

# Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

**“Growing an Intimate Relationship with God”**

**\*\* Sunday, May 24, 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 “A Second Touch”**

**Text: Mark 8:1-21, Proverbs 20:12, Matthew 23, Proverbs 4, and Ezekiel 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 17, 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** – Resumes Mon., June 1, at 6:45pm on Facebook Messenger. See Theresa Watkins to join.

**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.

**Wed. Bible Classes** for Kids at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Family Meal** at 6:30pm. **Adult class** 7:20pm in-person & zoom.

**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.

**Senior Jar:** a large glass jar is in the foyer for [Koen Killian](#), who graduated from St. Stephens High School Fri. Please help us fill his jar with cards of encouragement as he meets this milestone and takes steps into the next season in his life. The jar is there thru the first Sunday in June.

**Car Needed** – Single mom seeks used car that she can repair or used car she can pay for over time. Contact Joe Hall 828-228-2905

## **– COMING UP –**

**Coins for Christ & No Kingdom Kids** – Sun., May 31. Have kids bring coins to offer them to Christ. No kingdom kids on this day.

**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](mailto:hickorycofc@gmail.com).

**Trust-Based Relational Intervention Training Zoom** for church leaders, youth workers, and Bible Class teachers. In-person training is Tues., June 9 at 5:30pm.

**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.

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

## **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, & Percil Watkins | **Deacons:** Larry Duncan, Josiah

Tilton, & Joe Hall | **Website:** [www.hickorychurch.org](http://www.hickorychurch.org) | **Sun. Worship Live:** [youtube.com/@HickoryCOC](https://youtube.com/@HickoryCOC) and

[Facebook.com/HCOC111](https://Facebook.com/HCOC111) | **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

**Tinsley Armstead was baptized into Christ yesterday. Call/Text him: 8284681180 or write him: 4956 Old Catawba Rd., Catawba, NC 28609.**

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.

Jared & Danielle Barnett's new daughter, Tilly Jane, is doing well and will have a checkup on Friday.

Shelly Cain seeks prayers for Arianna (10) with heart issues, 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.

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

Kimi Hall had hip surgery this week for an injury she suffered while on duty.

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 recently.

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.

Mike Parker (75), Janet Keever's brother-in-law, passed away. Please pray for Janet, Tom, and the family, including Mike's adult children, Emily and Zachary. Mike's wife, Joyce (Janet's sister), died in December 2020 from COVID complications.

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

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

Steve Shirah did too much in the yard over the weekend and couldn't be with us Sunday because of significant pain in his knees. He is to have x-rays done this week.

Eddie Sigmon had a good follow up after his recent surgery. Please pray for his continued recovery. Next appt is June 2

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

Tim Stroud's mom passed away after a struggle with kidney failure. Pray for Tim, Missy and the family during this difficult time.

Bonita (Boni) Tilton has ongoing health challenges.

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

5/23 Danielle Burkhalter, 5/25 Grace Lawrence, 5/30 Shelly Cain

Anniversaries

5/23 Justin & Sharon Kime, 5/24 Noah & Ali Franks

Hospitality Coordinator: May Patsy Yoder