



Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

February 4, 2024

Genuinely concerned

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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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Maybe you've heard the story about what some of the unbelievers were saying about Christians during the time of Roman persecution.

"See how they love one another."

They were confused by some of the things that Christians believed, but they couldn't deny their compassion.

That's one of the neatest things about being in God's family: people who genuinely, deeply, selflessly care about one another.

Apparently this attitude was embodied in Timothy, Paul's protégé in ministry. Read carefully what Paul wrote about him:

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also (Philippians 2:19-24).

I love this statement: He "will be genuinely concerned for your welfare."

Paul wasn't one to flatter, so Timothy's compassion must've been real. He could be trusted completely. Paul didn't have to worry about any kind of personal agenda or self-promotion.

He genuinely cared.

Really, that's what the church is, isn't it?

In a dog-eat-dog world where people are often viewed as little more than stepping stones on an upward career path, the church is refreshing.

In a culture where so many relationships are guided more by "What can I get out of it?" than by true love, real selflessness is impressive.

Like Timothy, Christians are "genuinely concerned" for one another's welfare. We feel pain when someone else hurts, and we smile when a fellow Christian rejoices.

I think that's what'll make our evangelistic efforts work. People don't know—and don't care—what we believe about various doctrines, but they'll notice the compassion.

"See how they love one another."

Churches full of Timothys are still doing God's work.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in February for Needs:
Carl Logan

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters:

Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller
Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner
Back Lobby: Virgie Banks & JoAnn McDonald

Nursery Attendee: Brooke Williams

Usher, AM: Corey Covington, Sr.

Scripture Reading: Merv Prince

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Singing:

AM: Kyle Wadley
PM: Marlon Crow

Opening Prayer:

AM: Reggie Arnold
PM: Wade Warren

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion: Wade Warren

Announcements: Jimmy Lyles

Closing Prayer:

AM: Darrell Powell
PM: Matt Trousdale

Audio/Cameras: Will Spurlin
Alternate: Grant Dalton

Video: Marc Handley

Security: Daniel Warren and
George Faison

Bible Reading Plan for February 5-9

Monday, February 5: Exodus 32-34; Philippians 3

Tuesday, February 6 : Exodus 35-37; Psalm 26; Philippians 4

Wednesday, February 7: Exodus 38-40; Hebrews 1

Thursday, February 8: Leviticus 1-3; Psalm 27; Hebrews 2

Friday, February 9: Leviticus 4-7; Hebrews 3

Today

Visitors, welcome to our worship service this morning—we're glad you're here. Please fill out a visitor's card that is located in the pew. We would like to know where you're visiting from.

Our Adult Bible Classes: Auditorium:

Wade Warren, *New Testament-Related History*; **Library:** Mark Lackey, *Seven "I Am" Statements of John's Gospel*.

The **Elders** will be meeting at **3:00pm** today, and the **Ministers** will meet with them at **4:00**.

This evening at 5:00pm, we will meet in the auditorium for a worship service.

News and Events

Saturday, February 10: Date Night for Parents from 4:00-7:00pm; drop your kid/s off at the Hoover building, and we will take care of them for you. Sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ADA82EA4F8C34-47294343-parents>. You can also contact **Kasey Guill** (404-831-7468) or **Donna Rhodes** (205-492-7716) with any questions.

There will be a **Baby Shower for Amanda Morgan** on Sunday, February 18, from 2:30-4:00pm. Please contact **Donna Rhodes** with any questions about this event.

Saturday, February 24, All Members:

Family Skate @ Roller Motion in Bessemer from 9:30-11:30am.

Sunday, February 25: Chili Cook-off from 4:00-6:00pm; Contest for best Chili—plus the Hardeman Boys performance; register online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8A62BA3F5C16-47399218-chili>.

For Ladies: A new monthly program is starting, **"Sister Socials,"** and it is for **all Hoover Ladies!** One month we will have a devotional, and the next month we will have a fun activity! We are looking forward to spending time together. This month we will start out with desserts and a devo hosted by **Jennifer Dalton and Jennifer Lackey on Thursday, February 29, at 7:00pm.** (cont.)

(News & Events cont.)

Please **RSVP** using the link below and let us know if you are planning to attend. This will help us determine a location. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8A62BA3F5C16-47600213-sister>.

Peru Missions

Please pray for those who are going to Peru for mission work. They will be leaving on March 1, and returning on March 10. If you would like to support this mission, you can give online at the following link: <https://hooverchurchofchrist.org/peru-support/> or give by check.

Happy Birthday

Kyle Bedgood	February 3
Cindy Hartman	February 4
Tabitha Lackey	February 4
Ethan Bowers	February 5
Ben Kesler	February 5
Claire Lyles	February 7
Chris Morgan	February 7
Joan Arnold	February 8
Gale Jett	February 8
Ava Lyles	February 8
Dena Percer	February 8
Lee Bowman	February 10

Youth

- **TONIGHT:** In-home Devotional, 6:30-8:30pm.
- **Sunday, February 11:** Girls & Guys Events at 12:30pm: A workshop for Junior High girls about the significance of singing in worship; Senior High girls develop activity to bring-a-friend event; Monthly boys activity.
- **Wednesday, February 14:** Iron Sharp-ening Iron—small group discussion and Bible-based games
- **Sunday, February 18:** Area-wide Devotional at the Hoover CoC at 5:00pm.
- **Saturday, February 24:** Youth Group Board Games & Singing Night from 4:00-8:00pm; Dinner is provided.
- **Wednesday, February 28:** F.A.M. Groups

Carelines

Gail Powell has pneumonia and is at Brookwood Medical Center.

Ellen Williams, Rick Williams' mom, is recovering at home after having shoulder replacement surgery following a fall.

Gayle Creely had total knee replacement on Thursday, and the surgery went well.

Kathy Morita, a friend of Paul and Karen Kirby, has Vascular Parkinson's disease.

Joyce Baker is one of our shut-ins and has been suffering with Covid. **Dale** contracted Covid a few months ago and is still weak.

Lynn Wilson Dowdy, a long-time friend of Bill Powell, has been moved to a hospital/home in Athens, AL. Her situation remains the same.

Darren Brooks, Bob and Joy Brooks' son, will be doing trial treatments and some radiation.

Dave Long, Tom McQuillan's friend, has colon cancer and will be undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for two to three months with surgery to follow. Cards of encouragement can be sent to Dave at 204 Chelsea Station Drive, Chelsea, AL 35043.

Anthony Petruzella's close friend has requested prayers **for her mother, Michela Swafford**, who has been diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer.

Remember our shut-ins: Sylvia Huffman, Lynne Nichols, Dennis and Nancy Williams, and Joyce Baker.

Remember our church family: Vicky Till, Mike Creely, Dick Smith, Jeanne Anderson, and Gail Powell.

Remember our families and friends: Joyce Hinton (Nikeshia Fantroy), Anita Wadley (Kyle Wadley's mom), Milton Stover (Paul & Karen Kirby's friend), Hope Bishop (Jean Troughton's sister), Kelvin Blackmon (Chad Blackmon's dad), Doug and Cathy Abbott (Joel Abbott's parents), Jane Spivey (Rex Anderson's sister), and Richard Lawson (Alyssa Long's dad).

Mighty to Save

"Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave." God has used these words to speak hope into our family several times through the years. They are lyrics to the song, *Mighty to Save*, by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan. I want to share some of these "little" moments that have been meaningful to us. Maybe they'll bless you in some way.

When Eli was little, we read a Bible story about remaining steadfast through trials, and during the Q&A portion, he asked, "When is God going to move the mountains in my life?" Later, when a friend's brother was dying, and we were so worried about him, but also that the tragedy might ruin all hope we had for our friend's soul. Suddenly, we heard Eli's sweet little voice singing, "Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save." God did move that mountain, by the way.

Little Eden loved to sing and would ask, "You want me to sing a nudder song?" *Mighty to Save* was one of her favorites for a while. But her version was a little different. She would sing "He rose and conquered today. Jesus conquered today." It sure seemed like she would often sing those words at just the right times. When a day would feel like it had conquered us, the reminder that Jesus had already conquered this day and every day was comforting.

Most recently, Chet and I were talking about the idea of God moving mountains. He thought for a moment and asked, "When God moves a mountain, can you see it move or does He move it so slowly that you don't know it's moving?"

While we can't know God's timing, we can be sure He is always with us and always working for our good. I'm so happy when I see my children's minds stuck on the greatness and mighty works of God. I hope they will always look at the mountains in their lives with the expectation that God will move them if they need to be moved.

—Darrell

Attendance and Offering January 28, 2023

Attendance:

Bible Study: 193
AM Worship: 302
PM Worship: 69
Wednesday: 154

Contribution: \$15,220.49

Weekly Budget: \$15,392.00

Weekly Average: \$19,147.69

Contribution to Date: \$76,590.77

Hoover Supported Works

- *Childhaven, Cullman, AL*
- *Rainbow Omega, Eastaboga, AL*
- *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief*
- *Cy Walker, Guyana*
- *Clothing Closet*
- *Food Pantry*
- *Guyana*
- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*

Mission Trips

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

Oversight

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

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<p style="text-align: center;">A Non-Anxious Presence (Matthew 8:23-27)</p> <p>What it _____</p> <p>Why it's _____</p> <p>How to be _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GriefShare Class</p> <p>Our next GriefShare class will begin on Saturday, August 17. It will be each Saturday from 10am-noon and will go through November 16. Any of our members who have struggled with loss are invited to participate. If you have friends who might benefit, please let them know about this class as well.</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.</p> <p>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 Grief Share. You can also find additional information at https://www.griefshare.org/.</p>
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