



January 4, 2026

Praying for 2026

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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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Today is the first Sunday of a new year, and it's always a strange moment. The calendar changes, the pace slows just enough for us to notice, and we realize again how quickly time moves. Another year has closed. Another one has begun.

2025 was not without its difficulties, but it also carried many good gifts—moments of growth, progress, restoration, and grace. We step into 2026 in a world that still feels uncertain and unfinished, yet filled with new opportunities and fresh mercies. And here at Hoover, we begin this year with genuine gratitude. We're thankful for the ways God has been at work among us, encouraged by the unity of our church family, and hopeful as we prepare to welcome a new Youth Minister into our life together next month.

In the years ahead, what will you remember about 2025?

Political tension that still shapes much of our public life. Rising costs that affect families in real and daily ways. Rapid change in technology, culture, and expectations. A sense that the world is moving fast, and not always in the direction we might choose.

As we begin 2026, this is a good time not only to think about what we hope for, but to consider carefully how we should pray. The passing of a year has a way of reminding us that much of life is beyond our control, and that our truest stability doesn't come from circumstances at all.

So we pray.

- We pray for wisdom: for those who lead, for those who serve, for those who teach, and for ourselves . . . that we would make good decisions, speak with grace, and walk faithfully before our God.
- We pray that God will continue shaping us through whatever this year brings, teaching us patience, deepening our trust, strengthening our character, and sharpening our love for one another.
- We pray for peace in a divided world, and for the quiet work of Christ to heal what is broken, soften what is hardened, and steady what is afraid, beginning with us.
- We pray for those whose faith feels tired, whose joy has grown thin, or whose hope needs fresh breath.
- We pray that the church will be what God intends it to be—not perfect, but faithful; not driven by fear, but marked by love and steady obedience.
- We pray for those entering this year with burdens: illness, grief, financial pressure, loneliness, unanswered questions, or private struggles known only to God.
- And above all, we pray that in 2026 God will be glorified in us: that our lives will reflect the goodness of Christ, that doors will open for the gospel, and that many will come to know the hope that only he can give.

We don't know what this year will hold. But we begin it with steady confidence in the One who does. And because our future rests in his hands, we step into 2026 not with anxiety, but with a quiet and patient hope. —Chuck

Worship Assignments	Today	Words of Gratitude														
<p>Elder to Contact in January for Needs: Rick Williams</p> <p>Sunday AM and PM Greeters: Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance) Rick & Brooke Williams (Back Entrance)</p> <p>Usher: Clint Richey</p> <p>Nursery: April Winningham</p> <p>AM Singing: Kyle Wadley</p> <p>Scripture Reading: C.T. Dodd</p> <p>AM Opening Prayer: Corey Covington</p> <p>AM Sermon: Bill Rayburn</p> <p>AM Communion: Jason McKeown</p> <p>Announcements: Reggie Arnold</p> <p>AM Closing Prayer: Chad Blackmon</p> <p>PM Song Leader: Corey Covington</p> <p>PM Opening Prayer: Ben Vick</p> <p>PM Closing Prayer: Merv Prince</p> <p>Audio/Cameras: Rick Williams/Will Spurlin</p> <p>Security: Chad Blackmon/Norman Rutland</p> <p>Ephesians 4:22-24</p> <p>"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."</p>	<p>Visitors, welcome to our worship service this morning—we're glad you're here! Please scan the QR Code on the card in the pews. We would like to know where you are from.</p> <p>A new quarter for our adult classes begins today. Wade Warren is teaching in the Auditorium, and his topic is <i>Preparation of the World for the Messiah</i>. There will be a new lesson in the Library as well.</p> <p>News and Events</p> <p>The Hoover Youth Ministry invites you to our second <i>Raise Your Voice</i> singing night! Join us on Saturday, January 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. as we sing timeless classics along with some newer praise songs. Bring a dessert and come sing with us!</p> <p>Our Ladies Bible Class will resume its studies on Monday, January 12, beginning at 11:30. The lesson is about Purim.</p> <p>Everyone is invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Rook Tournament on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Players must check in by 4:30, and the games begin at 5:00. If you are interested in this event, please email or text Tom McQuillan at, tommccuillansr@gmail.com or (205) 837-5478.</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Jason & Tiffany McKeown January 4</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Laura Lyles</td> <td>January 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Margaret Haley</td> <td>January 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alan Roberts</td> <td>January 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Corinne Winningham</td> <td>January 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Giana Kidwell</td> <td>January 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Glenn Till, Jr.</td> <td>January 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rebecca Harris</td> <td>January 10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Laura Lyles	January 5	Margaret Haley	January 6	Alan Roberts	January 7	Corinne Winningham	January 7	Giana Kidwell	January 8	Glenn Till, Jr.	January 8	Rebecca Harris	January 10	<p>Dear Church Family at Hoover, I extend my deepest gratitude to you for your care and kindness during my father's illness and passing. You expressed Christlike love in so many ways: through compassionate listening, through message and cards, through travel to the visitation and funeral, through the gifts of flowers and food, and most importantly through your powerful prayers. May God bless you all.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mark Lackey and family</p> <p>To the family at Hoover, Thank you so much for blessing our girls here at Childhaven as well as for the \$100 gift card you gave to us as houseparents. We are truly thankful you all continue to show the love of Jesus to the ones we serve.</p> <p>Much love, John & Sherry Owen Houseparents</p> <p>Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today: In-home Devotional, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 7: Friendsday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, January 10: Raise Your Voice, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 14: Backpack Buddies, 6:15 p.m. Sunday, January 18: Area-Wide Devotional at the Deerfoot Church of Christ (bus leaves at 4:15). Saturday, January 24: Manna Ministries 6:15-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 38: F.A.M. Group Meetings. Friday, January 30: HYM Family Night and Parent Meeting, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
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Carelines

Jeremy Schopper and Lily Schopper, his daughter and Alyssa Long's cousins, were in a terrible car wreck. Lily had surgery and is responding well; Jeremy had surgery last night and is still in critical condition.

Judy Thomas is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Emily Bedgood is recovering from surgery and is doing well.

Sue Adams, Jim and Denia Petruzzella's aunt, fell and broke her hip and elbow.

Karen Shepherd, Virgie Banks' daughter, is recovering from surgery.

Keith Hills, Melinda Richardson's brother-in-law, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer and will soon start a treatment plan. Please pray for his wife, Janice (Melinda's sister), as well.

Ginger Stacks, Sylvia Huffman's daughter, recently lost vision in her right eye.

Zach Warbington, Sam and Melody Warbington's son, is facing serious medical issues. Please continue to pray for Zach's physical and spiritual well-being.

Howard McDonald, Felicia Arnold's stepfather, has stage 4 lung cancer and is receiving chemotherapy and immunotherapy.

Moranda Garrett, Jayne Ivy's friend, has a pituitary tumor that has gotten smaller. She is on medication for this and will have another MRI in February. She also has issues with the muscles behind the retina.

Don Cicero, Matthew Cicero's father, is responding well to the infusions, although he is fatigued.

Remember our shut-ins: **Nancy Griner, Joyce Baker, and Sylvia Huffman**.

Remember our church family: **Kori White, Marla Stacey-Warren, Gail Powell, Wanda Still, Anita Hochdorf, and Tyler Tippins**.

Remember our family and friends: **Jeanne Anderson** (former member of Hoover), **Kathy Culbertson** (former member of Hoover), **Anita Wadley** (Kyle Wadley's mom), **Doug & Cathy Abbott** (Joel Abbott's parents), **Richard Lawson** (Alyssa Long's dad), and **Charlie Pflueger** (Tom Kidwell's dad).

Christ is the Center, Focus, and Key

Let us not forget the reason the Bible was written and preserved: "that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). Christ is the **center, focus, and key** to the inspiration and interpretation of the Bible. This is why the books of the Old and New Testament fit together so well into one cohesive and comprehensive whole. Taken together, they present the progressive unfolding, revelation, and communication of Christ.

1. The Law (Genesis-Deuteronomy) prepares the ground or base on which the moral system of Christ rests. It is the beginning or first principles of the system of truth. Christ is the ultimate foundation of all that is right (1 Corinthians 3:11).

2. The History section (Joshua-Esther) shows the preparation for Christ. History, from an inerrant biblical perspective, holds true the necessity of righteousness and faith (2 Timothy 3:16).

3. Poetry (Job-Song of Solomon) expresses an aspiration for Christ the Savior. Seeing the scripture is nothing less than the words of our very Creator, it is no wonder that throughout the centuries men and women have been astonished by it. David said, "The law of the Lord is perfect" (Psalm 19:7).

4. Prophecy (Isaiah-Malachi) proclaims an expectation of Christ. The Bible is the account of redemption, how God rescues men from sin and from death.

5. The Gospel Records (Matthew-John) relate the historical manifestation of Christ. They are true accounts of the work and the acts of Christ the Son of God (John 20:30-31).

6. Acts relates the propagation of the gospel of Christ. It portrays the resurrected Christ on His ascension, by the Spirit, through the disciples, for the producing of the church—the kingdom of God.

7. The Epistles (Romans-Jude) give the interpretation of Christ. The epistles answer questions asked by the church or address problems within the church.

8. Revelation describes the consummation of all things in Christ. The second coming of Christ marks the time when the church goes home for eternity.

How is it that every part of the Bible, in spite of its great diversity, can contribute to its overarching theme of redemption and its central figure, the Christ? How? Because it is from God!

—Mark Posey

Attendance and Offering December 21 & 28, 2025**Attendance**

Bible Study: 276

AM Worship: 419

PM Worship: 122

Wednesday: 260

Contribution: \$31,957.29

Weekly Budget: \$14,823.00

Weekly Average: \$15,226.58

Contribution to Date: \$791,782.34

Hoover Supported Works

- *Childhaven, Cullman, AL*
- *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief*
- *Clothing Closet*
- *Food Pantry*
- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*

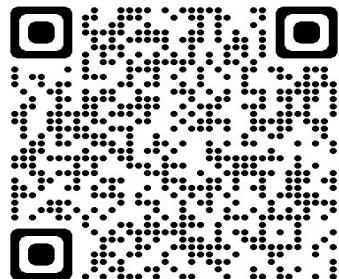
Mission Trips

- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*
- *Peru*

Oversight

- *Christ Happy Childhaven, Philippines*
- *Tanzania Missions*

Visitors and members, please scan the QR Code below to log your attendance.



GriefShare Class

Any of our members who have struggled with loss are invited to participate in our **GriefShare** class. If you have friends who might benefit, please let them know about this class as well. **We will meet on the following Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon: December 13, March 14, and June 13.**

So many people in the world have experienced significant losses in their lives, so we're thankful to be able to offer this GriefShare Ministry. It is organized around a thirteen-week small-group program where participants meet together for around two hours each week and watch professionally-designed videos featuring professional grief counselors and also people who are grieving. These presentations are coupled with discussions that are designed to internalize what participants learn in the videos.

We have additional information for Griefshare Sessions offered on other days and times in the Birmingham area. Please see **Harold or Donna Rhodes** if you have any questions regarding GriefShare. You can also find additional information at <https://www.griefshare.org/>.



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