

# Hoover Church of Christ

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

*Matthew 6:21*

August 29, 2021

## Who's Your Lord?

Whether you recognize it or not, you've already made a big decision today: What (or whom) are you going to serve? What will determine your decisions, your priorities, your attitudes? What's going to define who you are?

And it's important to remember that the throne of your heart only seats one, so you can't give two answers to these questions. We've got dozens of important concerns in our lives, but only one is Lord. Only one calls the shots.

Your heart's throne is a coveted place, so you've got all sorts of things competing to sit on it. Your job might be competing for the position, either because your boss demands it or because you seek fulfillment and happiness there.

You might feel compelled to put your family on the throne—after all, Christianity is a family-oriented walk, right?

It could be a hobby—sports, shopping, hunting, fishing, decorating. We all know the person who works all week only so that he or she can \_\_\_\_\_ on the weekends, don't we?

And, of course, it could be money. Yes, Jesus is still talking about money. We might wish for him to move on, but he's got one more thing to say before he changes subjects:

*No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money (Matthew 6:24).*

Notice how absolute his first statement is. There's not much wiggle room here: *No one can serve two masters*. I've tried it before, haven't you? I've thought that I could serve God and \_\_\_\_\_ without really choosing one or the other. Maybe God and career. Maybe God and family. Maybe God and entertainment. Maybe God and self.

It doesn't work, because we've only got one throne. Something—a principle, a person, a pursuit—determines everything that we do.

In fact, we can summarize the Bible's message in one sentence: God wants to be Lord of our lives. He wants to be in charge of everything about us, not because he's some egotistical, self-centered deity, but because he knows it's best for us to run wholeheartedly after an infinitely loving, merciful God.

Every day we make the choice, and then we live according to the answer.

Who's Lord of your life today? What's really most important to you? To paraphrase Jesus' words, you cannot serve God and anything else *at all*. —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

#### ELDERS

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## Worship Assignments Sunday

**Elder to Contact in August for Needs:**  
Harold Rhodes

**Call to Worship:** Chuck Webster

**Scripture Reading:** Jonathan Weimer

**Singing:** Kyle Wadley

**Opening Prayer:** Corey Covington, Sr.

**Sermon:** Roy Johnson, Executive Director of Lads to Leaders

**Communion:** Jason McKeown

**Announcements:** Carl Logan

**Closing Prayer:** Nolan Williams

**Audio/Cameras:** Will Spurlin

**Alternate:** Clint Richey

**Video:** Marc Handley

**Security:** Daniel Warren

**Alternate:** Walden Schlundt

## Bible Reading Plan for August 29-September 4

**Sunday, August 29:** Job 1-3;  
Psalm 119:145-160

**Monday, August 30:** Job 4-6;  
Psalm 119:161-176

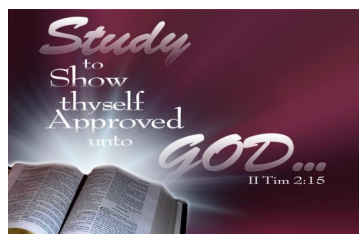
**Tuesday, August 31:** Job 7-9;  
Psalm 120

**Wednesday, September 1:** Job 10-12;  
Psalm 121

**Thursday, September 2:** *Reflection*

**Friday, September 3:** Job 13-15;  
Psalm 122

**Saturday, September 4:** Job 16-18;  
Isaiah 1



## Today

**The Food Pantry** is open today from 3:00-4:30pm. No volunteers are needed at this time; thank you for supporting this ministry.

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

We will enjoy a time of **singing at 5:00pm**. Please plan to join us!

“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”—Colossians 3:16

## Happy Birthday

Kaleb Findley	August 29
Jeff Melton	August 29
Easton Clark	August 30
Bridget Johnson	August 31
Bill Powell	September 3
Luke Percer	September 4

“May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”  
—Psalm 20:4

## Youth

**Our Lads to Leaders Kick-off Dinner and Meeting** has been canceled due to the recent increase in COVID cases. It is always best to be on the side of caution during these uncertain times.

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”  
—Colossians 3:12

## Carelines

**Janie Gaither** is having surgery this week to remove scar tissue from her throat. Please pray for a successful outcome.

**Todd and Janet Batchelor**, Rebecca Webster’s parents, remain in the ICU in Nashville fighting Covid. Janet is improving, but Todd had a heart attack last week and is not doing well. He is on a ventilator, as well as dialysis.

**Sheryl Jackson’s** surgery went well. She will be in the hospital for a few days and then continue her recovery at her daughter’s home. Please keep Sheryl in your prayers.

**Jeanne Anderson** had a CT scan at UAB last week. Please pray for her healing and encouraging results about her scan.

We extend our condolences to **Leah Covington and her family** upon the death of her mother, **Susan Williams**. Susan passed away last week from Covid and pneumonia while in a hospital in Texas.

**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.

**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 that she will heal quickly.

We extend our condolences to **Bob Arnold and his family** upon the death of his niece, **Linda Gooding**. Linda passed away after being in the hospital for a month with COVID. Her husband, Kenny, also passed away from COVID.

**Tiffany Roberts** is doing somewhat better and has found a doctor who can possibly help her.

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

**(Carelines Cont.)**

**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).

**Psalm 27:12**

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

**Pray that each of us** in our great nation would show love toward one another as Christ demonstrated for us.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7:** "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

—Jenn Soehlin, *Embracing.life.com*

"My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth."

—Abraham Lincoln

**Parenting in the Preteen Years**

During this period, learning respect is important. Learning to obey parents at this stage will have much to do with success later in life. A child is awake 60,000 hours by the time he is twelve. Of these he spends about 5,000 in school, 2,500 in Bible class and worship (if he never missed a service in his life), and 53,000 hours in the home.

It is obvious that parents, more than other children or teachers, have a great opportunity and much responsibility for seeing that children are obedient during this period. The finest schools and best organized playgrounds can never take the place of the family. When the home becomes merely a dormitory in which children bed down at night, they suffer. In the early years, children learn to respect authority and to honor superiors. It is said that from 1-6 a child forms attitudes, from 6-12 he forms habits, and from 12-18 he forms character.

How well they learn to respect and obey parents is generally how well they will respect and obey God later in life. Honoring parents prepares them to honor God. Children look to parents to supply needs, just as Christians look to God to supply needs. God cannot use a child or an adult who has not learned to obey. There are four concentric rings describing the situations in which all should learn discipline and obedience: the home, the school, the society, and the church.

If one does not learn obedience at home, he becomes a troublemaker in school, from there he graduates to the police court, and eventually he will hear terrible words at Judgement Day.

I saw tomorrow look at me,  
From little children's eyes,  
And thought how carefully we would  
teach if we were really wise.

Good parents thoughtfully teach and carefully discipline in love (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15).

**Attendance and Offering**

**August 22, 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Bible Study:** 152

**AM Worship:** 210

**PM Worship:** Family Night

**Wednesday:** 136

**Contribution:** \$12,040.36

**Weekly Budget:** \$13,800.00

**Weekly Average:** \$15,011.57

**Contribution to Date:** \$510,393.23

**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*

**Acts 1:8**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**August-September Sunday Nights**

We're excited about the opportunities to learn, serve, and grow on Sunday nights, so we want you to be aware of what's ahead so you can prayerfully plan how you're going to be involved. Here's what Sunday nights will look like now through the end of September.

**Tonight (Aug 29):** Singing . . . We'll sing some traditional hymns and also sing/learn some newer praise songs.

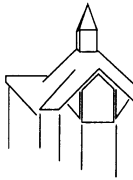
**Sept 5:** In lieu of our monthly Faith in Action service event, for September we're planning a Prayer Service. In addition to praying for health concerns on our CareLines, we'll spend time praying for other concerns that are on our hearts. We're grateful to Merv Prince for coordinating this evening of prayer.

**Sept 12:** We will meet in small groups in homes.

**Sept 19:** Chuck will teach a class in the auditorium: "What is God like?" (Exodus 34:5-7).

**Sept 26:** We will take time for family at home, or gather with other Christians. A video devotional will be available online, and there will also be a class in the auditorium at the church building if you'd prefer an in-person class.

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