

Hoover Church of Christ

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

April 10, 2022

A new heart

Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the world's first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky in 1967.

Or at least that's what medical sources say.

Read what Jesus said about the good soil, the good heart:

"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, . . . [some] seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear . . . But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold" (Mark 4:13-20).

I want that kind of heart, you say. I don't want these thorns . . . I want a spirituality that's deep and consistent . . . I want a tender heart. But how?

Listen to Ezekiel:

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God (Ezekiel 36:22-28).

I will give you a new heart, God says.

We don't get a new heart by trying harder, by striving and working and sweating.

God gives it. He performs the transplant. Paul writes, "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Reflect on that: God's Spirit is transforming you into the image of Christ.

Your heart is sometimes calloused, but the Spirit is softening it. Your faith is too shallow, but God is deepening it. Your spirit is too thorny, but the Lord is focusing it.

The medical sources are wrong. Dr. Barnard didn't perform the first heart transplant.

God's been doing them all along, and he's still working on you.

—Chuck

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

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Worship Assignments Sunday

Elder to Contact in April for Needs:

Harold Rhodes

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters, AM:

Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller

Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner

Back Lobby: Jason McKeown

Ushers, AM:

Will Spurlin & Donnie Winningham

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Scripture Reading: Darren Hicks

Singing, AM: Kyle Wadley

Opening Prayer, AM: Rick Williams

PM: Johnny Johnson

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion, AM: Jeff Melton

PM: Chad Blackmon

Announcements: Paul Williams, Jr.

Closing Prayer, AM: Damian Fantroy

PM: Jonathan Weimer

Audio/Cameras: Clint Richey

Alternate: David Naylor

Video: Grant Dalton

Security: Steven Gaither

Alternate: Walden Schlundt

Bible Reading Plan for April 10-17

Sunday, April 10: 2 Samuel 19-21

Monday, April 11: 2 Samuel 22-24

Tuesday, April 12: 1 Kings 1-2

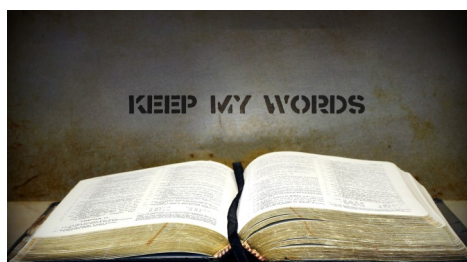
Wednesday, April 13: 1 Kings 3-5

Thursday, April 14: 1 Kings 6-7

Friday, April 15: 1 Kings 8-9

Saturday, April 16: 1 Kings 10-11

Sunday, April 17: 1 Kings 12-14



Today

Visitors, welcome to our worship service this morning—we're thankful you're here. Please fill out a visitor's card that is located in the pew. We would like to know where you're visiting from.

Adult Bible Classes, 9:00am: There are new teaching teams in the Auditorium and in the Library. **Auditorium:** Merv Prince and Jerry Culbertson, "Where We Got the Bible & Truth"; **Library:** Chuck Webster, Joel Abbott, and Wes Blankenship, "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table."

The Tanzania Class meets in Room 11 at 9:00am. All those who plan to travel to Tanzania this summer are encouraged to attend.

This evening at 5:00pm, our young men in Lads to Leaders will conduct the worship service.

Family News and Events

If anyone is interested in going to Guyana for missions work this July, please see Mike Clelland by April 23. This should give him plenty of time to make plans and purchase tickets.

On Wednesday, April 13, our lads will conduct the auditorium class and our leaderettes will lead a ladies' class in the fellowship hall. Our adult Bible class, "**Words to Know: 12 Important Words in Scripture**," will resume on Wednesday, April 20—the word is "Covenant," and the teacher is Bill Rayburn.

The Young at Heart will meet this month on Friday, April 22, and the menu is Potluck. **Allen and Deebe Taylor** are hosting this event.

The Food Pantry will reopen on Sunday, April 24, from 3:00-4:30pm, and the food item that is needed is **Rice**.

The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class meets weekly in the high school classroom at 11:00am.

Youth

Save the Date for VBS: Vacation Bible School at Hoover will be on **Thursday-Saturday, June 16-18**. Details will be coming soon.

Happy Anniversary

Ken & Carol Norris April 10

Happy Birthday

Landon Jones	April 10
Steven Gaither	April 10
Madison Watkins	April 11
Zuri Gagakuma	April 11
Anthony Petruzella	April 11
Karen Blakemore	April 12
Kellen Vick	April 13
Phillip Searcy	April 15
Mike Clelland	April 15
Cheryl Dupree	April 16
Griffin Webster	April 16
Corey James Covington, Jr.	April 16

Words of Gratitude

Dear Hoover family,

Thanks so much for the prayers and support you have given our family during Hope's illness. The ways that you show love have truly been a blessing, and we are so thankful for each of you.

Hope, Marc, Donna, and Caroline Handley

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Organizer needed for Red Cross Blood Drive: As you know, our congregation has worked with Red Cross for the last few years in hosting blood drives in our building. We have another one scheduled for June 26 this year, but we really need someone who can organize this event. The role would include recruiting donors and scheduling appointments, as well as making sure the fellowship hall is set up on the day of the event, meeting Red Cross representatives, and scheduling volunteers. If you have any questions, please see Marla Troughton. We hope to keep serving our community in this way, so we would appreciate someone's stepping up to serve in this way.

Carelines

Sheryl Jackson is recovering from surgery.

We extend our sympathy to **Lana Sellers and her family** upon the death of her mother who was a long-time member of Hoover Church of Christ, **Betty Rowena Lewis English**. Rowena passed away at the age of 101 on Thursday, March 31.

Jeanne Anderson is undergoing chemotherapy; please pray that these treatments will be effective.

Hope Handley is receiving treatments for her illness; please continue to pray for her wellbeing.

Brenda Warren is recovering from knee replacement surgery and is in a lot of pain.

Doyal Newsom will be having tests soon—please pray for good results.

Sarah Washington is recovering from surgery and is feeling better. She will have another operation on June 23.

Jan Holt, Giana Kidwell's friend, has recurrent breast cancer and will have surgery on April 28.

Charlie Pflueger, Tom Kidwell's dad, is suffering with health issues. Please send cards of encouragement to him at 1323 Windwalker Court, Prescott, AZ 86305.

Richard Lawson, Alyssa Long's dad, is battling stage 4 kidney cancer and is recovering from a heart attack. Please pray for his comfort and healing. Also, cards of encouragement can be sent to him at 6406 Maysville Road, New Market, AL 35751.

Caroline McNeill, Tom and Giana Kidwell's sister-in-law's sister, is recovering from cancer surgery.

Remember our shut-ins: Lynne Nichols, Nancy Williams, and Joyce Baker.

Remember our church family: Edward Curry, Dick Smith, Linda Crow, and Gail Powell.

Remember our families and friends: Chris Plummer (Tom & Giana Kidwell's niece's husband), Doug Abbott (Joel Abbott's dad), Patrick Nichols (Lynne Nichols' son), Charlie Davis (Leah Covington's dad), Lisa Cupp (George Cupp's wife and friend of the Kidwells), Maggie (Gary Bradley's granddaughter), Austin Wentz (Bill & Brenda Rayburn's friends' grandson), and Dean Kendrick (Markie Jones' grandmother).

Love is Sacrificial Action

I took Helen (eight years old) and Brandon (five years old) to the Cloverleaf Mall in Hattiesburg to do a little shopping. As we drove up, we spotted a Peterbilt eighteen-wheeler parked with a big sign on it that said, "Petting Zoo." The kids jumped up in a rush and asked, "Daddy, Daddy. Can we go? Please. Please. Can we go?" "Sure," I said, flipping them both a quarter before walking into Sears. They bolted away, and I felt free to take my time looking for a scroll saw. A petting zoo consists of a portable fence erected in the mall with about six inches of sawdust and a hundred little furry baby animals of all kinds. Kids pay their money and stay in the enclosure enraptured with the squirmy little critters while their moms and dads shop.

A few minutes later, I turned around and saw Helen walking along behind me. I was shocked to see she preferred the hardware department to the petting zoo. Recognizing my error, I bent down and asked her what was wrong.

She looked up at me with those giant limpid brown eyes and said sadly, "Well, Daddy, it cost fifty cents. So, I gave Brandon my quarter." Then she said the most beautiful thing I ever heard. She repeated the family motto. The family motto is in "Love is Action!"

She had given Brandon her quarter, and no one loves cuddly furry creatures more than Helen . . . She had watched both us do and say "Love is Action!" She had heard and seen "Love is Action," and now she had incorporated it into her little lifestyle. It had become part of her.

What do you think I did? Well, not what you might think. As soon as I finished my errands, I took Helen to the petting zoo. We stood by the fence and watched Brandon go crazy petting and feeding the animals. Helen stood with her hands and chin resting on the fence and just watched Brandon. I had fifty cents burning a hole in my pocket; I never offered it to Helen, and she never asked for it.

Because she knew the whole family motto. It's not "Love is Action." It's "Love is SACRIFICIAL Action!" Love always pays a price. Love always costs something. Love is expensive. When you love, benefits accrue to another's account. Love is for you, not for me. Love gives; it doesn't grab. Helen gave her quarter to Brandon and wanted to follow through with her lesson. She knew she had to taste the sacrifice. She wanted to experience that total family motto. **Love is sacrificial action.**

—Dave Simmons, *Dad, The Family Coach*, Victor Books, 1991, pp. 123-124

Attendance and Offering

April 3, 2022

Attendance:

Bible Study: 165

AM Worship: 234

PM Worship: 123

Wednesday: 123

Contribution: \$16,165.92

Weekly Budget: \$15,050.00

Weekly Average: \$15,324.48

Contribution to Date: \$214,542.72

Hoover Supported Works

- *Childhaven, Cullman, AL*
- *Rainbow Omega, Eastaboga, AL*
- *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief*
- *George Funk, Gospel Chariot Missions, South Africa*
- *Cy Walker, Guyana*
- *Clothing Closet*
- *Food Pantry*
- *Guyana*
- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*

Mission Trips

- *Guyana*
- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*
- *Peru*

Oversight

- *Christ Happy Childhaven, Philippines*
- *Tanzania Missions*

Proverbs 9:9

"Instruct the wise, and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous, and they will add to their learning."

**The Lion who is a Lamb
(Revelation 5)**

Who can _____?

The Lion of the _____

A _____

"My _____ is made perfect in _____."

GriefShare Ministry

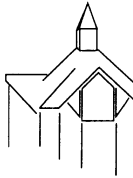
So many people within our church family have experienced significant losses in their lives, so we're thankful to be able to offer a **GriefShare Ministry**. This will be a learning, sharing, and supportive small group ministry that will be open to members of our congregation. It is organized around a thirteen-week schedule where participants meet together for around two hours each week and watch professionally-designed videos featuring encouragement from professional grief counselors and also sharing from people who are grieving. These presentations are coupled with discussions that are designed to internalize what participants learn in the videos. If you think this ministry might help you process your loss, please reach out to Harold Rhodes, Kyle Wadley, or Chuck Webster for more information, or you can visit <https://www.griefshare.org/>. **This group meets each Sunday from 2:00-4:00pm.** Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sunday Evenings

In addition to our classes and worship on Sunday mornings and classes on Wednesday evenings, we're looking forward to providing many opportunities on Sunday evenings over the course of 2022. Here's what we have planned:

- **First Sunday of each month:** Faith in Action (opportunity to serve our community in some way; Bible study in the church auditorium will also be provided)
- **Second Sunday:** Pray and sing and read Scripture together in the auditorium
- **Third Sunday, April 13:** Lads to Leaders will conduct the worship service.
- **Fourth Sunday:** Spend time at home with friends and/or family (worship opportunity provided in the auditorium as well)
- **Fifth Sunday:** Sing together in the auditorium

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