February 1, 2026

# Welcome to Hoover: Marcus and Landyn

We're excited to welcome **Marcus and Landyn Williams** to the Hoover church family! Marcus begins his work today as our new **Youth Minister**, and we're grateful for the way God has led us to this point and hopeful about the work ahead.

As we've gotten to know Marcus, we've been encouraged by his steady, thoughtful approach to ministry and his clear desire to help young people develop a faith that lasts. He has a deep concern for students not only during their teenage years, but as they move into adulthood and face new seasons, questions, and challenges. Marcus is convinced that youth ministry is not about entertainment or performance, but about helping students find their identity in Christ and their place within the life of the church.

That conviction shapes the way he thinks about the role of the congregation as a whole. Marcus values the involvement of parents, elders, ministers, and families, and sees youth ministry as something the entire church shares in together. He believes teenagers are looking for belonging and meaningful relationships, and that the church is uniquely positioned to provide both.

Marcus graduated from **Freed-Hardeman University** in December, earning a degree in **Bible with an emphasis in Youth and Family Ministry**, along with a minor in psychology. Over the past several years, he has prepared for ministry through both classroom study and hands-on experience. During his time at Freed-Hardeman, and in the years leading up to it, Marcus served in leadership roles within his social club and completed multiple youth ministry internships, working with congregations in **Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; Tuscumbia, Alabama; Henderson, Tennessee; and Buford, Georgia**. Those experiences helped shape his understanding of ministry and his sense of calling to work with young people and their families.

Landyn graduated from **Baylor University** in December with a degree in **apparel design and product development**, and she brings creativity, warmth, and a genuine love for the church into this new season. Marcus and Landyn were married on January 10, and they are beginning married life at the same time Marcus begins his work with us. We welcome Marcus to our ministry team, and we welcome them both into the life of our church.

As they settle in, we encourage you to introduce yourself, get to know them, and keep them in your prayers. New beginnings are exciting, but they also require patience, encouragement, and support. We're thankful God has led Marcus and Landyn here, and we look forward to growing together in the years ahead.


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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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## Worship Assignments

**Elder to Contact in February for Needs:** Reggie Arnold

### Sunday AM and PM

**Greeters:**
Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance)
Corey & Leah Covington (Back Entrance)

**Usher:** Wes Blankenship

**Nursery:** Brooke Williams

**AM Singing:** Kyle Wadley

**Scripture Reading:** Ben Vick

**AM Opening Prayer:** Joel Abbott

**AM Sermon:** Chuck Webster

**AM Communion:** Donnie Winningham

**Announcements:** Kyle Wadley

**AM Closing Prayer:** Seth Edwards

**PM Song Leader:** Mark Lackey

**PM Opening Prayer:** Avery Davis

**PM Closing Prayer:** Wes Blankenship

**PM Lesson:** Chuck Webster

**Audio/Cameras:** Will Spurlin/Grant Dalton

**Video:** Marc Handley

**Security:** Daniel Warren/Stephen King

### Bible Reading Plan for February 1-6

- **Sunday, February 1:** Leviticus 8-10; Psalm 32
- **Monday, February 2:** Leviticus 11-13; Psalm 33
- **Tuesday, February 3:** Leviticus 14-15; Psalm 34
- **Wednesday, February 4:** Leviticus 16-18; Psalm 35
- **Thursday, February 5:** Leviticus 19-20; Psalm 36
- **Friday, February 6:** Leviticus 21-23; Psalm 37
- **Saturday, February 7:** Leviticus 24-25; Psalm 38

## Today

**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.

**Sunday Bible Classes for Adults:** Wade Warren is teaching in the **Auditorium**, and his topic is **"Preparation of the World for the Messiah."** Wes Blankenship and Donnie Winningham are teaching a class in the **Library** called **"Goliath Must Fall."**

**This evening at 5:00**, we will meet in the auditorium for a lesson taught by Chuck Webster.

### News and Events

Volunteers are needed to help set up the **Common Grounds Coffee Bar** on Sunday mornings. Please contact Jonathan Weimer if you are available to help.

Our **Ladies Bible Class** meets weekly on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. Please see Denia Petruzella or Leah Covington with any questions.

Everyone is invited to come to our **third Sunday congregational fellowship meal** on February 15, immediately following the morning worship service. This is Potluck, so please bring plenty to share.

**The Young at Heart** will meet in the fellowship hall on Friday, February 20, at 5:30 p.m. for their monthly **Birthday Celebration and Game Night**. Rhonda Bush and Virgie Banks are hosting this event.

### Happy Birthday

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| Karen Bowers | February 1 |
| Patty Bowman | February 1 |
| Kyle Bedgood | February 3 |
| Tabitha Lackey | February 4 |
| Olivia Montgomery | February 4 |
| Terrie Watts | February 6 |
| Claire Lyles | February 7 |
| Chris Morgan | February 7 |

## Words of Gratitude

**Dear Church family,**

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift and for all the kindness you show. I feel very blessed to be part of such a loving and caring congregation. I appreciate each of you more than you know.

In Christian love,
**Linda Graham**

### Important Church-Wide Meeting—Sunday Evening, March 29

**The elders** met on Saturday, January 17, for an all-day planning session, and we're encouraged by where we believe the Hoover church is headed. We spent time in prayer and in honest conversation about our congregation—where we are, where we've been, and where God may be leading us.

One of our commitments as a new eldership is to communicate openly and regularly with the church. On Sunday evening, March 29, we plan to share some of the ideas and priorities that are taking shape as we think ahead to 2026 and beyond. This will be an opportunity to hear what we're discussing and how we're approaching the work God has given us.

We ask for your prayers as we seek wisdom and discernment, and we encourage everyone to attend if possible. We're grateful for this church family and hopeful about the future God has in store for us.

### Youth

- **TODAY:** In-home Devotional from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 4:** Friendsday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, February 7, at 5:30 p.m.:** Kindergarten-5th Grade Fun Night; snacks and drinks are provided.
- **Wednesday, February 11:** Backpack Buddies at 6:15 p.m.

## Carelines

We extend our heartfelt condolences to **Joan Arnold, their sons Jason and Paul, and the rest of the Arnold family** on the death of **Bob Arnold**. Bob has been a member of the Hoover church for many years, and he will be deeply missed. Please keep the entire Arnold family in your prayers.

We extend our condolences to **Allen Taylor and his family** on the death of his brother, **Joe Taylor**. Mr. Taylor passed away Tuesday night after a battle with cancer. The service is tomorrow, February 2, at National Cremation and Burial Society, 5641 US-90, Milton Florida; the visitation begins at 10:00 with the service following at 11:00. Graveside and Interment is at 1:00 at Barrancas National Cemetery, Naval Air Station, Pensacola. Please keep his family and loved ones in your prayers during this time of their loss.

**Brigitte Doutre** is being treated at Brookwood Medical Center. She is feeling better and will most likely be released sometime this week.

Prior to **Merv Prince's surgery** last week, doctors identified a potential cardiac concern. He was evaluated by cardiology and had a stress test this past Thursday. Once he is cleared, he will reschedule his hip replacement surgery.

**Scarlette Smith**, JoAnn McDonald's daughter, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.

**Sue Adams**, Jim and Denia Petruzella's aunt, fell and is now at Grandview Medical Center with neck and back fractures and broken ribs.

**Mike Hooper** is recovering from two procedures for AFib.

**Jeremy Schopper**, Alyssa Long's cousin, has been moved to a long-term care facility and continues to need our prayers.

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

**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.

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

Remember our church family: **Diann Tippins, Gail Powell, Wanda Still, and Tyler Tippins**. Remember our family and friends: **Keith Hills** (Melinda Richardson's brother-in-law), **Don Cicero** (Matthew Cicero's father), **Moranda Garrett** (Jayne Ivy's friend), **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).

## Wycliffe's Bible's Frontispiece

Richard Roberts, in the *Biblical Illustrator*, tells the story of a frontispiece, an illustration facing the title page, in Wycliffe's Bible. It pictures a fire burning and spreading rather rapidly, representing true Christianity. Around this spreading fire are congregated a number of significant individuals, all trying to devise methods whereby they can put the fire out. One with horns and tail represents Satan. There are red-coated false teachers, who forbade the promulgating of the Bible among the common people. Another represents infidelity. At length, one suggests that they all make a united effort to blow the fire out. The resolution is adopted, and there they are, with swollen cheeks and extended lips, blowing upon the fire with all their might, but instead of blowing it out, they are blowing it up, and they only blow themselves out of breath. The fire is inextinguishable. "The word of God which lives and abides forever" (1 Peter 1:23).

In 1908, Kahlil Gibran wrote an Arabic novel entitled *Spirits Rebellious*. In it he included this timeless poem:

They burned Truth in the market place
And thought their work complete;
But next day, with a smiling face,
They met it on the street.
They threw it in a dungeon damp
And thought it was no more;
But lo, it walked with lighted lamp
Among them as before.
They scorned and ostracized it,
And ordered it to depart;
But still it swelt in all the land
And challenged every heart.

—Author Unknown

"The Word of the Lord endures forever."
1 Peter 1:25

## Attendance and Offering January 25, 2026

**Attendance**
**Bible Study:** 179
**AM Worship:** 247
**PM Worship:** 12
**Wednesday:** 170

**Contribution:** $12,812.34
**Weekly Budget:**
**Weekly Average:** $19,283.63
**Contribution to Date:** $77,134.51

## 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.**

**Life Under the King**
**(Mark 1:14-34)**

The King has _____ (vv. 14-15)

The King _____ (v. 15)

The King _____ (vv. 16-28)

The King _____ (vv. 29-34)

**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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