



July 19, 2026

For Us

Most of you reading this have heard and said these words so many times that you may take them for granted: Jesus died on the cross “for us.” If I’m not careful, I can say a quick prayer and thank the Lord for what he did “for me” at Calvary without really considering what those words mean.

It’s such a small phrase, but it appears throughout Scripture:

He “gave himself *for us*” (Titus 2:14).

He “died *for us*” (1 Thessalonians 5:10).

He “gave himself up *for us*” (Ephesians 5:2).

He became “a curse *for us*” (Galatians 3:13).

“God shows his love *for us* in that while we were still sinners, Christ died *for us*” (Romans 5:8).

We need to pause and reflect on the significance of those words. “For us” means that Jesus died in our place. He became our substitute. “The wages of sin is death,” Paul writes, and because we have all sinned, we stand guilty before God (Romans 6:23; 3:23).

But because God loves us, Jesus willingly endured the judgment our sins deserved.

The innocent one was treated as a criminal so that the guilty might be acquitted. He bore our sins so that we might receive his righteousness. As Paul writes, God made the one who knew no sin “to be sin” for us, so that in him “we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

I’ve always been moved by the Lord’s anguish in Gethsemane. His sorrow surely included the physical horrors of crucifixion, but it went much deeper than that. Jesus knew that he was about to drink the cup of suffering and judgment. To redeem us, the sinless Son of God would bear our sins in his body and experience the terrible consequences of human rebellion against God.

Though he wasn’t guilty, he bore the penalty of the guilty.

He did it all “for us.”

For you.

For me.

Because we’ve heard the story so many times, we can talk about it and even pray about it without truly facing the wonder of what happened at the cross.

Today and throughout this week, thank him again. Thank him thoughtfully, joyfully, and gratefully.

He gave himself *for us*.

—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 July for Needs:
Chuck Webster

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters:

Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance)
Al Lyons & Jayne Ivy (Back Entrance)

Usher: Donnie Winningham

Nursery: Tiffany McKeown

AM Singing: Kyle Wadley

Scripture Reading: Jonathan Weimer

AM Opening Prayer: Sid Aultman

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

AM Communion: Glenn Till

Announcements: Reggie Arnold

AM Closing Prayer: Seth Edwards

PM Song Leader: Grant Dalton

PM Opening Prayer: Greg Coker

PM Speaker: Chuck Webster

PM Closing Prayer: Aidan McQuillan

Audio/Cameras:

Clint Richey/Grant Dalton

Video: Drew Spivey

Security: Daniel Warren/Stephen King

Contribution Baskets:

Campbell Vick, Kai Sugita, Aiden McQuillan, Zach Blakemore, Scott Warren, Caleb Winningham, Sam Williams, and Jonah White

Psalm 96:9

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.



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***.

Our third Sunday congregational fellowship meal is today, and we will meet immediately after the morning worship service. The meal is potluck, and this month our theme is "cookout."

The AHEPA 3 devotional is at 3:30 p.m. **Brent Reaves** is presenting the lesson.

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

News and Events

All men are invited to go fishing at the Gaithers' lake house in Ashville, AL on Saturday, August 8. Contact **Brent Reaves** with any questions.

Our Ladies Bible class will start back on Monday, September 4, and their topic for this session is ***"The Commandments of the Lord: From Sinai to Sunday"***. If you have any questions, please contact **Leah Covington or Denia Petruzella**.

Bible Reading Plan for July 19-25

- ♦ **Sunday, July 19:** Ecclesiastes 9-12; Psalm 45
- ♦ **Monday, July 20:** Songs of Solomon 1-4; Psalm 46
- ♦ **Tuesday, July 21:** Songs of Solomon 5-8; Psalm 47
- ♦ **Wednesday, July 22:** Lamentations 1-2; Psalm 48
- ♦ **Thursday, July 23:** Lamentations 3; Psalm 49
- ♦ **Friday, July 24:** Lamentations 4-5; Psalm 50
- ♦ **Saturday, July 25:** Esther 1-5; Psalm 51

Youth

- ♦ **Monday, July 20:** Mega Monday Christmas in July from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Bring a gag gift for dirty Santa—an award will be given for the most festive costume.
- ♦ **Wednesday, July 22:** Kindergarten-fifth grade dinner and devotional at 6:00 p.m.

Happy Anniversary

Matthew & Jessica Cicero	July 20
Norman & Grace Rutland	July 20
Marcus & Brooke Harris	July 22
Clint & Abbie Richey	July 22
Reggie & Felicia Arnold	July 23
Nathan & Kasey Guill	July 25

Happy Birthday

Brent Reaves	July 20
Maebry McKeown	July 22
Hali Powell	July 22
Kay Lyles	July 24

Carelines

We extend our condolences to **Sean Hochdorf and his children, Race and Maddie**, on the death of his wife and their mother, **Anita Hochdorf**. Sean and Anita served as missionaries in Tanzania and were also members at Hoover before Anita was diagnosed with ALS, and they moved to Texas to be closer to family. The Hochdorfs have faithfully served the Lord for many years and are loved by many people, including many within our church family. Anita's funeral service was yesterday.

Greg Nobles is having hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, July 22.

Kellie Covington, Corey Covington's sister, has recently completed twelve weeks of chemotherapy. She is now on the second phase of her treatments—four sessions over the next twelve weeks.

Richard Lawson, Alyssa Long's dad, is in the hospital for additional testing.

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

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

Remember our church family: Mollye Melton, Bob and Joy Brooks, Gail Powell, Sondra Moss, Jean Prince, Sharon McCraw, Linda Graham, Judy Smith, Betty Crawford, Celestine Hicks, Diann Tippins, and Tyler Tippins.

Remember our family and friends: Scarlett Smith (JoAnn McDonald's daughter), Russ Stringer (Nancy Griner's son-in-law), Doug Williams (Landyn Williams' dad), Greg Wright (Felicia Arnold's cousin), Brother-in-law, Cousin, Brother, and Friend of Doyal Newsom, 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).

The Great I AM

He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is the Creator of all things and the Sustainer of his creation. He is Lord over history and sovereign over every age. He always was. He always is. He always will be. He is unchanging, undefeated, and eternal.

He was bruised and brought healing. He was pierced and offered peace. He was bound and brought freedom. He died and gave us life. He was buried, but the grave could not hold him. He rose, he reigns, and he will come again.

The world cannot fully comprehend him. Armies cannot defeat him, scholars cannot explain him away, and rulers cannot overturn his will. Herod could not destroy him. The Pharisees could not silence him. Rome could not keep him in the tomb. Tyrants have opposed him, skeptics have dismissed him, and cultures have tried to replace him, but Jesus Christ remains Lord.

He is light and love. He is holy, righteous, mighty, merciful, and pure. His ways are right, his word is eternal, his will is good, and his promises are sure. He is our Redeemer, Savior, Shepherd, and King. He is our hope, peace, joy, and strength.

And yet this glorious Lord invites us to know him. He will never leave us or forsake us. When we fall, he helps us rise. When we sin, he offers forgiveness. When we are weak, his strength is sufficient. When we are lost, he is the way. When we are afraid, he is with us. When we suffer, he sustains us. When we face death, he carries us home.

He is God. He is faithful. We are his, and he is ours.

"Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward" (Genesis 15:1).

Adapted from an anonymous devotional

Attendance and Offering July 12, 2026

Attendance

Bible Study: 189

AM Worship: 286

PM Worship: 23 (Knit Together Groups Met in Homes)

Wednesday: 154

Contribution: \$16,940.26

Weekly Budget: \$15,380.77

Weekly Average: \$16,049.03

Contribution to Date: \$449,372.87

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.



Pray for One Another (James 5:13-18)	GriefShare Class
A Community for Every _____ (v 13)	
A Community That Asks for _____ (vv 14-15)	
A Community of _____ (v 16a)	
A Community of _____ (vv 16b-18)	

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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