February 15, 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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He Cares

A few years ago I was sitting in a coffee shop doing some reading and writing when I began to overhear parts of a conversation from the table behind me. The topics shifted from divorce to job pressures to concerns about their kids, but beneath it all was the same quiet weight of disappointment and uncertainty.

It's everywhere. In coffee shops and kitchens. In offices and factory floors. People are carrying burdens. Job stress. Health problems. Strained marriages. Wayward children. Unfulfilled hopes. Financial pressures. Lingering regrets.

Most of us learn to wear a smile in public. We take the mask off only around a trusted few. But behind the smile are questions we don't always say out loud:

Will my kids turn out okay?

Will this pressure ever ease?

Will I ever feel like I am keeping up?

Will my health hold up?

What will the future look like for our country, for our church, for my family?

We've advanced in remarkable ways over the last fifty years. We can do things our grandparents never imagined. We have more information, more technology, and more convenience than any generation before us.

But we haven't eliminated worry. We never will. Not here. Not in this life.

James lived in a different world. The language was different. The culture was different. The customs were different. But the people he wrote to were not so different from us. They were weary. Some were suffering injustice. Some were discouraged. All of them were learning what it means to wait on the Lord.

So James writes:

> *"As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful" (James 5:10-11).*

James doesn't promise immediate relief. He doesn't say the hardship will vanish tomorrow. He doesn't suggest that faith insulates us from pain. He points them instead to the character of God and to the certainty of his purposes.

We consider those blessed who remained steadfast.

Not because life was easy for them. Not because everything worked out the way they hoped. But because the Lord was at work, even when they couldn't see it clearly. And because the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

That's the anchor for anxious hearts.

If you're carrying something heavy today, hear this clearly: the Lord sees. The Lord knows. The Lord is compassionate and merciful. His purposes are not random, and his mercy is not small.

Stay steadfast. He cares. —Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in February for Needs: Reggie Arnold

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters:
Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance)
Jim & Denia Petruzella (Back Entrance)

Usher: Wes Blankenship

Nursery: Suzanna Weimer

AM Singing: Kyle Wadley

Scripture Reading: Nathan Guill

AM Opening Prayer: Clint Richey

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

AM Communion: Torrey Clark

Announcements: Jimmy Lyles

AM Closing Prayer: Drew Spivey

PM Song Leader: Garrett Vick; Area-wide Devo

PM Opening Prayer: Clint Richey

PM Speaker: Marcus Williams

PM Closing Prayer: Daniel Warren

Audio/Cameras: Will Spurlin/Grant Dalton

Video: Marc Handley

Security: Daniel Warren/Stephen King

Bible Reading Plan for February 15-21

- **Sunday, February 15:** Numbers 19-21; Psalm 46
- **Monday, February 16:** Numbers 22-24; Psalm 47
- **Tuesday, February 17:** Numbers 25-27; Psalm 48
- **Wednesday, February 18:** Numbers 28-30; Psalm 49
- **Thursday, February 19:** Numbers 31-32; Psalm 50
- **Friday, February 20:** Numbers 33-34; Psalm 51
- **Saturday, February 21:** Numbers 35-36; Psalm 52

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."**

Today, we will enjoy our monthly fellowship meal together following our morning worship. Unlike our usual potluck meals, the church is providing the food for everyone who attends. As we continue working toward our $130,000 goal to complete the building renovations, we invite everyone to join us for the meal and, if you choose, to make a contribution toward the renovation fund. Gifts are welcome anytime, and giving is always optional, but we hope this meal will be a meaningful way for our church family to come together and help bring this project to completion.

This evening at 5:00, we will meet in the auditorium. Our Youth Group is hosting the area-wide devotional, and **Marcus Williams** is presenting the lesson.

News and Events

We rejoice with **Kassidy Werner**, Gale Jett's great-niece, in her decision to be baptized into Christ. Kassidy's address is 950 Sleepy Hollow Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127.

Please welcome **Alan and Latangee Ashley** to our Hoover family; they placed membership with us on February 8. Their address is 1009 Saddlecreek Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35242.

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

The Young Adults will meet on Friday, February 27, for a worship service led by Micah Long.

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.

Happy Anniversary

Corey & Leah Covington	February 21

Happy Birthday

Jean Prince	February 16
Steve Hamm	February 17
Paul Merryman	February 18
Annie Spivey	February 19
Shana Griffin	February 21

Youth

- **TODAY:** Area-Wide Devotional at the Hoover Church of Christ.
- **Friday-Sunday, February 20-22:** Middle School Trip.
- **Wednesday, February 25:** F.A.M. Group Meetings.
- **Sunday, March 1:** In-home devotional.
- **Wednesday, March 4:** Friendsday.
- **Saturday, March 7:** Parent's night-out childcare from 5:30-9:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 11:** Backpack Buddies.

Carelines

Nancy Griner had two bone fracture procedures this past week and is in a lot of pain. Please pray for her comfort and healing.

Sondra Moss had rotator cuff surgery on Wednesday and is recovering at home.

Merv Prince has a follow-up appointment with his cardiologist this Tuesday, February 17.

Brigitte Doutre is in physical therapy at Aspire Recovery Center in Hoover. Her room number is 121.

Scarlette Smith, JoAnn McDonald's daughter, is undergoing chemo treatments for ovarian cancer and will see another oncologist in New York tomorrow.

Doyal Newsom's brother is having some surgical procedures soon. Please pray for a successful outcome.

Gail Powell is at home recovering from pneumonia and is feeling better.

Ali Tutak requests prayers for **his sister** who was recently in a car wreck. She lives in Turkey.

Giana Kidwell requests prayers for her cousins, **Jim and Marie Bryers**, who lost their home and belongings in a fire.

Melinda Richardson requests prayers for her friend, **Andre Oliver**, who is awaiting results of a biopsy for prostate cancer.

Taran Hicks, Betty Crawford's son, needs our prayers for his well-being and safety.

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

Judy Smith continues physical therapy following her recent knee replacement and is doing well.

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

Mike Hooper is recovering from procedures for AFib.

Remember our shut-ins: Joyce Baker and Sylvia Huffman. **Remember our church family:** Diann Tippins and Tyler Tippins. **Remember our family and friends:** Keith Hills (Melinda Richardson's brother-in-law), Don Cicero (Matthew Cicero's father), 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).

A Note from the Eldership Regarding Prospective Deacons

We're grateful for the way that the members at Hoover continue to support our congregation's ministries. As we look ahead, we want to be intentional about how our church's leadership is organized to meet both current and future ministry needs. To that end, as we shared last Sunday, we would like to appoint additional deacons. If approved, these men will each help coordinate a specific ministry. We appreciate their willingness, along with that of their families, to step forward and serve.

The men presented to the congregation are listed below:

- **Sid Aultman**
- **Wes Blankenship**
- **Nathan Guill**
- **Christian Harris**
- **Mark Lackey**
- **Micah Long**
- **Jason McKeown**
- **Tom McQuillan**
- **Bill Rayburn**
- **Brent Reaves**
- **Clint Richey**
- **Jonathan Weimer**

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak directly with the men listed above first. After doing so, you are welcome to reach out to the elders if needed.

The eldership will meet on Saturday, February 21, to discuss ministry assignments and how best to organize the deacons to serve the church. Please take the time between now and then to share any feedback or questions.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we serve Christ together.

In Christ,
The Hoover Church of Christ Eldership

Attendance and Offering February 8, 2026

Attendance
Bible Study: 198
AM Worship: 317
PM Worship: 29
Wednesday: 163

Contribution: $12,085.84
Weekly Budget:
Weekly Average: $17,674.09
Contribution to Date: $106,044.54

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.

From Rules to Restoration
(Mark 2:23-3:6)

When _____ Replace Mercy (2:23-28)

When _____ Reveals Hardness (3:1-5)

When _____ Reveals Identity (3:6)

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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