.

Sherry Smart is at home, after having wrist surgery after a fall. She faces other surgeries in the coming months.

Bonita (Boni) Tilton received treatment Thursday, to address problems with her knees.

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

Lucille Woodrum is counting her blessings. She is stable, while not regaining weight.

This coming weekend, several of our ladies will attend the Ladies' Retreat at Carolina Bible Camp. Pray for their safety and for everyone to be uplifted.

Shut-Ins: Barbara Eddins, Myra Hill, Mary Nichols, and Kay Smith. Ella Jane Mays is at Terra Bella Sr. Living – Memory Care.

Birthdays

4/27 April McGrady, 4/30 Landen Killian, 5/2 Percil Watkins

Anniversaries

4/28 Bryce & Bailey Hull

Hospitality Coordinator: April -Janet Keever