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CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 8, 2026

Doing Nothing Is Easy

When Rosina Hernandez was in college, she attended a rock concert where a young man was brutally beaten. No one stepped in to stop it. The next day she learned that he had died from his injuries. She never forgot the moment, or the fact that she, along with everyone else, had stood by and done nothing.

Years later she witnessed another crisis. While driving in the rain, she saw a car ahead of her skid off the road and plunge into Biscayne Bay. The vehicle landed nose-down in the water with only the rear end above the surface. Moments later a woman surfaced, screaming for help and saying her husband was trapped inside.

This time Rosina didn't hesitate. She jumped into the water and tried to open the car door, but it wouldn't budge. She began pounding on the back window while people stood on the causeway watching. She shouted to them that a man was dying in the car.

Finally one man came to help. Then another. Together they shattered the glass and pulled the man out. They were just in time. A few minutes later it would have been too late.

The woman thanked Rosina for saving her husband. Rosina later said she felt an emotional high that lasted for weeks. Years earlier she had promised herself she would never again stand by and do nothing if a life was at stake. This time she kept that promise.

Doing nothing is easy.

We rationalize: *It's none of my business.*

We make excuses: *Someone else will handle it.*

We justify: *I probably couldn't help anyway.*

And often we tell ourselves that our small effort wouldn't really matter. Surely someone more capable, more qualified, or with more time will step in. But history is full of moments when the difference between tragedy and rescue was simply one person deciding not to stand by.

Doing nothing has always been the easiest option.

And that same temptation shows up in the work of the church.

Teaching a Bible class? *Let someone else do it.*

Volunteering for a new ministry? *My schedule is already full.*

Taking time to welcome visitors and build relationships? *I've got to get home.*

It may not look as dramatic as a car sinking in the water, but real, important, life-changing work is happening in the Hoover church.

People are learning the gospel. Children are being taught. Visitors are deciding whether they will come back. Encouragement is being given—or withheld. Will you be part of it?

When it comes to God's work, there are really only two responses:

"But they all alike began to make excuses…" (Luke 14:18)

"Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

Which one describes you? —Chuck

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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 March for Needs: Steve Cotney

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters:
Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance)
Al Lyons & Jayne Ivy (Back Entrance)

Usher: Stephen King

Nursery: April Winningham

AM Singing: Kyle Wadley

Scripture Reading: Landon Wadley

AM Opening Prayer: Corey Covington

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

AM Communion: Sid Aultman

Announcements: Steve Cotney

AM Closing Prayer: C.T. Dodd

PM Song Leader: Matthew Cicero

PM Opening Prayer: Paul Kirby

PM Speaker: Jeremiah Holladay

PM Closing Prayer: Matthew Cicero

Audio/Cameras: Grant Dalton/Brent Reaves

Video: Wes Blankenship

Security: Chad Blackmon/Norman Rutland

Bible Reading Plan for March 8-14

- **Sunday, March 8:** Joshua 9-12; Psalm 67
- **Monday, March 9:** Joshua 13-21; Psalm 68
- **Tuesday, March 10:** Joshua 22-24; Psalm 69
- **Wednesday March 11:** Judges 1-3; Psalm 70
- **Thursday, March 12:** Judges 4-5; Psalm 71
- **Friday, March 13:** Judges 6-8; Psalm 72
- **Saturday, March 14:** Judges 9-12; Psalm 73

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.

Adult Bible Classes: (1) **Auditorium: Wade Warren** is continuing his study on "Preparation of the World for the Messiah." (2) **Library: Chuck Webster** is teaching in the Library on "Learning to Read Scripture More Faithfully." This class is using thoughts from M*isreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible* by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien, as well as other materials. (3) **Wednesday, Auditorium: Bill Rayburn** is teaching a class in March on "The Blessings That Come From Faith" (Romans 5:1-11). April and May will focus on biblical stewardship.

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 **Jeremiah Holladay** from Faulkner University.

News and Events

Rick and Brooke Williams, Jason McKeown, Steven Gaither, Will Spurlin, Walden Schlundt, Nathan Guill, Becky Smith, Nikesha Fantroy, Pam Blankenship, Kyle Bedgood, and Marcus Harris are on a mission trip in Peru and returning this coming weekend. Please pray for a successful mission and their safety.

There will be an **Elders, Deacons, and Ministers** meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the Library on Sunday, March 15.

Ladies meet weekly on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. for a **Bible Study**. The topic that is being studied this session is **Purim**. Contact Denia Petruzella or Leah Covington with any questions.

If you can help with the Sunday morning **Common Grounds Coffee Bar**, please see Jonathan Weimer.

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

Glenn & Vicky Till	March 9

Happy Birthday

Zoe Starns	March 8
Tom McQuillan	March 9
Tom Kidwell	March 12
Jonathan Weimer	March 13
Nancy Griner	March 14

Youth

- **Wednesday, March 11:** Backpack Buddies at 6:15 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 14:** Youth Rally at the Midway Church of Christ in Jasper, AL.
- **Sunday, March 15:** Area-wide Devotional at the Ashville Road Church of Christ (the bus leaves at 4:15 p.m.)
- **Wednesday, March 18:** Nursery-5th Grade—Dinner and Devotional in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 18:** F.A.M. Group Meetings at 7:00 p.m.

Carelines

Claire Elisabeth Clark passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning, February 25, and is now with her Heavenly Father. Claire is the fifteen-month-old daughter of Cody and Tara; sister to Elliott, Lawson, and Bennett. A funeral service and tribute for her were yesterday at Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens. The family is deeply grieved and heartbroken, but strong and resilient through this incredibly difficult time. Cody and Tara request your prayers while they grieve the loss of their precious "Claire Bear."

Jeanne Anderson (former member of Hoover) is in ICU at Grandview Medical Center and needs our prayers.

Brady, Isabelle, and Lilly Aultman have been sick with the flu.

Brigitte Doutre is recovering at home and is doing somewhat better.

Gail Powell is at Brookwood and will hopefully be transferred to Aspire Rehab Facility in a couple of days.

Merv Prince will be having hip replacement surgery on Monday, April 6.

Sondra Moss is recovering from rotator cuff surgery and is doing well. She has three more surgeries that are needed as well.

Scarlette Smith, JoAnn McDonald's daughter, is undergoing chemotherapy for ovarian cancer.

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

Lila Destito, the grandmother of Sarah Destito (a frequent visitor at Hoover), broke her shoulder in three places and is in a lot of pain.

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

Emily Bedgood is recovering from hand surgery.

Doyal Newsom appreciates the prayers for her **brother's surgical procedures**. He is doing very well.

(Carelines cont.)

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

Remember our church family: Betty Crawford, Diann Tippins, and Tyler Tippins.

Remember our family and friends: Ali Tutak's sister, Jim and Marie Bryers (Giana Kidwell's cousins), Sue Adams (Jim & Denia Petruzella's aunt), 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).

A Note from the Eldership Regarding New Deacons

We are thankful to share that the following men have now been appointed and are serving as deacons, helping coordinate specific ministries within our congregation (these assignments will be discussed on Sunday evening, March 29):

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

We're grateful for the willingness of these men and their families to serve, and we appreciate the encouragement and support shown by our church family throughout this process. Please keep these men in your prayers as they begin this work, and continue to support them as we serve Christ together.

Attendance and Offering March 1, 2026

Attendance
Bible Study: 201
AM Worship: 285
PM Worship: 112
Wednesday: 196

Contribution: $14,687.00
Weekly Budget:
Weekly Average: $16,906.17
Contribution to Date: $152,155.50

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.

Who Then Is This?
(Mark 4:35-41)

The storm reveals the _____ of Jesus.

The calm reveals the _____ of Jesus.

The fear reveals the _____ of Jesus.

The _____ reveals the lesson for us.

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 for a Grief Share Orientation: **March 14, June 13, and December 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. This class will being in August.

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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