



Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

March 12, 2023

Your weak spot

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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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What's your weak spot?

You've got one, of course, as we all do, and Satan knows exactly where it is.

He's lurking around, watching, waiting, looking for us to let our guards down, then he attacks.

One thing that makes it so difficult is that he often uses something in us that's harmless. He takes a good desire and makes it bad.

Here's Eve's tragic mistake:

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate (Genesis 3:6).

We often think of the forbidden fruit as an apple, but we have no idea what it was.

Whatever it was, though, it looked good. Tasty. Delicious. Satisfying.

And there was nothing wrong with Eve's hunger . . . God had given her the perfectly nature desire to eat.

Satan took that desire and used it against her. Her hunger, at least in part, led to her fall.

The old serpent's still using the same tactic. Think about it.

There's nothing wrong with our desire for things—clothes to wear, houses to live in, life's necessities. But when that desire runs amok—which it often does—it's called greed and materialism, and it's ruined millions of lives.

God gave us a sexual desire—it has blessed husbands and wives since creation. But when we forget the parameters God established, we engage in sexual immorality. Chances are you know some folks right now whose lives have been turned upside down by sex outside of marriage.

We have an innate sense of self-protection and self-love—it motivates us to eat, to protect and provide for ourselves and our families. But misguided self-love leads to selfishness, self-centeredness, and pride.

Do you see how Satan works?

He takes something completely natural, totally innocent, and uses it to undermine your relationship to God.

Watch for it this week. Identify the desire in you that Satan is using to cause you to sin.

Often the best defense against your enemy is to be aware of what he's doing.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in March for Needs:
Carl Logan

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters: Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller

Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner

Back Lobby: Darren & Teresa Hicks

Ushers, AM: Jim Petruzella

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Scripture Reading: Phillip Searcy

Singing:

AM: Kyle Wadley

PM: Rick Williams

Opening Prayer:

AM: Rick Williams

PM: Chad Blackmon

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion:

AM: Donnie Winningham

Announcements: Carl Logan

Closing Prayer:

AM: Tracy Percer

PM: Andrew Blackmon

Audio/Cameras: Clint Richey

Alternate: Brent Reaves

Video: Caleb Henry

Security: Stephen King

Alternate: George Faison

Bible Reading Plan for March 12-19

Sunday, March 12: Deuteronomy 3-4

Monday, March 13: Deuteronomy 5-7

Tuesday, March 14: Deuteronomy 8-10

Wednesday, March 15: Deuteronomy 11-13

Thursday, March 16: Deuteronomy 14-16

Friday, March 17: Deuteronomy 17-20

Saturday, March 18: Deuteronomy 21-23

Sunday, March 19: Deuteronomy 24-27

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.

We have **three adult Bible classes** on Sunday morning. **Auditorium:** Jerry Culbertson, *Apocalypse*; **Library:** Clint Richey and Wes Blankenship, *The Apostles*; **Fellowship Hall (downstairs):** Jeff Melton and Torrey Clark, *Millennials and Generation Z*.

The Leadership team is meeting today in the Young Professionals classroom at 3:00pm.

Sunday worship services will be at the **AHEPA 3 Apartments** today at 3:30pm.

Please bring dinner for you and your family this evening at our 5:00pm worship hour. We'll enjoy eating and fellowshiping together in the fellowship hall. Then afterwards, we'll go to the auditorium for a prayer service.

News and Events

Please welcome Dixie Walker-Wagner to the Hoover family—we are blessed to have her with us. Dixie's address is 214 Chase Drive, Pelham, AL 35124.

Congratulations to Adam, Laura, Claire, and Owen Lyles on the birth of their new baby daughter and new sister, **Emmeline Ruth Lyles!** Emmeline was born on Tuesday, March 7, at 5:42pm and weighs 6lbs 1oz and is 19½ in long. Mom, baby, and all of the family are doing well!

Men's support group: Almost every Saturday morning at 8am, a group of men meets in the youth room for a time of fellowship and encouragement. It's meant to be a time where guys can spend time with one another, talk about their lives, and, if needed, share struggles or challenges that they might be facing. All men are welcome. See **Merv Prince** with any questions.

(News and Events cont.)

The Young at Heart will be meeting for their monthly fellowship on Friday, March 17, at 5:30pm. Please bring your favorite casserole and wear green!

Johnny and Beverly Johnson will be hosting this event.

Hoover is having a Family Skate Day at the Roller Motion in Bessemer on Saturday, March 18, from 12:00-2:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

An Area-wide Youth Group will meet at Hoover on Sunday, March 19. Contact Darrell Powell with any questions.

There will be a Men's Workday at the building on the morning of March 25, starting at 8:00am. Please let **Rick Williams** know if you'll be able to participate.

The Food Pantry will reopen on Sunday, March 26, from 3:00-4:30pm, and **Apple Juice** is the food item that is needed this month.

The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class meets at 11:00am in the senior high classroom. They are studying the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. If you have any questions, please contact **Denia Petruzella, Leah Covington, or Jamie Powell**.

Save the date: Saturday, April 1, for our Easter Egg Hunt! More details will be coming soon.

Happy Anniversary

Dennis & Nancy Williams	March 14
Sid & Lori Aultman	March 15
Mike & Suzanne Clelland	March 15

Happy Birthday

Tom Kidwell	March 12
Jonathan Weimer	March 13
Nancy Griner	March 14
Emily Grace Hamm	March 15
Mary Layson Clark	March 16
Davis Clark	March 17

Carelines

Charles Harden, Jason McKeown's friend, is in a nursing home in Memphis, and his health is declining. Please pray for his comfort and peace and send cards of encouragement to Charles and Betty Harden, 581 Walker Parkway, Atoka, TN 38004.

Chris Hethcox, Markie Jones' dad, met with doctors at MD Anderson in Texas. They have started him on a new medication and will run scans in a couple of months to check his progress. Please pray this new treatment will be effective and that the Lord will give him relief from his pain.

Shannon Purvis, Katelyn Purvis' mom (former member of Hoover), has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please pray for her healing.

Darren Brooks, Bob and Joy Brooks' son, is being treated for cancer. Please pray for his comfort and healing and also for his family as they endure this pain with him.

Sharon Houghton, Jennifer Lackey's mom, is undergoing treatments for cancer. Please pray for effective results.

Joy Jones, Jennifer Dalton's mom, has finished her chemotherapy and does not need radiation at this time. Scans will be issued in a few months to see if more treatment is necessary. The family appreciates the prayers.

Amanda Farrell, a former member of Hoover, has been ill and needs our prayers for her recovery.

Amy Russo, a friend of Karen Bowers' family, had a stroke and will soon have surgery to help with a clot. Amy is 24 years old.

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

Remember our church family: Jamie Starns, Cameron Covington, Helen Reinhardt, Jeanne Anderson, Dick Smith, Edward Curry, and Gail Powell.

Remember our families and friends: Eddie Williams (Leah Covington's stepdad), Fred O'Barr (Mike Clelland's uncle), Denise Hillis (Melody Warbington's sister), Davina Clifton (Mike Clelland's cousin's wife), Doug Abbott (Joel Abbott's dad), Jo Clelland (Mike Clelland's aunt), and Richard Lawson (Alyssa Long's dad).

An Unnecessary Exercise

A man was hoeing his garden in a chair. Said the passerby to himself, "What laziness!" However, closer observation revealed to the passerby a pair of crutches leaning against the chair. The passerby was guilty of that unnecessary exercise called "jumping to conclusions." Be honest! Very little effort is required for attaching the worst connotation possible to the decisions or actions of others. Yes, it is so easy to jump to conclusions, ignoring or being void of all the facts behind the decisions and actions of others. So what will help us be more fair in the concepts we have of one another and the conclusions we draw about one another? From the words of Jesus in that familiar passage (Matthew 7:1-5) there are several things we need to remember.

First, it is wrong to judge impetuously and jump to conclusions about another. Jesus said, "Judge not."

Second, life is a mirror; we receive from it what we put into it. Jesus warned, "With what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (Matthew 7:2). Yes, if we jump to conclusions about others, others will jump to conclusions about us.

Third, jumping to conclusions will adversely affect our relationship with fellow brethren. Such is inevitable when we capitalize on the faults of brethren—"the mote that is in thy brother's eye"—and fail to consider our own faults—"the beam that is in thine own eye" (Matthew 7:3).

Fourth, jumping to conclusions will adversely affect our concept of self. Such transpires when our actions say to another, "Let me pull the mote out of thine eye," but at the same time a beam is in our own eye (Matthew 7:24).

Fifth, jumping to conclusions will adversely affect our relationship with God. Yes, jumping to conclusions makes us a "hypocrite" (Matthew 7:5).

We may not be blind to the faults of others, but let us at least be fair to one another in reference to these faults. Remember, "the crosses people bear are seldom in plain sight!" "Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 4:24). Would that not be great?

—Dan Winkler

Attendance and Offering March 5, 2023

Attendance:

Bible Study: 167

AM Worship: 288

PM Worship: 128

Wednesday: 135

Contribution: \$19,671.74

Weekly Budget: \$14,280.00

Weekly Average: \$16,036.41

Contribution to Date: \$160,364.12

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*

GriefShare Ministry

GriefShare Ministry: So many people in our congregation (and beyond) have experienced significant losses in their lives, so we're thankful to be able to offer GriefShare Ministry. This ministry 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. If you think this ministry might help you process your loss, please reach out to Harold Rhodes, Kyle Wadley, or Chuck Webster for more information, or you can visit <https://www.griefshare.org/>.



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