

Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

June 4, 2023

Can't wait

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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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Jesus might come back today . . . does that thought scare you?

It frightened me when I was a kid. I'd hear a loud clap of thunder and think briefly that this might be it. *Am I ready? Am I going to heaven? What if I'm not?*

The Bible has a much different emphasis, though, at least for believers. Notice the thread that runs through these verses:

And be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks (Luke 12:36).

So that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:7).

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 1:10).

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God . . . (2 Peter 3:11-12)

Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13).

Did you notice how often the word "wait" appears in connection with the Lord's final return?

It's about anticipation, not dread. Excitement, not fear. Hopefulness, not apprehension. Jesus will come back to make everything right again, to fix a world gone wrong.

He'll come to give us our final home, to bring his new "heaven and earth." He'll come to change this getting-older body into one that doesn't creak, moan, or break. He'll rid the world of sin, throw out the old enemy call "death," and usher us into the presence of Perfection, Holiness, Righteousness. How?

Because of the cross. Because he wiped out our sins there, gave his righteousness to us, and promised us eternity.

We need to make sure unbelievers know that one day Jesus will come to bring "vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus" (2 Thessalonians 1:8).

But for those of us who follow Christ, there's a more appropriate verse.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20).

That's a prayer you and I can pray today with confidence.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in June for Needs:
Harold Rhodes

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters: Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller

Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner

Back Lobby: Jim & Denia Petruzella

Usher, AM: Wes Blankenship

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Scripture Reading: Walden Schlundt

Singing:

AM: Kyle Wadley

PM: Wes Blankenship

Opening Prayer:

AM: Jason McKeown

PM: Wade Warren

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion:

AM: Joel Abbott

Announcements: Harold Rhodes

Closing Prayer:

AM: Tracy Percer

PM: Garrett Vick

Audio/Cameras: David Naylor

Alternate: Will Spurlin

Video: Clint Richey

Security: Shawn Troughton

Alternate: Steven Gaither

Bible Reading Plan for June 4-11

Sunday, June 4: Proverbs 4-6

Monday, June 5: Proverbs 7-9

Tuesday, June 6: Proverbs 10-12

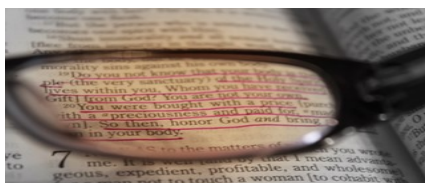
Wednesday, June 7: Proverbs 13-15

Thursday, June 8: Proverbs 16-18

Friday, June 9: Proverbs 19-21

Saturday, June 10: Proverbs 22-24

Sunday, June 11: 1 Kings 5-6;
2 Chronicles 2-3



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.

Sunday Bible Classes for Adults meet in the Auditorium and the Library. **Bible Class for the Young Professionals and College Students (Millennials and Gen Z)** is in the fellowship hall downstairs.

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

This evening at 5:00pm, we will meet in the auditorium for a worship service.

News and Events

Please welcome **Floyd Josephat and Thomas and Judy Smith** to the Hoover family. We are blessed to have these two families with us. Floyd's address is 5034 Emerald Ct, Hoover, AL 35244; Thomas and Judy's address is 111 Garden View Lane, Hoover, AL 35244.

There will be a Men's Cards Night at the building on Friday, June 9.

The Young at Heart will meet in the fellowship hall for a **birthday celebration, game night, and dinner** on **Friday, June 16, at 5:30pm**. **Ken and Carol Norris** will be hosting this event, and the menu this month is **salads**. We will also need drinks, but the birthday cake will be provided.

Leah Covington is hosting a **Couples Wedding Shower for Juan Cuellar and Brenna Avery** on Sunday, June 25, from 2:30-4:00pm. Please see Leah if you would like to help with the shower.

Words of Gratitude

I can't thank you enough for all the cards, meals, and visits, and most of all prayers! Thank you for being such a wonderful church family!

Brigitte Doutre

Happy Anniversary

Jerry & Kathy Culbertson	June 5
Bill & Patsy Freeman	June 9
Torrey & Alexandra Clark	June 9

Happy Birthday

Lauren Warren	June 4
Wade Warren	June 6
Shawn Troughton	June 6
Tracy Percer	June 6
Jill Kelly	June 8
Melinda Richardson	June 8
Monica Robinson	June 9
Kyle Percer	June 10
Keeley Percer	June 10

Youth

TODAY: Summer Kickoff

Monday, June 12: Six Flags Over Georgia

Wednesday, June 21: Bowling

Backwoods Christian Camp summer sessions are just around the corner! Please go online to register (an email was sent on Tuesday, May 30) for both the 4th and/or 7th session. The 4th session is June 25-30, and the 7th session is July 23-28. The cost per session is \$100 (campers), \$50 (counselors), and \$250 if more than two campers from your family are attending. You can make checks payable to Hoover Church of Christ or pay online under "youth." Anyone who is planning to attend must fill out the form. Please fill out a form for every child who is attending, and if a parent is also attending, only fill out that section on one form. **Please do this by tomorrow, June 5!**

"Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them."

—Elisabeth Elliot

"The principle part of faith is patience."

—George MacDonald

Carelines

Sylvia Huffman is recovering at home. Please continue to pray for her.

Marlon Crow is wearing a heart monitor after having tests to determine why he blacked out prior to his car accident.

Sharon Houghton, Jennifer Lackey's mom, is recovering at home from cancer surgery. Cards can be sent to her at 4338 Crossroads Road, Fairview, WV 26570.

Jane Spivey, Rex Anderson's sister, is recovering well after surgery.

Darren Brooks, Bob and Joy Brooks' son, is receiving ongoing cancer treatments.

Chris Hethcox, Markie Jones' dad, is taking cancer medication.

Reid Harkey received his first immunotherapy last week; this treatment is to shrink the tumors. He also had to be hospitalized to have some fluid removed from around his stomach.

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

Remember our church family: Shawn Troughton, Lajuana Logan, Helen Reinhardt, Jeanne Anderson, Dick Smith, Edward Curry, and Gail Powell.

Remember our families and friends: Louise Clifton (Mike Clelland's aunt), Joy Jones (Jennifer Dalton's mom), Amanda Farrell (former member of Hoover), 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).

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

Change From Within

Just because you've always been a certain way doesn't mean you have to keep on being that same person forever. The change you may need to experience will START in your mind. Maybe you've heard someone say this before: "Control my thoughts . . . impossible! These things just pop into my mind, and I can't get them out." But, our thoughts don't just happen; they are the consequence of some outward experience.

Thinking occurs only when we respond to something that we've taken into our brains by some means. The only way we can experience something is through one of our senses. For example, think about David. When we are first introduced to him, he is described as the youngest of the sons of Jesse, a handsome shepherd boy. But not too long after that he is described as a bitter king, an adulterer, a murderer. What happened? David experienced something with his eyes that he should not have (2 Samuel 11). As sin often does, David's started "small" and then ended in disaster. Notice the process: he saw (experienced), he thought (desired), and he acted.

How can we keep from ending up like David? We need to change the way we are preparing for spiritual success. Job understood that what he saw affected his thoughts. "I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?" (Job 31:1). He prepared himself. How does this play into what we listen to, watch, or otherwise let into our minds? Fortunately, this process can work in a positive way, as well as in a negative way. "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Again, notice the process: Prepare for what you will experience. This experience will control your thoughts. These thoughts will determine your heart. Your heart is who you are (Proverbs 23:7), and it will determine what you do. Therefore, it all begins with preparation. Change is hard, but it must begin within us.

—Darrell

Attendance and Offering May 28, 2023

Attendance:

Bible Study: 159

AM Worship: 268

PM Worship: 39

Wednesday: 146

Contribution: \$15,844.74

Weekly Budget: \$14,280.00

Weekly Average: \$15,274.80

Contribution to Date: \$336,045.53

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*

1 Thessalonians 3:2

"... and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith . . ."

<p style="text-align: center;">Jesus and . . . (Mark 12)</p> <p>Jesus and the _____</p> <p>Jesus and the _____</p> <p>Jesus and _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GriefShare Ministry</p> <p>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/.</p>
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