



April 19, 2026

If You're Cheerful

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

I suppose we're more likely to obey the first part of that verse than we are the second. It's easy to let all of life's stresses cause us to forget our need to praise God for everything good. If we're not careful, talking to God can be more like a 911 call, something we do only when we find ourselves in a very difficult spot.

Talking to God, though, praising him, ought to be what we do in every situation. When we're hurting or sad, we pour out our hearts to him.

When we're joyful, when he's blessed us, we praise him. Praise shouldn't be rare or reserved for big moments. It ought to be woven into the ordinary rhythms of our lives, into quiet mornings, daily routines, and simple conversations with God.

James recognizes that life has its ups and downs. We'll have problems like everyone else. When we do, we pray about it. But we should also recognize that God gives us so many joys. Gratitude doesn't come naturally when life gets busy. It has to be cultivated, noticed, and expressed.

What's right in your life today?

Did you hear the birds singing outside this morning? Perhaps you already took a walk today. God's blessings surround us, and most of us have quite a few things to smile about. Too often, we rush past those moments without slowing down long enough to acknowledge where they came from. Even a brief pause to thank him can reshape the way we see the rest of the day.

A soft bed and a comfortable house. Water to drink and food to eat. A job that supports our families, healthy kids, faithful friends, a country that, even with all its problems, most of us would not trade for any other. These aren't small things. They're daily mercies we quietly depend on. Recognizing them guards our hearts against entitlement and forgetfulness.

And most of all, of course, we've got Christ. Even if we have problems, which we do, nothing can dampen the fact that we're forgiven.

Saved from sin. Washed in the blood. Justified, sanctified, and soon to be glorified.

So today, take time to praise. List the blessings God has poured into your life, and thank him for every single one of them.

But especially thank him for giving you hope in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in April for Needs:
Jimmy Lyles

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters:

Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance)
Allen & Deebe Taylor (Back Entrance)

Usher: Corey Covington

Nursery: Suzanna Weimer

AM Singing: Kyle Wadley

Scripture Reading: Paul Kirby

AM Opening Prayer: Grant Dalton

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

AM Communion: Greg Coker

Announcements: Steve Cotney

AM Closing Prayer: Floyd Josephat

PM Song Leader: Jason McKeown

PM Opening Prayer: Rick Williams

PM Speaker: Chuck Webster

PM Closing Prayer: Scott Warren

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

Contribution Baskets: Aiden McQuillan, Zach Blakemore, Caleb Winningham, Derick Bush, Scott Warren, Garrett Vick, Jonah White, and Carter Williams

Bible Reading Plan for April 19-25

- **Sunday, April 19:** Isaiah 1-4; Psalm 109
- **Monday, April 20:** Isaiah 5-8; Psalm 110
- **Tuesday, April 21:** Isaiah 9-12; Psalm 111
- **Wednesday, April 23:** Isaiah 13-17; Psalm 112
- **Thursday, April 24:** Isaiah 18-22; Psalm 113
- **Friday, April 24:** Isaiah 23-27; Psalm 114
- **Saturday, April 25:** Isaiah 28-30; Psalm 115

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, we will meet in the auditorium for a lesson taught by Chuck Webster.

News and Events

We're excited to share that our **Family Retreat** is just three and a half weeks away, May 8-10, at Shocco Springs Conference Center in Talladega, AL. This retreat is always a special time to relax, enjoy meaningful fellowship, and grow closer together as a church family. It's free for all who want to attend, but please register using the link below, and if you want a T-shirt, please sign up by Friday. <https://hooverchurchofchrist.org/family-retreat/>. We are also offering something new this year for those who cannot attend all weekend—a Saturday only option:

- The bus will leave the church building at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday and arrive at the conference center for breakfast.
- The group will eat dinner at the center before returning back to the church building—arrival time is around 7:30 p.m.

Contact **Jonathan Weimer** or **Rick Williams** with any questions.

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

- **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.
- **Thursday-Sunday, April 23-26:** Junior/Senior Trip to Fort Morgan.

Happy Birthday

Jim Petruzella	April 19
Westin Wadley	April 19
Tiffany McKeown	April 21
Mervyn Prince	April 21
Ronin Wadley	April 22

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. A funeral service for Jeanne was held yesterday.

Roy Ellas is now at UAB Palliative Care, Room C-388.

Richard Lawson, Allyssa Long's father, has been battling stage four kidney cancer and has been in ICU since Thursday being treated for septic shock.

Kellie Covington, Corey Covington's sister, started chemotherapy this past week. She will undergo this treatment for six months.

Two-year-old Jayvion, the child of Miranda, a friend of Jayne Ivy, had ear surgery on Friday at Children's Hospital.

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.

Merv Prince is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Scarlette Smith, JoAnn McDonald's daughter, is scheduled to have a CT scan on April 30. Please pray for a successful outcome.

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

Sondra Moss is having problems with her shoulder and is recovering from a broken upper arm—she is still in a brace.

Dale Baker has been released from Aspire Physical Recovery Center and will complete the recovery for his hip replacement at home. **Joyce Baker** remains at Aspire and hopefully will be able to go home soon. She appreciates the cards and notes that she has received from Hoover.

(Carelines cont.)

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

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

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

Remember our church family: Sharon McGraw, Linda Graham, Judy Smith, Betty Crawford, Celestine Hicks, Diann Tippins, and Tyler Tippins.

Remember our family and friends: Sue Adams (Jim & Denia Petruzella's aunt), Don Cicero (Matthew Cicero's father), 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).

I'm Tired

Lord I'm tired—tired of being brave and tired of being strong. I want to give up! Just let me be "me" for awhile. But who am I? I am trying to pattern my life as close to Christ as He would have me to do. How would He handle this heartache: During the events surrounding His crucifixion, He must have felt all of these emotions. In the garden He prayed, "Let this cup pass from me." As He painfully trudged along the road to Calvary, His physical strength failed as He fell beneath the load of that heavy cross. He was tired, but not tired enough to give up. So what will I do? I will remember His sufferings, and I will draw strength from them, knowing that His were much greater than mine are. Because He loved me enough to suffer, I have the gift of eternal life. If I love others enough to suffer, then perhaps I can help to pass that same gift on to them. Who am I? I am a Christian and though I am tired, I will not give up!

—Anonymous

Attendance and Offering April 12, 2026

Attendance

Bible Study: 183

AM Worship: 294

PM Worship: 25 (Knit Together Groups)

Wednesday: 157

Contribution: \$22,621.33

Weekly Budget:

Weekly Average: \$16,260.54

Contribution to Date: \$243,908.08

Hoover Supported Works

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

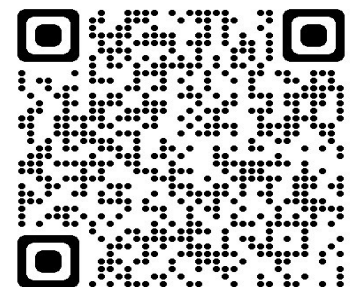
Mission Trips

- *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: Grow in His Likeness
(Colossians 2:6-7)**

Mission Statement: We exist to glorify God by helping people come to know Jesus, GROW IN HIS LIKENESS, and serve others.

The Christian life is a _____, not a moment

Real growth has deep roots and visible _____

Growth means becoming like Jesus

Growth produces _____, not just activity

Growth produces _____, not entitlement

GriefShare Class

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 on Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

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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