



April 12, 2026

If You're Suffering

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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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When we're suffering, we don't all respond the same way, and Scripture gives us space for that. The psalms are filled with cries of pain, confusion, and even protest. Faith doesn't mean pretending everything is fine. It means bringing what's real before God.

At the same time, suffering can pull us in different directions. We can turn inward and isolate. We can grow bitter or begin to assign blame, sometimes toward others and sometimes even toward God. Left unchecked, those responses can slowly harden us.

James offers a different, simple direction:

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray (James 5:13a).

That may sound almost too simple, especially when the suffering is deep, confusing, or overwhelming. Scripture never minimizes real pain, and neither should we. Some burdens aren't light, and some losses don't have easy explanations or quick healing. In those moments, prayer isn't a quick fix. It's a lifeline.

You may not have this problem, but when I'm stressed or struggling, my devotional life sometimes suffers. My prayers become shallow, more perfunctory, less engaged. I find myself going through the motions, praying out of habit and offering the kind of "vain repetitions" Jesus warned about in Matthew 6. I've occasionally finished a prayer and realized I wasn't really present for any of it.

Do you ever find that happening?

Maybe that's why James gives such a direct instruction. When you're suffering, when you're worried, when you're weighed down, pay attention to your spiritual life. Not less prayer, but more. Not empty words, but honest ones.

Talk to the Lord about what's really going on. Don't offer him clichés. Pour out your heart. The psalms give us permission to do exactly that.

God welcomes our cries, our questions, and our pain. He invites us to bring all of it to him.

What helps?

Prayer, not as a formula, but as a relationship. Bring your burdens to the one who sees, who cares, and who remains present even when answers don't come quickly.

Suffering, worried, or overwhelmed?

Pray about it.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in April for Needs: Jimmy Lyles

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters:

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

Usher: Corey Covington

Nursery: Deebe Taylor

AM Singing: Kyle Wadley

Scripture Reading: Jason Blakemore

AM Opening Prayer: Norman Rutland

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

AM Communion: Donnie Winningham

Announcements: Reggie Arnold

AM Closing Prayer: Wes Blankenship

PM Song Leader: Matthew Cicero

PM Opening Prayer: Matthew Cicero

PM Speaker: Landon Brown from Faulkner University

PM Closing Prayer: Allen Taylor

Audio/Cameras: Brent Reaves/Clint Richey; **Video:** Mark Lackey; **Security:** Marc Handley/Walden Schlundt

Contribution Baskets: Noah White, Sam Williams, Campbell Vick, Aiden McQuillan, Zach Blakemore, Caleb Winningham, Derick Bush, and Scott Warren

Bible Reading Plan for April 12-18

- **Sunday, April 12:** 2 Kings 4-7; Psalm 102
- **Monday, April 13:** 2 Kings 8-11; Psalm 103
- **Tuesday, April 14:** 2 Kings 12-14; Psalm 104
- **Wednesday, April 15:** 2 Kings 15-17; Psalm 105
- **Thursday, April 16:** 2 Kings 18-19; Psalm 106
- **Friday, April 17:** 2 Kings 20-22; Psalm 107
- **Saturday, April 18:** 2 Kings 23-25; Psalm 108

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 *Misreading 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 on biblical stewardship this month and in May.

This evening at 5:00, our Knit Together Groups will meet in homes for a devotional and fellowship. We will also have a lesson in the auditorium presented by Landon Brown, a student from Faulkner University.

News and Events

We rejoice with **Caleb Winningham** on his decision to be baptized into Christ. Caleb was baptized Sunday afternoon, April 5. Please welcome him to our family, and let's support him in his walk with Jesus.

The Hoover Ladies' Retreat is Friday-Sunday, April 17-19, at **Hargis Christian Camp** in Chelsea, AL. Join us for a weekend of encouragement, fellowship, and spiritual renewal as we focus on our theme, "Peace in His Presence." Our speaker is **Janet Wilson** (Kasey Guill's mom)—we look forward to the encouragement and wisdom she will share with us.

The Young at Heart will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall on Friday, April 17, for their birthday celebration and game night. **Tom and Giana Kidwell** are hosting this event, and the menu is Spring Potluck.

Outdoor Bible Study

You are invited to an outdoor Bible study hosted by Al Lyons at Oak Mountain State Park on Friday, April 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Al's lesson, *A Tree Planted by Streams of Water*, will integrate his lifelong love for God's creation with over five decades as a Christian to broaden our understanding of how creation principles align with our faith. If you plan to attend, please inform Al by Friday, April 17, or feel free to email him at: allyons416@hotmail.com. Please note that parking is limited, so it will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2026

Aidan McQuillan
Andrew Blackmon
Andrew McQuillan
Caroline Handley
Derick Bush
Emma Kate Warren
Lucy McKeown
Marshall Pope
Noah White

Youth

- **Friday, April 10:** Kindergarten-5th Grade—Ice Cream Sundaes and Nine Square from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 22:** Dinner and Devotional at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for Nursery-5th Grade.
- **Wednesday, April 22:** F.A.M. Group Meetings in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday

Karen Blakemore	April 12
Kellen Vick	April 13
Mark Griffin	April 14
Andi Webster	April 14
Jude Webster	April 14
Corey James Covington, Jr.	April 16
Cheryl Dupree	April 16
Steve Benson	April 17

Carelines

We extend our heartfelt condolences to **Rex Anderson and his family** on the passing of his wife, **Jeanne Anderson**. Jeanne and Rex were former members of Hoover for many years, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. A funeral service for Jeanne will be held on Saturday, April 18, at the Hoover Church of Christ. Visitation will take place from 12:00-2:00 p.m., with the service to follow at 2:00.

Merv Prince is in physical therapy for his hip replacement surgery and is doing well.

Doug and Cathy Abbott, Joel Abbott's parents, are facing medical challenges. Doug has Parkinson's disease, and Cathy is experiencing blood pressure issues.

Betty Shackelford, Chè Abbott's mom, is not doing well and is having severe back pain.

Roy Ellas is still at UAB and is suffering with health issues.

Doug Williams, Landyn Williams' dad, has been undergoing treatments for multiple myeloma and is doing well. He will soon receive a stem cell transplant.

Kellie Covington, Corey Covington's sister and a former member of Hoover, has Stage 2 breast cancer and will be meeting with her doctor soon to discuss further treatment.

Dale and Joyce Baker are both patients at Aspire Physical Recovery Center in Hoover. Dale is undergoing rehabilitation following hip replacement surgery. Joyce has been there for several weeks due to venous insufficiency in both legs. No visitors are requested, but cards/notes and prayers are appreciated. Joyce Baker, Aspire Physical Recovery Center, 575 Southland Drive, Room 405, Hoover, AL 35226; Dale Baker's room number is 213.

Sharon McGraw received a good report from her heart doctor. She appreciates the prayers, cards, and calls from the congregation.

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

(Carelines cont.)

Scarlette Smith, JoAnn McDonald's daughter, is continuing chemotherapy treatments. She is scheduled to have a CT scan on April 30 and then surgery. Please pray for a successful outcome.

Gail Powell is recovering at home following an extended hospital and rehab stay. She remains on bed rest and in therapy but is gaining strength.

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

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

Remember our family and friends: Lila Destito (Sarah Destito's grandmother), 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 Anderson (former member of Hoover), Kathy Culbertson (former member of Hoover), Richard Lawson (Alyssa Long's dad), and Charlie Pflueger (Tom Kidwell's dad).

A Forever Home

The cry of the orphan, tossed from place to place, is for a "forever home." Such affords security and identity.

Young Samuel was destined for a forever home, not with parents but with God. All parents should strive so their children will also live in this forever home. This forever home provides great security, peace of mind, and warm family ties. To dwell in this forever home comes from our personal desire "to dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

As children we are brought to worship and to God by our parents' choices. As years pass, the choice must become our own. Sadly, some are not content to choose God's "forever home" (1 Timothy 3:15).

—Jack Kachelman

**Attendance and Offering
April 5, 2026**

Attendance

Bible Study: 141
AM Worship: 294
PM Worship: 75
Wednesday: 164

Contribution: \$17,921.04

Weekly Budget:

Weekly Average: \$15,806.20

Contribution to Date: \$221,286.75

Hoover Supported Works

- *Childhaven, Cullman, AL*
- *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief*
- *Clothing Closet*
- *Food Pantry*
- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*

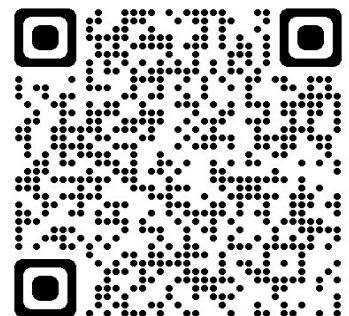
Mission Trips

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

Oversight

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

Visitors and members, please scan the QR Code below to log your attendance.



**Why We Exist: Come to Know Jesus
(Matthew 28:18-20; Colossians 2:6-7)**

We exist to glorify God by helping people come to know Jesus, grow in his likeness, and serve others.

The Mission Comes from _____

The Mission Is to Make _____

Knowing Jesus Means _____ Him as Lord

Everything Begins with _____ Jesus

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 begin 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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