



May 17, 2026

If You're Sick

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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 sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven (James 5:14-15).

Everyone reading this has been affected in some way by sickness. Some have dealt with short-term illnesses. Others have faced cancer, chronic pain, heart disease, dementia, autoimmune disorders, depression, anxiety, or the slow weakening of the body that comes with age. The list could go on for days.

These bodies we live in are fragile. They get sick. They break down. Sometimes they are wounded in ways that never fully heal in this life. That ought to remind us, as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5, that our present bodies are like earthly tents: temporary, weak, and subject to decay. But that does not mean our future hope is to be free from bodies altogether. The Christian hope is resurrection. One day, God will raise and glorify these bodies, making them fit for eternal life with him in the renewed creation.

But James' words also remind us to pay attention to physical needs. When people are sick, we should pray for them. We should care for them. We should do what we can to ease their suffering, encourage their hearts, and help carry their burdens. We may not always know what to say. We may not always be able to fix what is wrong. But we can pray. We can show up. We can serve. We can ask God to heal, comfort, and sustain.

James also gives a specific instruction that we should not overlook: "Let him call for the elders of the church." The sick are not told to suffer quietly or privately. They're invited to bring their weakness before God's shepherds and ask for prayer. That isn't a sign of failure. It's an act of faith.

There's another part of James' message that can be harder to understand: he mentions forgiveness of sins in connection with sickness. That doesn't mean every sickness is caused by that person's own sin. Scripture won't let us make that shallow conclusion. Job suffered though he was righteous. The man born blind in John 9 wasn't blind because of his sin or his parents' sin. Jesus himself suffered, though he never sinned.

But we do live in a world broken by sin. Since Adam and Eve's rebellion, creation has been groaning. Bodies fail. Disease spreads. Pain lingers. Death intrudes. Sickness is one of the reminders that something has gone terribly wrong with the world.

The good news is that Jesus is making all things right. He has already defeated sin and death through his cross and resurrection, and one day he will bring his people into the fullness of that victory. There will be a new heavens and a new earth. No cancer. No chronic pain. No dementia. No anxiety. No loneliness. No death. No more bodies breaking down under the weight of a fallen world.

Until that day comes, this is the world we live in. So when people are sick, we pray. We care. We serve. We ask God to heal. We ask God to forgive. We ask God to strengthen faith. And we point one another to the only One who can finally make all things right.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in May for Needs:

Harold Rhodes

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters:

Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance)

Al Lyons & Jayne Ivy

Usher: Drew Spivey

Nursery: Tiffany McKeown

AM Singing: Kyle Wadley

Scripture Reading: Daniel Warren

AM Opening Prayer: Floyd Josephat

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

AM Communion: Avery Davis

Announcements: Donnie Winningham

AM Closing Prayer: Grant Dalton

PM Song Leader: Jason McKeown

PM Opening Prayer: Cory Covington

PM Speaker: Chuck Webster

PM Closing Prayer: Scott Warren

Audio/Cameras: Rick Williams; **Video:** Clint Richey; **Security:** Jim Petruzzella/Chad Blackmon

Contribution Baskets: Aidan McQuillan, Zach Blakemore, Kai Sugita, Caleb Winningham, Derick Bush, Scott Warren, Garrett Vick, Jonah White

Bible Reading Plan for May 17-23

- **Sunday, May 17:** Jeremiah 37-39; Psalm 132
- **Monday, May 18:** Jeremiah 40-44; Psalm 133
- **Tuesday, May 19:** Jeremiah 45-48; Psalm 134
- **Wednesday, May 20:** Jeremiah 49-50; Psalm 135
- **Thursday, May 21:** Jeremiah 51-52; Psalm 136
- **Friday, May 22:** Ezekiel 1-3; Psalm 137
- **Saturday, May 23:** Ezekiel 4-7; Psalm 138

Today

Visitors, welcome to our worship service this morning—we're glad you're here! Please **scan the QR Code** that's on the next page of our bulletin or the card that's in the pew. 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.

Everyone is invited to our **congregational fellowship meal** immediately following our morning worship service. The menu is Breakfast/Brunch foods.

There is a devotional at 3:30 p.m. at the AHEPA 3 Apartments. **Brent Reaves** will present the lesson.

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

Please join us in the fellowship hall after our evening worship service for a banquet to **honor our graduating seniors**.

News and Events

Join us for a **Couples Baby Shower** on Sunday, June 14, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to honor the parents-to-be, **Kendyll and Dakotah Weeks**. Please **RSVP** to Karisa Schlundt at (561) 310-4931. They are registered at babylist.com.

Summer quarter begins on Sunday, June 7. **Steve Cotney** will be teaching the Auditorium class and **Merv Prince** will teach a class in the Library.

Words of Gratitude

I would like to thank the Hoover family for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards for my dad, Charlie Pflueger, during his long illness. Your love and concern over the years is very much appreciated and a great comfort.

Love,

Tom Kidwell

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

- **TODAY:** Banquet for Senior High Graduates at 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 20:** F.A.M. Group Meetings.

Happy Anniversary

Chad & Charity Blackmon	May 17
Grant & Jennifer Dalton	May 20
Drew & Heather Spivey	May 20

Happy Birthday

Campbell Rock	May 17
Becky Smith	May 17
Miles Blankenship	May 18
Edward Curry	May 18
Daniel Warren	May 20
Karen Kirby	May 21
Jamie Starns	May 22
Bromleigh Warren	May 22
Geraldine Washington	May 22
Jim Reece	May 23

Carelines

Doyal Newsom request prayers for **her cousin** who recently lost her son, and for **her friend** who is hospitalized with serious health issues.

Don Cicero, Matthew Cicero’s dad, recently underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor. He is recovering at home and doing well.

Scarlette Smith, JoAnn McDonald’s daughter, is scheduled for surgery this Wednesday, May 20, to remove any remaining cancer following chemotherapy.

Joy Brooks is recovering from surgery after a fall that resulted in a broken right femur.

Richard Lawson, Alyssa Long’s father, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 kidney cancer.

Doug Williams, Landyn Williams’ dad, has multiple myeloma and will soon undergo a stem cell transplant.

Kellie Covington, Corey Covington’s sister, is undergoing chemotherapy for Stage 2 breast cancer.

Doug and Cathy Abbott, Joel Abbott’s parents, are facing ongoing medical challenges. Doug is doing somewhat better but continues to deal with the daily effects of Parkinson’s disease. Cathy also needs our prayers as she cares for her husband.

Betty Shackelford, Chè Abbott’s mom, continues to struggle with severe back pain.

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

Remember our church family: Gail Powell, Sondra Moss, Jean Prince, Sharon McGraw, Linda Graham, Judy Smith, Betty Crawford, Celestine Hicks, Diann Tippins, and Tyler Tippins.

Remember our family and friends: Jeremy Schopper (Alyssa Long’s cousin), Jayvion (a friend of Jayne Ivy), Rex Anderson (former member of Hoover), and Kathy Culbertson (former member of Hoover).

1 Samuel 17:45

“And David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”

The Bible tells us how a young shepherd boy named David defeated a giant warrior named Goliath with a sling and a stone. David was the youngest son of Jesse, who was sent by his father to bring food to his brothers who were fighting in the army of Israel against the Philistines. The Philistines had a champion named Goliath, who was over nine feet tall and wore heavy armor.

He challenged the Israelites to send a man to fight him one-on-one. Whoever won would decide the fate of the two nations. But no one in Israel dared to face him, not even King Saul. David heard Goliath’s taunts and was outraged that he defied the living God. He volunteered to fight him, trusting in God’s power and protection. He refused to wear Saul’s armor, but took his sling and five smooth stones from a brook.

He faced Goliath and declared that he came in the name of the Lord. He slung one stone at Goliath’s forehead and struck him down. He then cut off his head with his own sword. The Philistines fled in terror and the Israelites pursued them and won a great victory.

The story of David and Goliath teaches us that **God is our strength and our victory** and that he can use anyone who trusts in him and obeys him. He also wants us to face our fears and challenges with courage and faith. We can learn from this story that we need to rely on God’s power and not on our own abilities or resources. We also need to stand up for **God’s honor and glory**, and not to let anyone or anything intimidate us.

—Benedict Henry
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**Attendance and Offering
May 10, 2026**

Attendance

Bible Study: 94

AM Worship: 295

PM Worship: 24 (Knit Together Met in Homes)

Wednesday: 173

Contribution: \$16,955.05

Weekly Budget:

Weekly Average: \$16,196.28

Contribution to Date: \$307,729.31

Hoover Supported Works

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

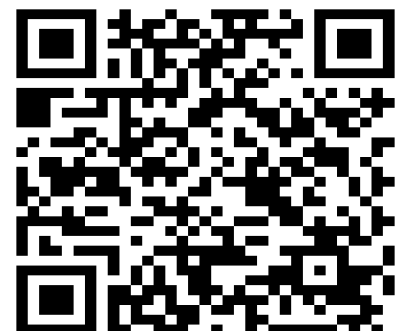
Mission Trips

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

Oversight

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

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



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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