

Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

July 7, 2019

Truly content

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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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Are you content? Truly content? Some of you didn't sleep well last night, or perhaps your back is killing you. Are you content?

You might have a teenager who's questioning everything you say and do, and the constant conflict is about to make you lose your mind.

Your finances might be in shambles, and you're concerned about paying next month's rent or mortgage. Real contentment is elusive, isn't it? How can we relax when we've got all this to worry about?

I love the apostle Paul, but sometimes his level of commitment seems almost out of reach. Here is one of those passages. By the way, as you read this, remember that Paul is writing from a Roman jail—not exactly the best of circumstances. (In comparison, I'm writing this while sitting in a comfortable chair in a climate-controlled room . . .)

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:10-13).

The church at Philippi had sent Paul a gift, and part of the purpose of this letter is to thank them for it. But he wants to be clear: he's fine if he receives gifts, and he's fine if he doesn't.

I don't know about you, but if I'm in prison I'd much prefer receiving gifts over *not* getting them. Paul's faith is incredible.

He had grown so much in his relationship to Christ that his contentment wasn't tied to how much stuff he had, or if he had any at all. His happiness wasn't based on his surroundings—his smile was as big in prison as it was on the outside.

I get the feeling that Paul wouldn't have been too tolerant of people whining about not having the fastest horse on the street or the coolest sandals on the block.

Which brings me to us. I'm thankful for our country, but one of the problems about living in a prosperous part of the world is that we come to expect it.

We think we're entitled. *My house doesn't have enough bedrooms, or my clothes are last year's style, or my car doesn't have the bells and whistles of the latest models.*

I wonder how Paul would respond to some of the things we've grumbled about?

Here's a challenge: Pray that God will help you to grow in contentment. Ask him to give you a spirit of happiness that isn't tied to what's on the outside—your health, your house, your things. Ask him to remind you daily that depending on external things will never bring internal contentment.

If Paul could be content on the inside of a Roman jail, surely the rest of us can learn to focus more on all the good we've got.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Sunday Morning

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Scripture Reading: Will Spurlin

Song Leader: Kyle Wadley

Opening Prayer: Harold Rhodes

Communion: Steve Cotney

Servers:

Cameron Covington	Daniel Warren
Donnie Winningham	Jeff Church
Jeff Mathews	Marcus Harris
Shawn Troughton	Wade Warren

Alternates:

Jeffrey Heflin / Jeff Dungan

Sermon: Chuck Webster

Announcements: Jimmy Lyles

Closing Prayer: Damian Hillary

Ushers: Darrell Smith / Greg Nobles

Nursery AM & PM: Michelle Judd

Communion Cups Pick-Up:

Peyton Judd / Sophie Holland

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: Corey Covington, Sr.

Opening Prayer: Alex Roberts

Devotional: Chuck Webster

Communion:

Rick Williams / Caleb Henry

Closing Prayer: Kyle Percer

Discussion Class:

Chuck Webster and Steve Cotney

Baptistery: Brooke Williams

Communion Preparation:

Karen Bender / Frances Swallows

Audio / Video: Marc Handley

Summer Quarter Facilities:

Jay Holland

"In the same way, let your light shine before others . . ." (Matthew 5:16).

Today

The Weekly Devotional at the AHEPA 3 Apartments will meet today at 3:30pm.

Family News & Events

The Father/Son(s) Barons Game

Night is this Tuesday, July 9. Please see Rick Williams with any questions.

The TNT, Thursday Nights Together Ladies' Prayer Group, will meet in the Senior High classroom on July 18th at 7:00pm. Please contact Lauren Warren with any questions.

Vacation Bible School, The Greatest Show of Faith, is on Thursday-Saturday, July 18-20.

Dinner will be served at 5:00pm on Thursday and Friday, and VBS will begin at 6:00pm. Saturday's session starts at 9:30am, a presentation, awards, and a slideshow will be at noon, and lunch, games, and inflatables will start at 12:30pm.

The Young at Heart will meet for a Game Night and Birthday Celebration on Friday, July 26, at 5:30pm. Please see Karen Bender or Anita Williams with any questions.

The Food Pantry will reopen on Sunday, July 28, from 3:00-4:30pm, and the food items that are needed this month are apple juice and oats.

Happy Anniversary

Kenneth & Ame Johnsey	July 7
Eddie & Doris Sankey	July 8
Nicholas & Andrea Darby	July 13

Happy Birthday

Betsey Williams	July 9
Liz Weymouth	July 9
Kendyll Covington	July 9
Mattie Grace Graham	July 9
Clara Thomas	July 12
April Winningham	July 12

Youth

Please mark the following dates on your calendar for the upcoming Youth events this Summer:

- July 18-20: Vacation Bible School
- July 21-26: Backwoods Christian Camp 8th Session
- August 4: Teen Devotional
- August 5: Chick-fil-A Fellowship
- August 10: Back-to-School Bash
- August 18: Area-Wide Devotional
- August 23: Jr/Sr Leadership Meeting

Everyday Survival Kit

Items needed:

Toothpick; Rubber Band; Band Aid; Pencil Eraser; Chewing Gum; Mint; Candy Kiss; Tea Bag

Here's Why . . .

Toothpick: To remind you to *pick out* the good qualities in others (Matthew 7:1)

Rubber Band: to remind you to be *flexible*—things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out (Romans 8:28)

Band Aid: to remind you to *heal hurt feelings* . . . yours or someone else's (Colossians 3:12-14)

Pencil: to remind you to *list your blessings* every day (Ephesians 1:3)

Eraser: to remind you that *everyone makes mistakes*, and it's okay (Genesis 50:15-21)

Chewing Gum: to remind you to *stick with it* and you can accomplish anything (Philippians 4:13)

Mint: to remind you that you are *worth a mint* to your heavenly Father (John 3:16-17)

Candy Kiss: to remind you that *everyone needs love* everyday (1 John 4:7)

Tea Bag: to remind you to *relax* daily and to think about God's blessings (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

—House to House / Heart to Heart

A Wife's Encouragement

One wintry day Nathaniel Hawthorne, the American author, went home with a heavy heart, having lost his government appointment. He cast himself down, as men generally do under such circumstances, and assumed the very attitude of despondency. His wife soon discovered the cause of his distress. But instead of indulging in irrational hysterics, she kindled a fire, brought a pen, ink, and paper, and then, lovingly laying her hand on his shoulder, exclaimed, as she gazed cheerfully into his face, "Now you can write your book!" The words worked like a magic spell! He set to work, forgot his loss, wrote his book, made his reputation, and amassed a fortune.

"Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another" (Romans 14:19).

Property Laws of a Toddler

If I like it, it's mine.

If it's in my hand, it's mine.

If I can take it from you, it's mine.

If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.

If it looks just like mine, it's mine.

If I saw it first, it's mine.

If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.

If I'm doing/building something, all the pieces are mine.

If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.

If it's broken, it's yours.

"One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God."

—Romans 14:5-6

Carelines

Butch Haynes, Beth Burleson's father, has been admitted to the hospital at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. He has blood clots in both lungs, and one is impeding blood flow. He is also severely dehydrated and has lost 30 pounds in the last few weeks.

Gale Jett had knee replacement surgery last week, and she is doing well. Please pray that her recovery will be successful.

Please continue to pray for **Wes and Pam Blankenship** on the loss of their baby girl, **Mia**.

Griffin Webster is recovering from surgery on his ankle, and he is doing well.

Daniel and Faye Mosley, Charlotte Gilbert's sister and brother-in-law, need our prayers. Daniel has been admitted to a nursing home in Dunlap, TN, and Faye has multiple health issues.

Hosea Dallas has been released from rehab at Diversicare; please pray for his continued recovery.

Randy McGuire, a neighbor of the Judds, Websters, and Warrens, was in a truck accident and is in ICU at UAB.

Peggy Ferro, mother of Stephanie Ferro Roley (a member of Creekwood CoC in Mobile) and Lisa Ferro Davis, who are friends of the Troughtons, had her aortic valve replaced last week at UAB. This seems to be working well for her, so she will not have to have the LVAD surgery.

Keith Wynn, Clark Sharit's nephew, has been in the hospital since last November and continues to need our prayers.

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

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

Remember our families and friends: Ar-mamtha Washington, Clark Channing, and Carl Anderson (Sarah Washington's relatives), Dotty Hager (Grant Dalton's aunt), Tina Jackson (Steven Gaither's niece), Amber Bruce (Emily Bedgood's cousin), and Susie Easterling (Peyton Judd's teacher).

Attendance and Offering June 30, 2019

Attendance:

Bible Class: 172

Worship AM: 277

Afternoon Singing: 130

Wednesday:

Contribution: \$13,261.97

Weekly Budget: \$15,748.31

Weekly Average: \$15,048.46

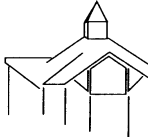
Contribution to Date: \$391,260.01

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*

Discussion Class

After a short worship service at 5:00, Steve Cotney and Chuck Webster will lead a discussion class based on what our congregation has been reading. We'll reflect on some of the events during the Divided Kingdom, look at a few of the kings, introduce a couple of prophets, and think about what God might be teaching us during our reading. If you have any questions about what you're reading, please email or text Chuck at [chuck.preacher@gmail](mailto:chuck.preacher@gmail.com) or 205-586-5610.



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