

Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

February 9, 2020

Big sins, little sins

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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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Sometimes we put sins into categories, probably without even thinking: "really bad sins," "bad sins," and "not-so-bad sins."

Sure, I'm a sinner, but none of mine are the really bad ones. I'd never commit those.

Like murder. Or adultery.

My sins are smaller stuff like sometimes thinking bad thoughts, losing my temper with my kids, spreading a little gossip, or being impatient and irritable. Everybody does that stuff.

Sound familiar?

The Christians James was writing to apparently made the same argument. "Sure, we may show favoritism, but at least we're not murderers or adulterers."

James didn't like their reasoning.

But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment (James 2:9-13).

Do you see his point? A sin—by its very nature—transgresses God's will. For us to try to make some sins not as bad as others betrays a misunderstanding of sin.

That was part of Jesus' point in Matthew 5. Essentially, here's what he said: "You know the Law says it's wrong to murder, but I'm telling you to deal with the anger that leads to murder." "You know adultery is wrong, but I'm telling you to clean up your dirty minds."

In James' context, favoritism/discrimination/prejudice, or not loving your neighbor, violates the very essence of what God wants in our relationships with one another. In one sense, if we treat one another poorly, we've committed the same sin that leads to murder—disregarding our mutual status as human beings created in God's image.

So what about us?

It applies to how we treat people, of course. If I disregard someone because for some reason I think he's less of a man than I am, I've missed the Bible's whole point about loving people. I've become guilty of breaking all of it.

We'd never murder anyone, but would we murder someone's reputation through gossip? We'd never attack others physically, but would we ignore them, snub them, or mock them?

The gospel calls us to recognize everyone's equal value before God. As sinners we're all in the same boat—we deserve the death sentence.

By God's grace he stepped in and rescued us, and recognizing that ought to remind us to extend mercy and grace to everyone around us.

God did it for us—shouldn't we do the same?

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Sunday Morning

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Scripture Reading: Alex Roberts

Song Leader: Kyle Wadley

Opening Prayer: Darrell Smith

Communion: Mervyn Prince

Servers:

Ivy Dees	David Naylor
Eddie Sankey	Kyle Bedgood
Walden Schlundt	R. J. Arnold
Tom McQuillan	Stephen King

Alternates: Jeff Church / Bart Burleson

Sermon: Chuck Webster

Announcements: Paul Williams, Jr.

Closing Prayer: Jeffrey Heflin

Ushers: Norman Rutland / Jon Hunt

Nursery, AM & PM: Kristen Dees

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: Rick Williams

Opening Prayer: Darrell Powell

2nd Sunday Congregational Singing

Communion:

Corbin Holland / Joel Abbott

Closing Prayer: Drew Spivey

Baptistry: Teresa Hicks

Communion Trays Preparation:

Doris Sankey

Communion Cups Pick-Up:

Landon Weimer / Gavin Weimer /
Harper Weimer

Audio/Video: Josh Shelton

Facility Concerns:

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Elder of the Month:

Paul Williams, Jr.

Today

Visitors, please join our **Brothers' Keepers** after our morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon that has been prepared just for you. **Unit 3 (the McQuillans) and Unit 4 (the Dungs)** will be hosting the lunch.

The Weekly Devotional at the AHEPA 3 Apartments meets at 3:30pm.

Family News & Events

One Word Devotional Readings: Today begins Week 6 of our reading, so the study this week is on the biblical idea of **Mercy**. This is pages 39-44 of the *One Word* devotional book.

Below is the reading list for this week:

Sunday, February 9: Hebrews 6:13-20; Exodus 1:1-2:25; Psalm 40

Monday, February 10: Hebrews 7; Exodus 3:1-4:31; Psalm 41

Tuesday, February 11: Hebrews 8; Exodus 5:1-6:27; Proverbs 1

Wednesday, February 12: Hebrews 9:1-22; Exodus 6:28-8:32; Proverbs 2

Thursday, February 13: Hebrews 9:23-10:18; Exodus 9:1-10:29; Proverbs 3

Friday, February 14: Hebrews 10:19-39; Exodus 11:1-12:51; Proverbs 4

Saturday, February 15: Hebrews 11:1-22; Exodus 13:1-14:31; Proverbs 5

The Young at Heart will meet on Friday, February 21, at 5:30pm. Charlotte Gilbert is the coordinator.

The Food Pantry will reopen on Sunday, February 23, from 3:00-4:30pm, and the food item that is needed this month is **peanut butter**.

Our Peru Mission Team will be leaving on Friday, February 28, for Cusco. If you would like to contribute to help support the trip, **please give your donation to Rick Williams by February 19**.

The Clothing Closet needs **New Men's Socks and Underwear** for the Winter Quarter. Please remember that these must be new and in the package with tags. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Youth

The Bible Bowl written test will be this Wednesday, February 12. Students who are taking the test need to be in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm.

Below are the dates and times for our Lads to Leaders Workshops:

- February 16, March 1, March 15, April 5 (Puppets Only)
1:15-1:45: Speech
1:45-2:15: Song Leading/Songs of Praise
2:15-3:30: Bible Bowl
3:30-4:30: Puppets
- Friday:** March 6, March 13, March 20, April 3
5:30-6:30: Bible Bowl
6:30-7:00: Dinner Provided
7:00-8:00: Puppets

Happy Anniversary

Paul & Anita Williams	February 15
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Happy Birthday

Jim Banks	February 9
Lee Bowman	February 10
Jason McKeown	February 12
Beth Burleson	February 12
Donna Rhodes	February 14

Psalm 55:22

"Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

The Good News: Leave all of your worries and anxiety with the Lord. He will ease your burden and lighten your load of stress whenever you ask.

—Jackie Frere, *Woman's Day*

The Sweetest Name on Earth

We sometimes sing these words:
 "Sweetest note in seraph song; sweetest name on mortal tongue; sweetest treasure ever known, Jesus, precious Jesus." Or in another familiar song, "There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in mine ear, the sweetest name on earth. Oh, how I love Jesus . . ."

The name "Jesus" comes from the Hebrew name "Joshua" which means "Jehovah is salvation," *Vines Expository Dictionary*. This, of course, is the most fitting of names for our Lord whose earthly father, Joseph, was told, "you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

We can see with clear vision because of the gift of the Bible that the Joshua in the Old Testament led the Israelites in victory over their foes and helped establish them in the land that God had promised. And Jesus leads us in the fight against sin and temptation. Joshua lived up to his name by helping bring salvation to Israel, and Jesus brings salvation to all men who obey Him (Hebrews 5:9).

Jesus is the "Savior of the body," and his salvation is limited to those who are in the body, or his worldwide church (Ephesians 5:23). The meaning of his beautiful name should draw all men to him, but, sadly, many will never answer the call. However, one day His name will bring every believer, skeptic, and atheist to their knees. "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

Are you "in Christ"? For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27). —Darrell Powell

Carelines

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

Remember our church family: Rex Anderson, Kaci Melton, Joy Brooks, Clara Thomas, Celeste Till, Darrell Smith, Hosea Dallas, Gale Jett, Virgie Banks, Sylvia Huffman, Sarah Washington, and Nancy Harris.

Remember our families and friends: Geneva Alverson (Charles Gilbert's aunt), and Clara Coulson (Mike & Carlene Hooper's nephew's premature baby).

Daphne Smith, Reggie's co-worker's daughter, has a brain tumor and is awaiting results of a biopsy. Please pray for her healing.

Wayne Handley, Marc Handley's Dad, went through additional tests this past week and hopes to hear something this week. Please pray for encouraging results.

Linda Graham is feeling much better. Please continue to pray for her health.

Sondra Moss is still in therapy after having knee replacement surgery; she is doing well.

Bernard Still, Doris Sankey's brother, has showed a lot of improvement. He is off the ventilator and is now out of SICU. Please keep him in your prayers as he goes through his recovery.

Gy Elly is a young man from Tanzania who is a friend of many in our congregation who have visited his country. He is here in the US to see ophthalmologists at UAB because of a rare eye and nerve condition that causes him great pain and difficulty. Please pray that the doctors will be able to help him.

Carl Anderson, Sarah Washington's cousin, and his family are rejoicing since he received his heart transplant on Christmas day. Please keep him in your prayers that his new heart will bring him back to good health.

Sharon Lyons, Doris Sankey's sister, is struggling with various issues in her life. Please pray for her strength and courage.

Eli Hairston, a school friend of Emily Hamm (daughter of Steve and Janet Hamm), was scheduled to be released from the hospital on Thursday. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Attendance and Offering February 2, 2020

Attendance:
 Bible Class: 220
 Worship AM: 350
 Worship PM: 179
 Wednesday PM: 169

Contribution: \$19,188.90
 Weekly Budget:
 Weekly Average: \$17,037.96
 Contribution to Date: \$85,189.78

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)
- *Cy Walker, Guyana* (\$1,200 annually)
- *Food Pantry* (\$9,000 annually)
- *Guyana*
- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*
- *Peru*

"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do this with gentleness and respect, . . ."
 —1 Peter 3:15

**Be Merciful as He is Merciful
(Luke 6:32-36)**

Your Father is merciful

Christ died for us while we were _____ (Romans 5:8)

You must be _____ as your heavenly Father
is _____ (Matthew 5:48)

Be _____ of God, . . . and
walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us
(Ephesians 5:1-2)

Therefore, be merciful

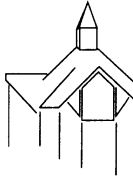
Everybody, including unbelievers, love those who _____

But love your _____ (Luke 6:35)

Congregational Singing

Please come back at 5:00 this evening for a time of singing!
We're going to use the 2nd Sunday evenings of each
month in 2020 to learn some new songs and also enjoy
singing some old favorites. Plan to join us!

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