



January 11, 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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The Way We Speak

Some communities become toxic—you've probably been part of one before. Work-places devolve into name-calling and back-biting. Schools run on rumors. People talk, and because we live in a fallen world, people often talk badly.

And words wound. They linger. They divide. They shape how we see one another long after they're spoken.

That tendency isn't unique to any one place or group—it's simply part of the human condition. And because the church is made up of people, we're not immune to the dangers of careless or destructive speech. That's why Scripture addresses it so directly and repeatedly.

James speaks to this universal struggle with clarity and urgency:

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor? (James 4:11-12)

You can almost hear the frustration in his voice.

It's as if he's saying, *Don't you know better than this? Aren't you out of middle school? Most importantly, aren't you followers of Jesus?*

James says the problem with slander is that it turns us into judges. We decide we're qualified to pass verdicts on other people's lives. We draw conclusions from fragments, from assumptions, from stories we've only partially heard. But we're not the judge. There's only one Judge, and he didn't ask for our help.

Maybe you're rarely guilty of this, but most of us struggle with it more than we'd like to admit. And even when our words are technically true, they can still be spiritually destructive. We're called not only to truth, but to love. That's why we should make this a firm commitment: never speak badly about another believer.

This week, in your time with God, ask him to forgive the careless, cutting, or critical words you've spoken about other Christians. Then ask him to put a gate over your mouth and a filter over your heart. It's really that simple: there's no good reason for followers of Jesus to talk badly about one another.

We're on the same side. We're part of the same body. And we have far more important work to do than poisoning the very community God is building.

James closes with a question that still rings in our ears: "Who are you to judge your neighbor?"

Amen to that. —Chuck

Worship Assignments	Today	Words of Gratitude																						
<p>Elder to Contact in January for Needs: Rick Williams</p> <p>Sunday AM and PM Greeters:</p> <p>Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance) Clint & Abbie Richey (Back Entrance)</p> <p>Usher: Clint Richey</p> <p>Nursery: Tiffany McKeown</p> <p>AM Singing: Kyle Wadley</p> <p>Scripture Reading: Brent Reaves</p> <p>AM Opening Prayer: Norman Rutland</p> <p>AM Sermon: Chuck Webster</p> <p>AM Communion: Jeff Melton</p> <p>Announcements: Harold Rhodes</p> <p>AM Closing Prayer: Drew Spivey</p> <p>PM Song Leader: Paul Kirby</p> <p>PM Opening Prayer: Paul Kirby</p> <p>PM Closing Prayer: Greg Coker</p> <p>Audio/Cameras: Rick Williams/Will Spurlin</p> <p>Video: Drew Spivey</p> <p>Security: Chad Blackmon/Norman Rutland</p> <p>Bible Reading Plan for January 1-17</p> <p>January 1: Genesis 1-3; Psalm 1</p> <p>January 2: Genesis 4-7; Psalm 2</p> <p>January 3: Genesis 8-11; Psalm 3</p> <p>January 4: Genesis 12-15; Psalm 4</p> <p>January 5: Genesis 16-18; Psalm 5</p> <p>January 6: Genesis 19-21; Psalm 6</p> <p>January 7: Genesis 22-24; Psalm 7</p> <p>January 8: Genesis 25-28; Psalm 8</p> <p>January 9: Genesis 29-31; Psalm 9</p> <p>January 10: Genesis 32-34; Psalm 10</p> <p>January 11: Genesis 35-37; Psalm 11</p> <p>January 12: Genesis 38-40; Psalm 12</p> <p>January 13: Genesis 41-42; Psalm 13</p> <p>January 14: Genesis 43-45; Psalm 14</p> <p>January 15: Genesis 46-47; Psalm 15</p> <p>January 16: Genesis 48-50; Psalm 16</p> <p>January 17: Exodus 1-3; Psalm 17</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 "Preparation of the World for the Messiah." Wes Blankenship and Donnie Winingham are teaching a class in the Library called "Goliath Must Fall."</p> <p>This evening at 5:00, our Knit Together Groups will meet in homes to worship and fellowship. We will also have a lesson in the auditorium presented by Cooper Brown from Faulkner University.</p> <p>News and Events</p> <p>Our Ladies Bible Class will resume its studies tomorrow, January 12, beginning at 11:30. The lesson is about Purim.</p> <p>Our Young at Heart Birthday Celebration and Game Night this month will be in the fellowship hall on Friday, January 16, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Paul and Karen Kirby are hosting this event, and the menu is soups and salads. Also, bring any games that you want to play.</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>Join us as we welcome our new Youth Minister and his wife, Marcus and Landyn Williams, on Friday, January 30, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We'll have a meal together and shower them with love through gift cards and pantry items as we help stock their new home. See Daniel and Lauren Warren with any questions.</p>	<p>In Christian love, I would like to thank all who encouraged me thru prayers, text messages, telephone calls, cards, hand-written notecards, the Ladies Cookie Swap care packages, the family fellowship provided meal, and the outpouring of congregational friendliness and courtesy extended to Henry Usry Burnett's family during this difficult time of his passing. These expressions of love and acts of kindness will always be remembered.</p> <p>God's blessings to all, Cindy Burnett</p> <p>Dear Hoover church, Thank you for the Childhaven contribution in memory of Henry. The donation will always be considered as a cherished memory and the gift will further Childhaven's ministry for children.</p> <p>With Sincere Gratitude, Cindy Burnett</p> <p>Happy Anniversary</p> <p>Allen & Deebe Taylor January 15</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Elijah Long</td> <td>January 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joel Abbott</td> <td>January 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Will Spurlin</td> <td>January 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Virgie Banks</td> <td>January 13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jean Owens</td> <td>January 13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heather Spivey</td> <td>January 14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Betty Taylor</td> <td>January 14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Damian Hillary</td> <td>January 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brenda Rayburn</td> <td>January 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tyler Tippins</td> <td>January 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sawyer Griffin</td> <td>January 17</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • Wednesday, January 21: F.A.M. Group Meetings. 	Elijah Long	January 11	Joel Abbott	January 12	Will Spurlin	January 12	Virgie Banks	January 13	Jean Owens	January 13	Heather Spivey	January 14	Betty Taylor	January 14	Damian Hillary	January 15	Brenda Rayburn	January 15	Tyler Tippins	January 16	Sawyer Griffin	January 17
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Carelines

Scarlette Smith, JoAnn McDonald's daughter, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Please pray for her healing and comfort as she undergoes treatment.

Mike Hooper had two procedures last week for AFib, and the surgery went well.

Diann Tippins is recovering from back surgery.

Jeremy Schopper, Alyssa Long's cousin, has undergone several extensive surgeries since the car accident, and there is still more to come. The biggest focus is the neuro team running scans to assess brain activity. **Lily**, Jeremy's daughter, is home and recovering.

Emily Bedgood had surgery last week and is recovering at home.

Judy Smith is recovering from knee replacement surgery and is undergoing physical therapy.

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

Keith Hills, Melinda Richardson's brother-in-law, recently had one of his kidneys removed. The cancer was contained to that kidney and did not spread. The family appreciates the prayers.

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.

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

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

Remember our family and friends: **Don Cicero** (Matthew Cicero's father), **Moranda Garrett** (Jayne Ivy's friend), **Ginger Stacks** (Sylvia Huffman's daughter), **Karen Shepherd** (Virgie Bank's daughter), **Rex and Jeanne Anderson** (former members of Hoover), **Kathy Culbertson** (former member of Hoover), **Doug & Cathy Abbott** (Joel Abbott's parents), **Richard Lawson** (Alyssa Long's dad), and **Charlie Pflueger** (Tom Kidwell's dad).

Did Adam Have a Belly Button?

A belly button is a scar that proves you were once attached to your mother by an umbilical cord. You required nourishment before you were born, of course, and this was God's way to provide it before you were developed to the point you could be nourished in other ways.

After you were born, the cord was cut, leaving behind proof that you once were dependent on your Mother. In other words, it is proof that you were born.

Adam and Eve were not born of mothers. They were created directly by God; Adam was made from dust, and Eve from Adam. Since they were not born in the traditional sense, and instead were created as adults, it is unlikely that either of them would have had a belly button.

Our belly button should remind us that we are descended from Adam, and that just as he was the first man to rebel against God, we are still rebelling today (Romans 3:23). We are all in need of salvation. Praise be to God for providing us a Savior so we can have the hope of living with Him for eternity.

Genesis 1:27

"So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female he created them."

Acts 17:26

"From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands."

**Attendance and Offering
January 4, 2026****Attendance**

Bible Study: 182

AM Worship: 262

PM Worship: 75

Wednesday: 154

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*

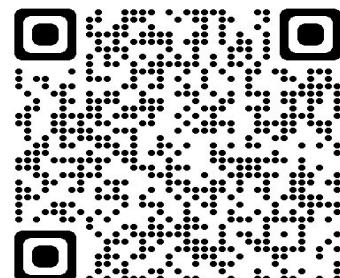
Mission Trips

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

Oversight

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

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



<p>Not the Same Story (Isaiah 43:16-21)</p> <p>The Comfort of _____</p> <p>The Command of _____</p> <p>The Shock of the _____</p> <p>The Test of _____</p>	<p>GriefShare Class</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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/.</p>
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