

Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

September 8, 2019

Idols

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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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It's easy enough to see idols in other people's lives.

I've occasionally scoffed at how someone seemed obsessed with something that is obviously (to me) unworthy of much time, attention, or money.

The problem with that is that idols trouble us all, and focusing on how other people's priorities are misaligned obscures my own struggle with them.

Jesus couldn't have been more in-your-face than he was here:

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it (Matthew 10:37-39).

He takes the most personal of relationships—those within the family—to urge us all to consider our allegiances.

Who's first? What's most important? Who sits on the throne of your heart?

I've often wrestled with Jesus' words in this passage, particularly when I think about my wife and kids. How could I love anyone more than them?

Does that struggle resonate with you?

These are important questions. Tough questions, extremely tough.

The Lord's words here may be uncomfortable to think about, but their message is easy to understand.

He expects to be loved more than anything else we've got, and that includes our loved ones, our hobbies, our jobs, our things.

Let's pray about it this week.

Let's ask the Lord to help us see where our danger spots are.

Let's ask him to help us think more seriously about what he says here—to put him first, to love him more, to obey him more consistently.

We've got idols, but our blindness to them is what makes them so dangerous.

Our goal is for God to help us see them for what they are—obstacles that keep us from enjoying the true spiritual intimacy that comes from enthroning the Lord.

Let's pray that God will help us lose our lives in him so that he might give us the lives we were created to live.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments	Today	Youth																														
<p>Sunday Morning</p> <p>Call to Worship: Chuck Webster</p> <p>Scripture Reading: Jay Holland</p> <p>Song Leader: Kyle Wadley</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Charles Gilbert</p> <p>Communion: Bob Brooks</p> <p>Servers:</p> <table><tr><td>Bart Burleson</td><td>Darren Hicks</td></tr><tr><td>Bill Freeman</td><td>Caleb Henry</td></tr><tr><td>Johnny Johnson</td><td>Ken Norris</td></tr><tr><td>Matt Trousdale</td><td>Kyle Bedgood</td></tr></table> <p>Alternates:</p> <p>Phillip Searcy / Nathan Guill</p> <p>Sermon: Chuck Webster</p> <p>Announcements: Paul Williams, Jr.</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Damian Hillary</p> <p>Ushers:</p> <p>Eddie Sankey / Norman Rutland</p> <p>Nursery AM & PM: Jamie Starns</p> <p>Communion Cups Pick-Up:</p> <p>Annika Dalton / Spencer Dalton</p>	Bart Burleson	Darren Hicks	Bill Freeman	Caleb Henry	Johnny Johnson	Ken Norris	Matt Trousdale	Kyle Bedgood	<p>The Weekly Devotional at the AHEPA 3 Apartments meets at 3:30pm.</p> <p>Our Brothers’ Keepers Units meet tonight after a brief devotional.</p> <p>Family News & Events</p> <p>The Ladies’ Weekly Bible Class begins meeting at 10:30am this Tuesday in the Teen Classroom. Please see Denia Petruzella or Leah Covington with any questions.</p> <p>Our next Visitors’ Luncheon is on Sunday, September 15, immediately following the morning worship service. Visitors, if you can come back, you are invited to a meal that has been prepared just for you.</p> <p>The TNT Ladies’ Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, September 19, at 7:00pm. Join us for an evening of prayer and fellowship.</p> <p>Faith in Action Service Project for Girls at Childhaven: If you want to help with this ministry, please see Lajuana Logan. Our first trip to Cullman will be on Sunday, October 6, and the next one will be on Sunday, November 3.</p> <p>Happy Anniversary</p> <table><tr><td>Stephen & Jennifer King</td><td>September 12</td></tr><tr><td>Tom & Giana Kidwell</td><td>September 13</td></tr></table> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <table><tr><td>Rex Anderson</td><td>September 8</td></tr><tr><td>Warren Collins</td><td>September 8</td></tr><tr><td>Connor Church</td><td>September 9</td></tr><tr><td>Harper Yeilding</td><td>September 9</td></tr><tr><td>Kingston Washington</td><td>September 12</td></tr><tr><td>Darrell Smith</td><td>September 13</td></tr><tr><td>Keenya Mathews</td><td>September 13</td></tr><tr><td>Wren Yeilding</td><td>September 13</td></tr><tr><td>Kaci Melton</td><td>September 14</td></tr></table>	Stephen & Jennifer King	September 12	Tom & Giana Kidwell	September 13	Rex Anderson	September 8	Warren Collins	September 8	Connor Church	September 9	Harper Yeilding	September 9	Kingston Washington	September 12	Darrell Smith	September 13	Keenya Mathews	September 13	Wren Yeilding	September 13	Kaci Melton	September 14	<p>Please mark the following dates on your calendar for the upcoming Youth events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">September 15: Area-Wide Devotional.September 20-22: Hoover Youth Retreat (leadership breakout groups) <p>September 22</p> <p>September’s Faith in Action Event:</p> <p>We’re looking forward to this month’s service project. April and Quincy Collins are leading this event, and on Sunday evening, September 22, we will go to The Fellowship House, a non-profit organization that provides a substance abuse recovery program designed to serve the needs of individuals who suffer from alcoholism, drug addiction, and co-occurring disorders. Because of the low cost of their program, they get many residents who are homeless as well.</p> <p>Our plan: We will drive to their location and provide a meal for them. We will also sing a couple of songs, share a brief devotional thought, and pray.</p> <p>What you can do: We’re asking our congregation to donate several items that the residents of The Fellowship House need: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, feminine products, toothpaste, t-shirts, and underwear. Over the next couple of weeks, as you shop, perhaps you can pick up a few extra items and bring them to the building so that we can provide these things for the people we will be serving. And, of course, please pray that God will use us to bless them in their struggles.</p> <p>“To the contrary, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals over his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”</p> <p>—Romans 12:20-21</p>
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Turning Pain Into Pearls

An incredible process begins when a foreign material, or a parasite, makes its way inside the shell of an oyster and begins causing damage. The intruder can threaten the life of the oyster, so something must be done. To protect itself, the oyster seals off the threat by using the same material that lines the inside of its shell (called nacre). The oyster cannot spit out the intruder, so it covers it with many layers of precious material, thus making it into a pearl. In other words, the producing of a pearl is a defense mechanism. The result? The painful intruders are turned into the beautiful pearls we have today.

There is much we could learn from the oyster. Too often, people intrude into our lives with qualities like discouragement, lies, insults, and anger. There is no doubt these cause damage. There is no doubt these can destroy relationships. However, when we respond in a kind and loving way, we can take someone who intended to do harm, respond in love, and transform that person into something beautiful for the Lord. Incredible changes can take place when we slowly respond to such intruders with layers of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

As sad as it is, hurtful words and actions are going to enter our lives, but how we react to them is completely up to us. Peter said it best: "To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing" (1 Peter 3:8-9).

—Brett Petrillo

"Your own soul is nourished when you are kind, but you destroy yourself when you are cruel."

—Proverbs 11:17

Carelines

Linda Garnett is scheduled to have a needle biopsy at Brookwood Medical Center this Tuesday, September 10, to determine the status of a spot that was found. Please keep her in your prayers.

Alfonso Johnson continues to need our prayers for his health.

Butch Haynes, Beth Burleson's father, remains in Grandview Medical Center. He will not be getting additional chemotherapy treatments; his doctors are keeping him as comfortable as possible. Please continue to pray for him, his wife, Theresa, Beth, Bart, and Lindsey (Beth's sister).

Matt Presley, a friend of the Troughtons and former youth director at Hoover, is in UAB with a neurological problem. Please pray for him as well as his wife, Kathy, and their children.

Alyssia Rafalsky, Mike and Suzanne Cleland's friend, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Wyatt Spann, son of Greg and Christy Spann from Winfield (Lajuana Logan's hometown), is in Children's Hospital with brain cancer.

Mary Sexton, aunt of Lajuana Logan's daughter-in-law, is in Grandview Medical Center with a blood clot in her lung.

Kendyll Covington has requested prayers for her college roommate, **Rebecca Frederick**. Rebecca's husband, **Ben Frederick**, passed away on Tuesday. She is also pregnant with their first child.

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

Remember our church family: Gale Jett, Hosea Dallas, Virgie Banks, Sylvia Huffman, Sarah Washington, Nancy Harris, Lynne Nichols, and Charlene Thomas.

Remember our families and friends: Cathy Abbott (Joel Abbott's mother), Bob & Liz Winter (Carl & Lajuana Logan's friends), Jenny Tucker (Giana Kidwell's niece), Daniel & Faye Mosley (Charlotte Gilbert's brother-in-law & sister), and Keith Wynn (Clark Sharit's nephew).

Attendance and Offering September 1, 2019

Attendance:

Bible Class: 212

Worship AM: 314

Worship PM: 168

Wednesday: 159

Contribution: \$15,738.19

Weekly Budget: \$15,748.31

Weekly Average: \$14,624.76

Contribution to Date: \$511,866.75

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*

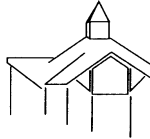
**Martyred for the Faith
(Acts 7)**

They “were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him” (v 54).

But why? What did Stephen say?

“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

Brothers’ Keepers



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