



Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

June 12, 2022

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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

ELDERS

Carl Logan	979-9874
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Heaven on earth

It's exciting to think about what heaven will be like, though we don't know as much about it as we wish we did. My own thinking about heaven has evolved over the years. When I was a child I thought about it as a place that would provide unimaginable fun, something like a never-ending theme park. Now I think about it differently.

What will it really be like? What will we do? How can we spend eternity doing *anything*?

God doesn't actually tell us, at least not exactly, but he gives us some pretty strong hints in the book of Revelation.

The main verb for "worship" in the New Testament is *proskynéō*. It's used 60 times, but over a third of them are in Revelation.

Heaven on earth? I wonder if it's possible during those moments that we really worship, those rare times when the world is completely gone from our minds, when no distractions bother us, when we have no nagging emotional or physical pain . . . I wonder if that's a little taste of what heaven will be like?

Read and meditate on a few passages from Revelation today, and in your devotional think about heaven and worship and actually being completely in God's presence without the limitations of the flesh:

- *The twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne . . . (4:10).*
- *And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped (5:14).*
- *And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God (7:11).*
- *And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God (11:16).*
- *Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed (15:4).*
- *And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" (19:4).*

I doubt the greatest thing about the new heaven and earth will be the absence of pain and disease and disappointment. I get the sense that it'll be incredible because we'll be in God's presence and we'll be moved to worship him like never before. We won't be distracted by money problems, or nagging backaches, or the child who demands constant attention, or other everyday anxieties. Won't that be wonderful?

Sin and guilt will no longer drag us down, and Satan will never again convince us that we're not worthy to be in God's family.

But what about now? You'll probably struggle in your worship today because you're in the flesh, but perhaps taking this little peek at heaven will help.

So go ahead and worship. You'll fight distractions, and what you offer God today will be imperfect, of course, but he wants you to do it anyway. He wants you to set aside a few minutes and focus your mind and heart on him.

Clearing your mind of peripheral concerns and directing your thoughts heavenward may be one of the toughest things you'll do, but do it anyway. You never know what will happen . . . maybe in your moment of worship today God will choose to give you a little taste of heaven.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments Sunday

Elder to Contact in June for Needs:
Paul Williams, Jr.

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters, AM:

Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller

Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner

Back Lobby: Vickie and Steve Cotney

Ushers, AM: Donnie Winningham and Will Spurlin

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Scripture Reading: Darren Hicks

Singing, AM: Kyle Wadley

Opening Prayer

AM: Bob Brooks

PM: Jerry Culbertson

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion

AM: Steve Cotney

PM: Stephen King

Announcements: Paul Williams, Jr.

Closing Prayer

AM: Walden Schlundt

PM: Tom McQuillan

Audio/Cameras: Chad Blackmon

Alternate: Rick Williams

Video: Mark Lackey

Security: Shawn Troughton

Alternate: Norman Rutland

Bible Reading Plan for June 12-19

Sunday, June 12: Job 38-39

Monday, June 13: Job 40-42

Tuesday, June 14: Psalms 1-8

Wednesday, June 15: Psalms 9-16

Thursday, June 16: Psalms 17-20

Friday, June 17: Psalms 21-25

Saturday, June 18: Psalms 26-31

Sunday, June 19: Psalms 32-35



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.

We have classes for all ages at 9:00am.

This evening at 5:00pm, everyone is invited to meet in the fellowship hall for a Spaghetti Dinner, Homemade Ice Cream Contest, and then a Singing and Prayer Service. The church is providing the spaghetti dinner, but we want our members who like to make homemade ice cream to bring their best—there will be a contest! Ice Cream will be judged on appearance, consistency, and flavor.

Members, don't forget to contact **Vickie Cotney**, mamac@cotney.com, to have your family picture taken.

Family News and Events

The Food Pantry will reopen on Sunday, June 26, from 3:00-4:30pm, and the food item that is needed this month is **Apple Juice**.

Words of Gratitude

Hoover family,

I am grateful to God for blessing me with great test results. I truly thank you and appreciate your prayers and cards of encouragement. It means so much. My prayers are with you and your families. God bless you, and thank you so much.

In Christian love,
Doyal Newsom

"To meditate on Scripture is to allow the truth of God's Word to move from head to heart. It is to so dwell upon a truth that it becomes part of our being."

— Greg Oden

Youth

Vacation Bible School at Hoover is this week—**Thursday-Saturday, June 16-18, from 9:30am-12:00pm.** Register online now at the following link: <https://hooverchurchofchrist.org/vbs/>. Volunteers are needed too—register at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4BACA928A31-20211>

Happy Anniversary

Carl & Lajuana Logan	June 14
Jimmy & Kay Lyles	June 15

Numbers 6:24-26

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Happy Birthday

Mary Mason Pope	June 13
Bill Rayburn	June 13
Nathan Guill	June 14
Sam Goff	June 17
Garrett Vick	June 17
Mya Rumph	June 18
Tamil Hillary	June 18

A Confession From Our Hoover Member for Prayers

I repent and ask for prayers for strength. I have been struggling with some emotional issues of pain and hurts. I ask God to forgive me and help me forgive others that I need to forgive. I ask God to heal me of the hurts, release and Let Them Go. I ask God to give me the Peace that passes all understanding and the Freedom to move forward to new levels to accomplish the good works of service He is guiding me to do to glorify Him. Thank you for your prayers. God bless you!

—Doyal Newsom

Carelines

Janice Renfro, a resident at the AHEPA 3 Senior Apartments, has a spot in her lung and will have a procedure to determine the treatment for it.

Greta Perry, a Philippine Mission team member and a member of the Fayette Church of Christ, has been diagnosed with a blood disorder, Chronic ITP.

Hillary Wright, Janie Gaither's friend and fellow teacher, has begun chemotherapy, and radiation will follow.

Doug Abbott, Joel Abbott's dad, is suffering with Parkinson's disease.

Charlie Pflueger, Tom Kidwell's dad, has been moved back to an assisted living facility, and he is doing somewhat better. You can send cards of encouragement to 3305 Aravilla Sarasota, 3251 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34231.

Mary Stewart, Jason and Tiffany McKeown's friend's mother, is starting chemotherapy for ovarian cancer.

Please keep Linda and Marlon Crow in your prayers. Linda is now in long-term care due to continued decline in her condition. Her room number at Fair Haven is 7314.

Joe Taylor, Allen Taylor's brother, is recovering from bypass surgery and will be wearing a heart monitor.

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

Doyal Newsom has requested prayers for **her daughters and especially her oldest daughter**—they are going through challenging times. Bless her grandchildren and her daughters with strength, encouragement, and guidance.

Ashley Wilson, Markie Jones' cousin, was in a car accident and broke her femur; she is having complications.

Kirsten Best, April Best's cousin, is undergoing treatment for mental health issues, and she is doing much better.

Jan Holt, Giana Kidwell's friend, is recovering from breast cancer surgery.

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

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

Remember our families and friends: Leigh Slay & family (Melody Warbington's neighbor), Susan Hawkins (Lynn McKeown's friend), Sue Adams (Denia Petruzella's aunt), Richard Lawson (Alyssa Long's dad), Charlie Davis (Leah Covington's dad), and Dean Kendrick (Markie Jones' grandmother).

A Place for Everyone

When you get there for that first time on Sunday afternoon and look around at all the new faces, you might feel a little bit nervous. But if you observe carefully, you'll see most everyone smiling and getting acquainted, or reacquainted. You'll see some people anxiously waiting in a spot where they can see clear to the bend in the dirt road so that they can be ready to run and greet close friends. And it probably won't be very long before that first cheerful person comes up to you and says, "Hey, I'm _____, what's your name? I'm glad you're here." Then, as the week passes by, you'll spend hours intently studying God's word, singing beautiful songs to the Lord, and enjoying wonderful Christian fellowship. There is no doubt in my mind that if you go there expecting to have a good experience, you can be positively affected forever. This place, a blessing from God, is **Backwoods Christian Camp**.

One of my favorite things about BCC is that no matter what you need, you may find it there. I have known all sorts of people over the years who have found a much needed place of peace, joy, and purity in Backwoods. Some people come there distraught . . . and they find comfort. Some people come there lonely . . . and they find lifelong friends. Some come there overflowing with joy . . . and they spread that joy, then leave even happier. Some people come as alien sinners or Christians burdened by sin (Romans 3:23) . . . and they leave a new creature in Christ, or forgiven, with a revived spirit (2 Corinthians 5:17). What is your need?

At a typical camp session, on Thursday night, everyone heads up to the ball field for a final, evening devotional. There's just something about being on that hill, looking up into the vast sky, and singing and praying to the Lord with all your heart. For a moment, all negative thoughts find themselves cast out of my mind, and I feel as though I've had a glimpse of the reward for which all Christians labor. But, I believe, that is the idea behind great places like **Backwoods Christian Camp**. There you can leave the cares of this world behind and concentrate on what really matters. I encourage you to allow God to bless you by attending BCC this summer. Hoover members, ask me about registration. If you'd like to go with our group from Hoover, register at www.backwoodschristiancamp.org by Sunday, June 12, to get the discounted camper rate. Email me at dpowell@hoovercoc.org for more information.

—Darrell Powell

Attendance and Offering June 5, 2022

Attendance:

Bible Study: 174

AM Worship: 217

PM Worship: 55

Wednesday: 122

Contribution: \$17,573.01

Weekly Budget: \$15,050.00

Weekly Average: \$14,810.94

Contribution to Date: \$340,651.72

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*

2 Corinthians 3:17

"Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom."

<p style="text-align: center;">The Cities We Build (Genesis 11:1-9)</p> <p>Let us build ourselves a _____ and a _____</p> <p>Let us make _____ for ourselves</p> <p>And the Lord _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GriefShare Ministry</p> <p>We recently had our last meeting of our first GriefShare group, and we believe God used our time together to bless everyone who attended. As we move forward, we're planning to make this ministry available to people outside of our congregation—whether they're followers of Jesus or not. We believe that God might use us to help people in our community to realize how much God loves them and how he wants to care for them in their time of grief.</p> <p>We're looking forward to beginning a new group on Saturday, October 1, from 10-12, and we'll meet every Saturday at the same time, finishing on December 31. If you're struggling with grief, please plan to be a part of this new group. If you have a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker who you think might benefit from attending, please let them know about this ministry. We would welcome them.</p> <p>This ministry is organized around a thirteen-week small-group program where participants meet together for around two hours each week and watch professionally-designed videos featuring professional grief counselors as well as people who are grieving. These presentations are coupled with discussions that are designed to internalize what participants learn in the videos. Please reach out to Harold or Donna Rhodes, Teresa Hicks, Kyle Wadley, or Chuck Webster for more information, or you can visit https://www.griefshare.org/.</p>
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