

# Hoover Church of Christ

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

*Matthew 6:21*

April 22, 2018

## Paul's Pity Party

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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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### *Why is this happening to me, God?*

Most of us have cried those words at some point. After a job loss, perhaps, or mistreatment from someone at work. Or maybe it was a sick child, or even a loved one's death.

### *Why me?*

It's a huge question, of course, and much too big to address adequately in a short article. But it's something we need to think about, and it's better to gain perspective before we face difficulty than to try to develop it in the middle of the storm.

Paul had been thrown into prison, and his pity party is fun to watch. Actually, I think I'd be seeking sympathy if I were in prison, but Paul's attitude is remarkably different:

*I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ (Philippians 1:12-13).*

Incredible, isn't it? Where's the woe-is-me talk? Where's the look-at-how-much-I'm-suffering-for-Christ pity plea?

Most of us want a little sympathy if we get head colds, but Paul? He's just excited to see what God is doing through his difficulties.

I love that attitude. Maybe this week we can focus on cultivating a God-focused spirit when times are tough.

Health problems? Difficult co-workers? Irritable spouse? Relationship struggles?

Instead of blowing up the balloons and sending out invitations to the pity party, maybe we should first sit down and talk to the Lord and ask him to help us see what he's planning to accomplish through whatever difficulty we're in.

Instead of feeling sorry for ourselves, we should first consider that, to use Paul's words, maybe this "imprisonment is for Christ."

Maybe God has planned this to accomplish something huge for his glory and our good.

—Chuck

## Worship Assignments

### Sunday Morning

**Call to Worship:** Chuck Webster

**Scripture Reading:** Shawn Troughton

**Song Leader:** Kyle Wadley

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

**Communion:** Mervyn Prince

**Servers:**

Jeff Melton	Chad Yeilding
David Naylor	Drew Spivey
Jeff Brake	Jeff Dungan
Jeff Mathews	Adam Lyles

**Alternates:**

Darren Hicks / Norman Rutland

**Sermon:** Chuck Webster

**Announcements:** Jimmy Lyles

**Closing Prayer:** Marc Handley

**Ushers:**

Grant Dalton / Tom Kidwell

### Sunday Evening

**Song Leader:** Mark Lackey

**Opening Prayer:** Daniel Warren

**Sermon :** Chuck Webster

**Communion:**

Greg Nobles / Tom McQuillan

**Closing Prayer:** Josh Shelton

**Communion Trays Preparation:**

Mark & Jennifer Lackey

**Baptistery Garments:** Michelle Judd

**Communion Cups Pick-Up:**

Harper Yeilding / Wren Yeilding

**Cards for Pews:**

Annika Dalton / Madelyn Hunt

**Pencils for Pews:**

Mary Mason Pope / Marshall Pope

**Audio / Video:** Will Spurlin

**Spring Quarter Facilities:**

Drew Spivey

## Today

**New Member pictures** for the church directory will be today before and after the morning worship service. Please see Susan Pope or Donna Handley if you have any questions.

**Weekly Devotional at the AHEPA 3 Apartments** will meet this afternoon at 3:30pm.

**The Ladies' Game Night and Dinner** is tonight following the evening worship hour. April Winningham is the coordinator of this event.

**The Spring issue of the Ladies' Newsletter** is on the back rail in the auditorium, or you can view it on our website at [www.hoovercoc.org](http://www.hoovercoc.org).

## Family News & Events

**Congratulations to Steven and Janie Gaither** on the birth of their granddaughter, *Harper Jane Oglesby*. Harper Jane was born on Saturday, April 14.

**Congratulations to Lanny and Renee Watkins** on the birth of their daughter, *Madison Elise Watkins*. Madison Elise was born on Wednesday, April 11, at 5:38pm, and weighs 7lbs 12oz and is 22in long. Mom and baby are both doing well.

**The Food Pantry** will reopen on Sunday, April 29, from 3:00-4:30pm, and the food items needed this month are peanut butter and apple juice.

Love God. Love People.

Change the world.

## Youth

**The Area-Wide Devotional at the Trussville Play Station is today!** The bus will depart at 4:15pm and return around 7:30pm. Supper will be provided, and there will be no cost for this event.

**The Area-Wide Retreat will be at Camp Ney-A-Ti in Guntersville, AL, on Friday-Sunday (May 4-6).** The bus will leave at 4:00pm. Please bring money to eat while traveling (there are no other costs), a bed roll, clothes, and toiletries.

**There will be a Pre-Teen Devotional in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 9, at 5:30pm.** Stacey Holland and Michelle Judd are the coordinators for this event.

**The Youth Group** will meet in the Teen Room on Wednesday, May 9, at 3:30pm and then go to Chick-Fil-A at 5:30pm.

**A Graduation Celebration** for our high school seniors, **Tyler Tippins, Anthony Petruzella, and Anthony Washington**, will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 13, after the evening worship service. Please sign the sheet that is on the back rail in the auditorium and indicate how many from your family will be attending. Please see Daniel or Lauren Warren with any questions.

## Happy Birthday

Bill Laughmiller	April 23
Anita Williams	April 23
Nicole Ndaira	April 25
Damian Fantroy	April 26
Jon Hunt	April 27
Walden Schlundt	April 27
Daniel Bowman	April 27
Micah Fantroy	April 27
Carson Hicks	April 28

"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification" (Romans 14:9).

## A Living Faith

Sometimes you hear people say that Christians are known more for what we're against than what we're in agreement with. Sadly, sometimes this seems true. We shouldn't be KNOWN for pointing fingers, judging others, and making it known what we believe is "right" and "wrong." Instead of trying to "get 'em told," we should be trying to save their souls!

A spiritually mature Christian doesn't get angry at people because they aren't faithful to God. A spiritually mature Christian mourns the lost and wants desperately to SHOW them WHY it is wonderful to serve God. It is a constant challenge to balance faith and works, but James chapter 2 stresses the importance of both. "But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works" (James 2:18). Real faith cannot exist without good works any more than love can exist without actions to back up the emotion.

Understanding the depths of God's love for us gives insight into the fact that He loves others every bit as much! When it comes to your faith and actions, you are establishing habits and patterns right now that literally can shape your life for better or worse. One key to success here is that when we start focusing on faith, the good deeds follow naturally.

Balancing faith and works can be a difficult thing to accomplish. Good deeds or bad deeds don't affect God's love for us even one bit. And, good deeds alone cannot earn God's favor or salvation, though using our talents faithfully is required (Luke 15). But, actions are evidence of the compassion, love, and grace God has bestowed on every Christian. So, today, will you consider submitting to Christ as a reaction to God's matchless love? "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17).

—Darrell

## Carelines

**Lynne Nichols** is feeling somewhat better, but she still lacks strength.

**Charles Webster**, Chuck Webster's dad, is doing some better. He has another artery that is 75% blocked, and the doctors plan to treat it sometime soon.

**Beverly Howell**, a former member of the Hoover congregation, is undergoing tests, and the prognosis shows that it may be cancer. She also has problems with diabetes.

We extend our sympathy to Charles Pilleteri and Grace Rutland upon the passing of **Carol Pilleteri** Thursday morning due to cancer. Charles is Grace's brother, and Carol was her sister-in-law.

**Walter Still, Sr.**, Doris Sankey's brother, was in a car accident on Thursday morning. He does not have any severe injuries and is doing well.

We extend our condolences to Corey Covington, Sr., and his family upon the death of his mother, **Margaret Covington**.

**Billy Joe Watson** will have a heart stent inserted tomorrow at UAB. He is expected to be hospitalized for 3-5 days.

**Gwendolyn Stevenson**, Teresa Rumph's mother, has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. She is at home now and resting.

**Remember our shut-ins:** Jeff Nabors, Rowena English, Jean Gray, and Joyce Baker.

**Remember our church family:** Joe Huffman, Jim Banks, Rick Williams, Sarah Washington, Joy Brooks, Gail Powell, Janice McFee, Leroy Owens, Freida Bearden, Claudia Velasquez Cuellar, Bill Laughmiller, and Nancy Williams.

**Remember our families and friends:** Breanna Bulger (Denia Petruzella's niece), Duane and Sue Sabens (Joyce Baker's sister and brother-in-law), Butch Haynes (Beth Burleson's dad), Milton Hogland (Karen Bender's neighbor), Winford Washington and Ruby Washington (Sarah Washington's brother and mother), Justin Searcy (Phillip Searcy's brother), and Patrick Nichols (Lynne Nichols' son).

## Attendance and Offering April 15, 2018

Attendance:

Bible Class: 205

Worship AM: 324

Worship PM: 172

Wednesday: 177

Contribution: \$13,333.95

Weekly Budget:

Weekly Average: \$15,757.54

Contribution to Date: \$236,363.11

## Supported Works

- *Childhaven, Cullman, AL (\$20,000 annually)*
- *Rainbow Omega, Eastaboga, AL (\$10,000 annually)*
- *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief (\$10,000 annually)*
- *George Funk, Gospel Chariot Missions, South Africa (\$2,400 annually)*
- *Cusco, Peru Mission Team, Barton Kizer (\$1,800 annually)*
- *Cy Walker, Guyana (\$1,200 annually)*
- *Brint Rice / Backwoods Camp (\$12,000 annually)*
- *Local Missions / Food Pantry (\$9,000 annually)*
- *Stateside Missions (\$8,000 annually)*
- *Guyana*
- *Tanzania*

**The Tree of Life  
(Genesis 2:9; Revelation 21-22)**

In Eden (Genesis 2:9): \_\_\_\_\_

Guarded (Genesis 3:22-24): \_\_\_\_\_

In the tabernacle/temple: \_\_\_\_\_

In the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22): \_\_\_\_\_

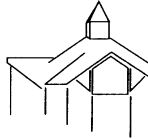
**Evidence That You Are God's Child  
(1 John 3:4-10)**

One or the other:

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What is John's word to us?



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