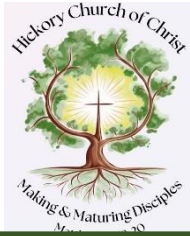


Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“Growing an Intimate Relationship with God”

**** Sunday, May 17, 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:

Flavio Uribe “ Watch Out! Keep your Eyes Wide Open”

Text: Mark 8:1-21, Proverbs 20:12, Matthew 23, Proverbs 4, Ezequiel 12

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 – May 10, 2026

Weekly General Offering Need: \$3,175

General Offering: \$2097.00 YTD: \$63,847.83

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

– THIS WEEK –

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.

Teachers/helpers/kitchen workers are needed Pray and consider helping as we meet at 6pm Wednesdays

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.

Senior Friends Lunch Friday May 22 at 12:00 at Sunnyside Restaurant in Mt. View. Please RSVP w/ Barb Eckard or Barbara Gnann.

Senior Jar: a large glass jar will be placed in the foyer beginning today for Koen Killian, who will be graduating from St. Stephens High School. Please help us fill this jar with cards of encouragement for him as he meets this milestone and takes steps into the next season in his life. The jar will be available until the first Sunday in June.

Building and Grounds: help is needed with the church building and grounds. Please see Larry Duncan or Percil Watkins.

Debbie Killian and family send their thanks for the outpouring of love on them during these difficult days. If anyone brought them a dish with food. the pans and plates are now returned in the foyer.

– COMING UP –

Trust-Based Relational Intervention Training Zoom for church leaders, youth workers, and Bible Class teachers. Tuesday, May 26, 2pm – 3:30pm. **Zoom Meeting ID: 810 2652 1883. Passcode: 004386.** In-person training is Tues., June 9 at 5:30pm.

Ashley Ladd Trail: Sun., May 31, 3:00pm in Yadkin Memorial Park. Hikers must read through the trail information prior to attending for safety and preparation. RSVP in the Facebook group or w/ Ali Franks.

Graduation Sunday is June 7th - Please bring food and drinks and stay for our pot blessing lunch! Cake and Ice Cream will be provided. Email graduates’ names (Pre-K – College) to hickorycofc@gmail.com.

Soco Falls and Mingo Falls Hike: Sat., June 13, 9:15am at the Soco Falls trailhead. Hikers must read through the trail/event information prior to attending for safety & preparation. RSVP w/ Ali F. or in the church Facebook group.

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

Johnquavis Keyes was baptized last Monday! Please continue to pray for him as he grows in 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.

Danielle Barnett is in the hospital with pre-eclampsia. Continue to pray for her and health of the baby girl who is due soon.

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, is doing well, now receiving immunotherapy treatments.

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 in Newton. Pray for their success in selling their former home soon.

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

Jonathan Gilbert's mom Sandy had a stroke. She is home now, but may need more rehab for mobility issues.

Cathy Hall has another infection. Please pray for her healing as she copes with the 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.

Roy Henson is to begin getting this week a new infusion medication for his Multiple Sclerosis.

Tasha Herman, the Watkins' friend and a PNO mom, is recovering from outpatient surgery and grieving her aunt's passing.

Myra Hill was in the ER recently. Her blood sugar level was very high and she had other challenges.

Debbie Killian, and sons, Bryan (Crystal) & Tyler (Kristen) & Family Keep the family in your prayers as they deal with the passing of Steve and the difficult times ahead.

Cindy Lidey had an MRI and a nuclear stress test done this week.

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

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

Steve Moore, Si Tilton's friend and brother in Searcy, AR. He is better with the cancer, but his kidneys aren't working properly.

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.

Seth & Jenna Powell Congratulations on the arrival of Simon Rayford Powell on May 4th.

Timmy Rainwater new address is Colonial Manor Health Care 160 Health Care Drive Rutherfordton, NC 28639.

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

Eddie Sigmon had a good follow up doctor visit after his recent surgery. Please pray for his continued recovery.

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

Bonita (Boni) Tilton received treatment recently, to address immense pain in 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.

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

Birthdays

5/16 Shelby Abercrombie, 5/20 Tammy Rainwater

Anniversaries

Hospitality Coordinator: May Patsy Yoder