

Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

August 22, 2021

What do you see?

In the past few years, a number of movie stars and recording artists have died of drug overdoses. It's sad and tragic on so many levels, but honestly, it's gotten to the point where we're not that surprised anymore, are we? Maybe we don't expect it of this particular actor or that particular rock star, but it's happened so many times with superstars that it's not really unexpected.

In a way it's hard to understand. Why do so many wildly successful people turn to drugs? Why aren't they happy with all their money and fame? They're on top of the world, right?

Or maybe they're not.

If we follow Jesus, we already know the answer:

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! (Matthew 6:22-23)

Just before these verses he was talking about money, and that's probably what he's got in mind here. When people's eyes are focused on their money—and what it can do for them—their hearts are filled with darkness.

But in a sense money stands for everything tangible and temporal in this world. It gets our attention, then grabs our hearts. We start seeing it, then we can't see anything else. That's what a "bad eye" is—it's focused on stuff that can't fulfill and doesn't last.

On the other hand, the "healthy eye" sees beneath the surface to what really counts—things of God. Love, mercy, peace, hope, obedience, eternity.

That's the contrast Jesus sets before us. Will our eyes see only the things of this world? Will we think too much about the world's cheap thrills—money, superficial entertainment, empty pursuits?

Or will our eyes see God? Will we see what he's doing in the world, in us, in his people? Will we see what he sees? Will we see things above down here?

A healthy eye or a bad eye. Which do you have?

—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 August for Needs:
Harold Rhodes

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Scripture Reading: Matthew Cicero

Singing: Kyle Wadley

Opening Prayer: Sid Aultman

Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion: Eddie Sankey

Announcements: Harold Rhodes

Closing Prayer: RJ Arnold

Audio/Cameras: Will Spurlin

Alternate: Clint Richey

Video: Marc Handley

Security: Daniel Warren

Alternate: Walden Schlundt

Bible Reading Plan for August 22-28

Sunday, August 22: 1 Timothy 1-3;
Psalm 119:49-64

Monday, August 23: 1 Timothy 4-6;
Psalm 119:65-80

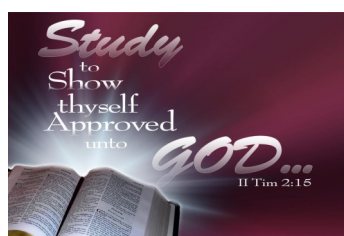
Tuesday, August 24: Esther 1-3;
Psalm 119:81-96

Wednesday, August 25: Esther 4-7;
Psalm 119:97-112

Thursday, August 26: *Reflection*

Friday, August 27: Esther 8-10;
Psalm 119:113-128

Saturday, August 28: 2 Timothy 1-4;
Psalm 119:129-144



Today

Worship services for the **AHEPA 3 Senior Apartments** will meet today at 3320 Old Columbiana Road in Hoover at 3:30pm.

Family News & Events

We now have four full-time members, **Karisa Schlundt, Pam Blankenship, Liz Weymouth, and Jennifer Lackey**, who will be working with **Jamie Starns** for **The Clothing Closet**. Until they get caught up with sorting the clothing that has been brought in, they **will not be accepting any clothing items** at this time. They will let you know when items can be brought back to the building.

The Food Pantry will reopen on Sunday, August 29, from 3:00-4:30pm, and the food item that is needed this month is **Oats**.

Happy Anniversary

Shawn & Marla Troughton	August 25
Steve & Janet Hamm	August 26
Quincy and April Collins	August 27

Happy Birthday

Emily Blakemore	August 22
Gail Powell	August 24
Chet Powell	August 26
Steve Martin	August 26
Zachary Blakemore	August 26
Angie Thomason	August 27
Elizabeth Searcy	August 28

Birthdays are a wonderful experience, especially for children. They are a glorious moment we celebrate the anniversary of our birth and give thanks for another year of life! They're also an opportunity to give our love to family and friends by sharing heartfelt gifts and words of appreciation. And what better words to share than the **Word of God**? —Brannon Deibert

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above . . ." (James 1:17).

Carelines

Sheryl Jackson will be having surgery at St. Vincent's on Thursday, August 26. She will be in the hospital for a couple of days and then will recover at her daughter's home. Please keep Sheryl in your prayers.

Todd Batchelor, Rebecca Webster's father, had a heart attack on Tuesday while in a hospital in Nashville fighting COVID. **Janet**, Rebecca's mother, is also in the hospital with COVID. Please pray for their healing.

Robert and Tammy Powell, Tiffany Roberts' parents, have been very ill with COVID, and her mom is especially having a hard time breathing.

Tiffany Roberts is really struggling to walk—this may be caused by a nerve issue. Please pray that she will overcome this problem and be able to see a doctor who can help her.

Please continue to pray for **Jeanne Anderson's** health.

Doug Abbott, Joel Abbott's dad, has Parkinson's Disease and severe arthritis in his back and lately has been struggling with leg pain and falls.

Charlie Davis, Leah Covington's dad, has prostate cancer; please pray for his healing.

Daniel and Tiffany Gaines, missionaries in Tanzania, both have recovered from COVID.

Elizabeth Chase, sister of one of the doctors (Laura Parks) who works in Joel Abbott's practice, has had another arrhythmia and is back in ICU. Her situation has stabilized, but she is having daily fever. Please pray for healing.

Linda Gooding, Bob Arnold's niece, is still in a hospital in KY fighting COVID-19. **Kenny**, Linda's husband, passed away from COVID.

Edna Earle Daffron, a long-time friend of Steven and Janie Gaither, had surgery on her intestines and is now on a ventilator.

(Carelines Cont.)

Marion Covington, Leah Covington's daughter-in-law, has a melanoma on her leg which will be removed surgically on September 1. Please pray that it has not spread, and she will heal quickly.

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

Remember our Church family: David Naylor, Gail Powell, Monica Robinson, Mollye Melton, Dick Smith, Joe Thomas, Nancy Harris, and Sylvia Huffman.

Remember our families and friends: Patrick Nichols (Lynne Nichols' son), Carl Naylor (David Naylor's brother), John McGee (Sam and Melody Warbington's neighbor), Pam Reece (Jim Reece's sister-in-law), Harry Green (Bill Rayburn's friend), Tiffany Stack (Sylvia Huffman's granddaughter), Shirley Rayburn (Bill Rayburn's sister-in-law), and Courtney Carlisto (former member of Hoover).

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"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul."

Psalm 46:10

"Be still and know that I am God."

**Two Steps for How to
"Be Still" and Silent:**

1. It is important to remove distractions. Find a specific time and place for solitude. Turn off any distracting noise in the background. Take the time to experience God's presence.
2. Besides removing outside distractions, it is essential to silence our inner being. That is, banish all the thoughts within us that pull our attention away.

—Liz Auld,
Managing Editor, *Crosswalk.com*

**Do Your Friends Take You
Closer To Jesus**

"Jesus is here, and He is healing many!" People all over began to exclaim as word spread about the presence of the Lord. For one group of friends, their thoughts quickly shifted to their paralyzed friend. This was their chance to really help him. But it would not be easy. The crowd would be dense and desperate, but they might never have another chance like this. So, one by one they began arriving at their friend's home with hopeful looks and determination that they would finally see this good man made physically whole.

In their excitement, they each grabbed a corner of his bed and lifted him, carrying him to the place where Jesus was. As expected, the crowd was overwhelming. There was no line, just a mob of people pressing against the door to the house. The paralytic sighed, "I want to thank each of you for trying to help me. I don't want you to feel bad that it would be impossible to get me through this crowd." The friends' eyes met above the man and a moment of silence is interrupted by their reassurance, "You will see Jesus tonight and you will be healed."

They picked up some rope and tied it to the corner of the bed. Some of the friends climbed up on the roof while others lifted the bed over their heads and handed it up. Once they were all on top of the house, they began removing tiles and digging through until the hole was big enough to lower the bed and their friend down to the Son of God. Jesus surprised them all when He showed that the man's greatest need was not to walk, but to be forgiven. Then, He looked at the man and said, "Rise, pick up your bed, and go home." Their excitement and gratitude spilled out of the home as everyone cheered and rejoiced. He would no longer be known as the paralytic, but as the one who was forgiven and healed by Jesus himself. (see Luke 5:15ff.)

Is your mind shifting to a friend who needs to see Jesus? If you believed that your friend's greatest need could be satisfied by Christ, would you drop everything and do your best to carry him or her to Him? Can Christ be seen in you? Is your love for your friend and for the Lord evident in the importance you place on them? Bring them in and lay them before Jesus!

—Darrell

**Attendance and Offering
August 15, 2021****Attendance:**

Bible Study: 134

AM Worship: 216

PM Worship: 115

Wednesday: 132

Contribution: \$14,569.88

Weekly Budget: \$13,800.00

Weekly Average: \$15,101.60

Contribution to Date: \$498,352.87

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*

1 Peter 3:15

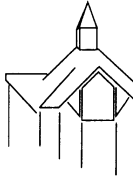
"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect . . ."

**The Roaring Lion
(1 Peter 5:6-11)**

The _____

How _____

Where we're vulnerable and how the _____ addresses it



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