



June 28, 2026

Help Them Come Back

It's one of the ugliest images in Scripture. In one of his letters, Peter uses the graphic image of a dog returning to its vomit or a recently washed sow returning to the mud (2 Peter 2:22).

What he was writing about, of course, was someone who has known the way of righteousness and then turns back. If we're honest, we must admit that sometimes it wouldn't be a particularly difficult thing to do, because this world is often so alluring. Sometimes we're mesmerized by its glitz and glamor, only later waking up to realize we're miles away from God.

Have you ever wandered? In adolescence, perhaps? Or maybe in college or at another particularly difficult point in your life?

I hope you're back. If you are, I'm glad you came home.

But not everyone has. Not yet. So James closes his letter with a short encouragement for us to do whatever we can for these folks.

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins (James 5:19-20).

You may not be a preacher or a gifted orator, and you probably don't serve God in any kind of "official" sense, but let me ask you to do three simple things this week.

One, make a list of five believers you know who have wandered away from God. Perhaps it's a family member, a former co-worker, a neighbor, or somebody who used to attend our congregation. You could probably come up with a hundred, but just do five.

Two, pray for every name on that list. Pray that God's Spirit would work in their hearts and move them to repentance. Ask him to orchestrate the events of their lives so that they see the path they're on will end in destruction. Ask him to open a door for you to be able to speak an encouraging word.

Three, take one step, just one, to let God use you to work in their lives. It might be something as simple as a "How's it going?" text or email. It could be a phone call, an encouraging note, or a private message. But do something.

We undersell ourselves, I think. We assume all the serious spiritual work will be done by the ones who stand in our pulpits or serve as our shepherds.

If I understand James correctly, though, he's saying that an ordinary believer, though no believer is really ordinary, can have an enormous effect on someone's soul. It's incredible to think that you and I can "save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins," isn't it?

So today, make a list, say a prayer, initiate contact, and see what God might do.

—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 June for Needs:
Kyle Wadley

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters:

Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance)
Betty Ramay (Back Entrance)

Usher: Yoshi Sugita

Nursery: Teale Yeilding

AM Singing: Kyle Wadley

Scripture Reading: Walden Schlundt

AM Opening Prayer: Jason McKeown

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

AM Communion: Matthew Cicero

Announcements: Donnie Winningham

AM Closing Prayer: Drew Spivey

PM Song Leader: Matthew Cicero

PM Opening Prayer: Wade Warren

PM Speaker: Wade Warren

PM Closing Prayer: Al Lyons

Audio/Cameras:

Donnie Winningham/Will Spurlin

Video: Christian Harris

Security: Steven Gaither/George Faison

Contribution Baskets:

Carter Williams, Brady Aultman, Noah White, Sam Williams, Campbell Vick, Aiden McQuillan, Zach Blakemore, Kai Sugita

Psalm 100:1-2

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!"



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 classes for the Summer Quarter are described below:

Steve Cotney is teaching the Auditorium class, and his topic is *God's Grace, Patience, and Providence; A Look at Solomon and Ecclesiastes*. **Merv Prince** is teaching a class in the Library, and his subject is *Becoming Unoffendable*, and he will be using material from the book by Brant Hansen: *Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better*. On Wednesday evenings, we will meet in the auditorium for our *Summer Series*.

The AHEPA 3 devotional is at 3:30 p.m. **Kyle Wadley** is presenting the lesson.

This evening at 5:00, our Knit Together Groups will meet in homes to worship and fellowship together, and we will also have a lesson in the auditorium presented by Wade Warren.

Bible Reading Plan for June 28-July 4

- ♦ **Sunday, June 28:** Proverbs 10-12; Psalm 24
- ♦ **Monday, June 29:** Proverbs 13-15; Psalm 25
- ♦ **Tuesday, June 30:** Proverbs 16-18; Psalm 26
- ♦ **Wednesday, July 1:** Proverbs 19-21; Psalm 27
- ♦ **Thursday, July 2:** Proverbs 22-24; Psalm 28
- ♦ **Friday, July 3:** Proverbs 25-27; Psalm 29
- ♦ **Saturday, July 4:** Proverbs 28-31; Psalm 30

News and Events

You're Invited to the Blankenships' house for the 4th of July! Grab your lawn chairs and bring the family. The Blankenships are hosting a 250th fireworks display and would love for our church family to join them for an evening of food, fellowship, and a sky full of color. The details are: **When:** Any time after 7:00 p.m. **Fireworks:** The fireworks show kicks off right at 9:00 and will last about 20 minutes. **Food & Drink:** Bring your own dinner or picnic. We will have plenty of bottled water for everyone. If you're a baker, feel free to bring a batch of your favorite cookies or brownies to share. **Seating:** Please bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blankets for the best view from the lawn. **Parking:** Don't stress about where to park. We will have parking assistance available to guide you right when you arrive. **No need to RSVP:** Show up and enjoy the show.

Happy Anniversary

Lanny & Renee Watkins July 1

Happy Birthday

Mike Hooper	June 28
Trish Nobles	June 28
Isabelle Aultman	June 29
Justin Rumph	June 29
Elliott Clark	June 30
Caroline Williams	June 30
Sarah Blackmon	July 1
Suzanna Weimer	July 3

Youth

- ♦ **Monday, June 29:** Mega Monday—Slip and Slide Kickball.
- ♦ **Thursday, July 2:** Word Day.
- ♦ **Saturday, July 4:** Fireworks display at the Blankenships' home.
- ♦ **Monday-Wednesday, July 6-8:** Serve others week; Teen VBS.

Carelines

We extend our condolences to **Tom McQuillan and his family** on the death of his mother, **Wanda Cassity**. Mrs. Cassity lived in Mobile, AL; her funeral service was yesterday.

Moranda Garrett, a friend of Jayne Ivy, suffers from severe back pain. She also has a tumor on the pituitary gland that is causing health problems.

Doug Williams, Landyn Williams' father, is recovering from a stem cell transplant.

Greg Wright, Felicia Arnold's cousin, experienced complications following an appendectomy.

Russ Stringer, Nancy Griner's son-in-law, is doing well. Doctors are continuing to monitor his heart.

Scarlette Smith, daughter of JoAnn McDonald, is waiting on the results of a test to determine if she needs more surgery. Once this procedure is completed, she will undergo another two or three rounds of chemo.

Richard Lawson, Alyssa Long's father, continues to battle Stage 4 kidney cancer.

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

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

Remember our church family: Molly Melton, Joy Brooks, 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:

Cousin, Brother, and Friend of Doyal Newsum, Doug & Cathy Abbott (Joel Abbott's parents), Betty Shackelford (Chè Abbott's mother), Don Cicero (Matthew Cicero's father), Jeremy Schopper (Alyssa Long's cousin), Rex Anderson (former member of Hoover), and Kathy Culbertson (former member of Hoover).

Are You Looking For A Church?

A lot of us are searching for a church. Some people want a place that feels like family. Others look for strong preaching, uplifting singing, or programs for children. These are good things, but the most important question is: Is it the church of the Bible?

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, "I will build my church." Notice, He did not promise to build churches (plural), but His church (singular). The church belongs to Him. It bears His name, follows His teaching, and exists for His glory. When we read the book of Acts, we see what that church looked like in its beginning—devoted to the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers (Acts 2:42).

The Bible never describes Christians as joining a church of their choice. Instead, those who were saved were "added to the church" by the Lord Himself (Acts 2:47). The same thing happens today when we obey the gospel.

The church is more than a building or a Sunday routine—it is a family, a body, and a kingdom. Paul wrote, "Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually" (1 Corinthians 12:27). Each member matters. Each one has a place.

If you are looking for the church that belongs to Christ, open your Bible and look for the one that teaches what the first Christians taught, worships how they worshiped, and lives how they lived. That is where you will find the church of the Bible.

We are not perfect, but we are striving to follow the perfect Savior and His perfect Word, and we are striving to be that church.

Are you looking for a church? We are looking for you. Let's open God's Word together and grow closer to Him and to each other.

—Matt Wallin, May 1, 2026
House to House-Heart to Heart

Attendance and Offering June 21, 2026

Attendance

Bible Study: 195
AM Worship: 237
PM Worship: 63
Wednesday: 120

Contribution: \$16,390.04
Weekly Budget: \$15,380.77
Weekly Average: \$16,018.28
Contribution to Date: \$400,457.11

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.



Come and See (John 1:35-42) Look where John _____. Go where Jesus _____. Bring who Jesus _____. Become who Jesus _____.	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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