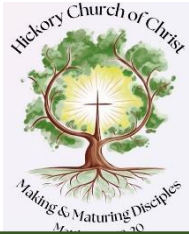


Welcome to Hickory Church of Christ!

“Growing an Intimate Relationship with God”

**** Sunday, May 3, 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 “ The Width, Length, Height and Depth of the Divine Embrace”

Mark 7:24-37, Ephesians 3:14-19

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 26, 2026

Weekly General Offering Need: \$3,175

General Offering: \$1785.00 YTD: \$57,708.83

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.

Baby Shower for Danielle Barnett (for ladies) – Today at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring salads and light sandwiches.

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

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.

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.

– COMING UP –

Trust-Based Relational Intervention Training Zoom for church leaders, youth workers, and Bible Class teachers. Tuesday, May 12 & 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

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.

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 melanoma in his heart. He is to start treatment soon.

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.

Cathy Hall is home from the hospital. Please pray for her healing as she copes with several infections.

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 are grieving the passing of her husband of 54 years, Bro. Steve Killian, one of our faithful elders. He passed away unexpectedly last Saturday at home. His funeral service was held here yesterday. Memorial gifts can be made to Catawba County Farm Bureau's Scholarship Fund or to Hickory Church of Christ.

Cindy Lidey has a racing heart and high blood pressure. She will have a nuclear stress test on May 6.

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.

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 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

5/3 Scott Fitch, 5/7 Koen Killian

Anniversaries

5/8 Tanner & Tara Anthony

Hospitality Coordinator: May Patsy Yoder