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CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 15, 2026

The Music We Walk Past

Several years ago *The Washington Post* conducted an unusual experiment.

One cold January morning, a man stood in a Washington, D.C. subway station and began playing the violin. Commuters rushed past on their way to work. Some tossed a dollar into the open case. A few slowed down for a moment. Most never broke stride.

After forty-five minutes, more than a thousand people had passed by. Only a handful stopped to listen.

The man playing that morning was Joshua Bell, one of the finest violinists in the world. Just days earlier he had performed to a sold-out concert hall where people paid hundreds of dollars for the chance to hear him play. But that morning, playing one of the most valuable violins ever made, he collected only about $32 in tips.

Why?

Because context matters. When beauty shows up in an unexpected place, people often walk right past it.

The experiment raises an uncomfortable question: How often do we miss what is truly valuable simply because we're in too much of a hurry to notice it?

Our lives move fast. Schedules fill up. Notifications buzz. Responsibilities pile up. And somewhere along the way we can lose the ability to slow down and really see what's in front of us.

Sometimes that includes the people around us. The lonely. The hurting. The overlooked.

Sometimes it even includes the work of God himself.

Scripture reminds us that God's presence is not always found in dramatic moments. Elijah discovered that God was not in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in a low whisper.

Which raises a question for us.

If God were quietly at work in the ordinary moments of our week, would we even notice?

This week, try something simple.

Slow down a little. Pay attention. Look for the goodness of God in the ordinary places of life.

You might be surprised how much beauty has been there all along.

—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)
Clint & Abbie Richey (Back Entrance)

Usher: Stephen King

Nursery: Tiffany McKeown

AM Singing: Kyle Wadley

Scripture Reading: Kyle Bedgood

AM Opening Prayer: Marcus Williams

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

AM Communion: Jeff Melton

Announcements: Jimmy Lyles

AM Closing Prayer: Nathan Guill

PM Song Leader: Landon Wadley

PM Opening Prayer: Drew Spivey

PM Speaker: Chuck Webster

PM Closing Prayer: Garrett Vick

Audio/Cameras: Grant Dalton/Brent Reaves

Video: Wes Blankenship

Security: Chad Blackmon/Norman Rutland

Bible Reading Plan for March 15-22

- **Sunday, March 15:** Judges 13-15; Psalm 74
- **Monday, March 16:** Judges 16-18; Psalm 75
- **Tuesday, March 17:** Judges 19-21; Psalm 76
- **Wednesday March 18:** Ruth 1-4; Psalm 77
- **Thursday, March 19:** 1 Samuel 1-3; Psalm 78
- **Friday, March 20:** 1 Samuel 4-8; Psalm 79
- **Saturday, March 21:** 1 Samuel 9-12; Psalm 80

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 teaching 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.

Visitors and members are invited to our **third Sunday congregational fellowship meal** immediately following our morning worship service.

The **Elders, Deacons, and Ministers** meet today from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Library.

There will be a **service at the AHEPA III Apartments** this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. **Brent Reaves** will present the lesson.

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

News and Events

The Peru Mission Team—**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**—arrived home safely.

Ladies, you are invited to join a weekly Bible study on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. The topic being studied is **Purim**. Contact Denia Petruzella or Leah Covington with any questions.

The Young at Heart meet for their monthly Birthday Celebration and Game Night at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20. The menu is Potluck and the theme is **Irish Green**. Faye Bailey, Gale Jett, JoAnn McDonald, and Jean Troughton are hosting this event.

Words of Gratitude

To our Hoover Church of Christ family,

We thank you so much for wrapping us in your arms and showing us so much love during this incredibly difficult time. We appreciate all of the cards, messages, meals, and donations you all have so generously given to us. There are no words for times like these, but we are grateful for the hope we have to see our Claire again in heaven. We love each of you and are so very thankful to be members here.

Cody, Tara, Elliott, Lawson, Bennett, and Claire Clark

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

Sid & Lori Aultman	March 15
Mark & Shana Griffin	March 17
Brent & Kayla Reaves	March 20
Darren & Teresa Rumph	March 21

Happy Birthday

Emily Grace Hamm	March 15
Mary Layson Clark	March 16
Davis Clark	March 17
Derick Bush	March 19
Nic Weymouth	March 21

Youth

- **Today:** 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

We extend our condolences to **Dakotah Weeks** and his family upon the passing of his grandmother, **Diane Mulkey Shows**. Mrs. Shows passed away Saturday, March 7. The funeral was held this past Wednesday at the Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Mendenhall, MS.

Jeanne Anderson (former member of Hoover) has been moved from ICU at Grandview to a patient room, #839.

Gail Powell has been transferred to Aspire Physical Recovery Center, Room #211, Hoover, AL 35226.

Merv Prince is having hip replacement surgery on Monday, April 6, at UAB Medical West.

Sondra Moss is recovering from rotator cuff surgery and is feeling better. She is waiting to have three other procedures.

Scarlette Smith, JoAnn McDonald's daughter, is undergoing chemotherapy for ovarian cancer. JoAnn appreciates the prayers from the congregation.

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.

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

Remember our church family: Emily Bedgood, Judy Smith, Betty Crawford, Diann Tippins, and Tyler Tippins.

Remember our family and friends: Andre Oliver (Melinda Richardson's friend), Jayvion (Jayne Ivy's friend's son), 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),

(Carelines cont.)

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.

Partiality

Partiality is unfair to the child receiving preference. It robs him of a healthy adjustment in growing to maturity. He may feel that everyone should coddle him as his parents have.

Partiality is unfair to the ones left out. Resentment builds up toward the preferred one and toward the parent(s) guilty of showing partiality. This may grow into hatred, and that hatred may turn toward wrath, malice, and violence (Genesis 37:3-4).

"Doing nothing with partiality."
1 Timothy 5:21

Attendance and Offering March 8, 2026

Attendance
Bible Study: 142
AM Worship: 266
PM Worship: 30 (Knit Together Groups Met in Homes)
Wednesday: 35 (Severe Weather Conditions)

Contribution: $10,072.25
Weekly Budget:
Weekly Average: $16,222.78
Contribution to Date: $162,227.75

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.

Offended by Jesus
(Mark 6:1-13)

The _____ they took

The _____ they showed

The _____ he continued

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: **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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