

Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

May 5, 2019

At hand

I've got quite a few things within reach as I type these words: my computer, of course, and my desk, a bunch of books, pictures of my wife and kids, and dozens of other things.

They're "at hand," so to speak, because I can reach them from where I sit.

Wherever you are, look around. What's within your reach? What's "at hand"?

The way Paul uses that expression in Philippians 4:5 both comforts and warns us.

The Lord is at hand.

Or according to several translations, "The Lord is near" (NASB, NRSV, NIV).

Amazing, isn't it? He's here with you right now.

He was with you through the night, and he'll be beside you as you live, worship, eat, drink, and rest today.

It's a comforting thought, but I think there's also a bit of a warning here.

Paul seems to be using the idea to remind the Philippians that Jesus really does care about what they do and how they think. The apostle has just urged them to rejoice and be gentle. He's about to tell them not to worry, but rather to pray, give thanks, and be at peace.

And in the middle of all that, he tells them the Lord is "at hand."

"At hand" means the Lord is nearby, but it's more than that.

It means he's interested in what we're doing. He hears our words, observes our actions, knows our thoughts.

Not in the sense of someone who's hoping we'll make a mistake so he can condemn us. But rather he's with us to encourage us and help us.

We'll struggle with sin some, and there are many causes. One reason is we forget that the one who died because of our sin is right here with us.

When I think about that, truly appreciate it, it helps me to take sin more seriously.

The Lord is at hand.

Take some time to reflect today, and ask God to help you to be more conscious of his presence. It'll almost certainly help you live more consistently with his will.

—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 Morning****Call to Worship:** Chuck Webster**Scripture Reading:** Jeffrey Heflin**Song Leader:** Kyle Wadley**Opening Prayer:** Bob Brooks**Communion:** Norman Rutland**Servers:**

Bill Rayburn	Chad Blackmon
Darren Hicks	Eddie Sankey
Greg Nobles	Joel Abbott
Luke Percer	Kyle Percer

Alternates:

Mervyn Prince / Will Spurlin

Sermon: Chuck Webster**Announcements:** Carl Logan**Closing Prayer:** Tom McQuillan**Ushers:** Quincy Collins / Jon Hunt**Nursery AM & PM:** Jamie Starns**Communion Cups Pick-Up:**

Ava Collins / Zoe Starns

Cards for Pews:

Emily Blakemore / Mary Mason Pope

Pencils for Pews:

Andrew Blackmon / Spencer Dalton

Sunday Evening**Song Leader:** Darrell Powell**Opening Prayer:** Caleb Henry**Devotional:** Chuck Webster**Communion:**

Luke Percer / Kyle Percer

Closing Prayer: Corbin Holland**Discussion Class:** Chuck Webster**Baptistery:** Brooke Williams**Communion Trays Preparation:**

John & Karen Bowers

Audio/Video: Wes Blankenship**Spring Quarter Facilities:** Drew Spivey**Today****The Weekly Devotional at the AHEPA 3 Apartments** will meet this afternoon at 3:30pm.

We will have a **Graduation Celebration for the Class of 2019 honoring Connor Church, Corbin Holland, Griffin Webster, Jaylen Jude, Luke Percer, and Maddy Dungan** in the Fellowship Hall this evening after our worship service.

Family News & Events

Congratulations to Devon, Faith, and Harley Hernly—Hudson Palmer Hernly was born on Thursday, April 25!

Hudson Palmer weighs 6lbs. 14oz. Mom and baby are doing well.

Congratulations to our graduating High School Seniors: **Connor Church, Corbin Holland, Griffin Webster, Jaylen Jude, Luke Percer, and Maddy Dungan!**

Joy Brooks received excellent news from her six-month CT scan; she is clear of any cancer!

The TNT, Thursday Nights Together Ladies' Prayer Group, will meet in the Senior High Classroom on May 16 at 7:30pm. Please see Lauren Warren with any questions.

The Young at Heart will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 17, at 5:30pm for a **Game Night and Birthday Celebration**. If you have any questions, please see Joe or Sue Ann Myers.

Our Visitors' Luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 19, immediately following our morning worship service. Visitors, if you can come back on the 19th, please join us for a meal that has been prepared just for you. If you have any questions about this, please contact Wes or Pam Blankenship.

Youth

The Lads to Leaders Banquet will take place on Sunday, May 26, after our morning worship service. Everyone is invited to enjoy a meal together and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our young people. The church will provide the meat, and everyone is asked to bring sides, desserts, and drinks.

Sarah Blackmon, Chad and Charity Blackmon's daughter, is working on a project with her **Girl Scout Troop** in providing needed items to the YWCA. Items needed are: 4-6 person place setting of dishes, 4-6 person setting of flatware, cookware set, storage containers (large Rubbermaid container), tissues, toilet paper, and paper towels. If you would like to donate, please contact Charity Blackmon.

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Gail Powell	May 5
Jonathan & Suzanna Weimer	May 6
Jeff & Rachel Mathews	May 7

Happy Birthday

C.T. Dodd	May 7
Brenda Warren	May 8
Emily Paris	May 10
Austin Weimer	May 10
Marc Handley	May 11
Nik Dungan	May 11

Words of Gratitude**Dear Church Family,**

Thank you for the care and concern demonstrated to me after my fall and recovery. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, and the meals were truly a blessing. I am thankful to be a part of this loving church family.

Karen Bender

Amazing!

The Greyhound had been thrashing about in the north Atlantic storm for over a week. Its canvas sails were ripped, and the wood on one side of the ship had been torn away and splintered. The sailors had little hope of survival, but they manually worked the pumps trying to keep the vessel afloat.

On the eleventh day of the storm, sailor John Newton was too exhausted to pump, so he was tied to the helm. With the storm raging as fiercely, Newton had time to think. His life seemed ruined and wrecked as the battered ship he was trying to steer through the storm.

Since the age of eleven, he had lived a life at sea. Sailors were not noted for the refinement of their manners, but Newton had a reputation for profanity, coarseness, and debauchery which even shocked many a sailor.

John Newton survived that day at the helm. That day, March 21, 1748, was a turning point in his life. It was a day that he would never forget, for he believed that “on that day the Lord sent from on high and delivered me out of deep waters.” On that day, he began to turn to the Christ that he had ignored since childhood when his mother had tried to teach him the scriptures.

Newton went on to write the words of the following beloved hymn: “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.” Newton lived to be eighty-two years old. Even then, Newton never ceased to be amazed by God’s grace and told his friends, “My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior.”

—adapted from Stan Mitchell, *Forthright Magazine and The Reformed Reader*

Hoover Church of Christ and The American Red Cross

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 2, which will be our next Blood Drive with the American Red Cross. Appointments to donate begin at 7:30 that morning, and the drive will close at 1:00pm. If you donate regularly, please wait and schedule your next appointment for our drive. Sign-up tables will be available prior to select services, or go to the link below to sign in and schedule your appointment time:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=HCOC>.

Carelines

We extend our condolences to **Bill Powell and his family upon the death of his brother, Oliver Carlton Powell, Jr.**

Tri'Sheena Stokes, a former member of the Hoover congregation, will be having surgery tomorrow at Huntsville Hospital to remove a right lung mass with embolization.

David Naylor is recovering at home from foot surgery and is doing fine.

Please continue to pray for **Leroy Owens**—he is under the care of Hospice and is not doing well.

Hosea Dallas is still undergoing physical therapy at Diversicare of Bessemer.

Freida Bearden is under the care of Hospice, and she can have brief visits.

Carl Anderson, Sarah Washington’s cousin, is waiting for a heart transplant and is not doing well. He has been readmitted to the hospital.

Keith Wynn, Clark Sharit’s nephew, has been in the hospital since last November and continues to need our prayers. Please also remember his wife, Michelle, and Clark’s sister, Sherry, as you pray.

Remember our shut-ins: Jeff Nabors, Rowena English, Joyce Baker, and Nancy Williams.

Remember our church family: Virgie Banks, Ron Crosby, Jeff Melton, Charles Gilbert, Sylvia Huffman, Sarah Washington, Nancy Harris, Lynne Nichols, and Janice McFee.

Remember our families and friends: Beth Bowers (visitor to the Food Pantry), Alicia Price (co-worker and friend of Cindy Hartman), Linda Bell (a former member of Hoover), Dotty Hager (Grant Dalton’s aunt), Tina Jackson (Steven Gaither’s niece), Amber Bruce (Emily Bedgood’s cousin), Kia and Kobe Ferguson (Sarah Washington’s cousins), Susie Easterling (Peyton Judd’s teacher), Sheryl Pitts (Jennifer Roberts’ friend), Cheryl Murphy (Charlene Thomas’ sister), and Butch Haynes (Beth Burleson’s father).

Attendance and Offering April 28, 2019

Attendance:

Bible Class: 213

Worship AM: 321

Worship PM: 141

Wednesday: 171

Contribution: \$14,326.83

Weekly Budget:

Weekly Average: \$15,479.56

Contribution to Date: \$263,152.48

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*
- *Philippines*

**That We May Be Like All The Nations: How Is Our Culture Affecting Us?
(1 Samuel 8:20)**

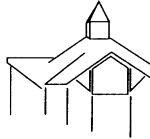
Five key words/phrases:

Resisting the pressure:

Discussion Class

After a brief worship service, Chuck will lead us in a discussion and overview of the texts in our reading plan that we have been reading and which we are about to read.

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