



August 2, 2026

Be nice

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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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Quite a few years ago now, one of my kids was withdrawn and quiet—a rare occurrence at our house in those days—so I asked him what was wrong. He hesitated, but with a little prodding he told me: I had spoken harshly to him earlier that day.

I wish I could say it was a case of childish hypersensitivity, that he was wearing his heart on his sleeve, or that he needed to toughen up. But that wasn't it. I knew he was right as soon as he said it. I'd been impatient, critical, and unkind, and my words were still bothering him—as they should've been.

The Spirit convicted me through Paul's words in Ephesians 4:

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. . . . Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you (vv. 29, 31-32).

Use your words to build people up, Paul says. Give grace to those who hear you. Be kind.

The Bible contains theological mysteries, things most of us will never fully understand. Then there are commands that are almost impossible to misunderstand. One of them is this: Christians ought to be kind.

On a blog I read, the writer described interviews he had conducted with people who had left Christianity. At the end of each interview, he asked what it would take for them to consider coming back. One answer he heard dozens of times was, "I would consider coming back if I knew people in the church would be nicer." Many had apparently been wounded by the unkindness of Christians, either as recipients or as spectators who watched it happen to someone else.

That doesn't mean the church should avoid hard truths, excuse sin, or reduce Christianity to pleasant manners. Jesus didn't always tell people what they wanted to hear, and love sometimes requires difficult conversations. But there's never a Christian excuse for being needlessly harsh, impatient, insulting, or cruel.

Maybe Paul's words are a needed reminder. Maybe some of us treat strangers more kindly than we treat our spouses, children, parents, and siblings. Maybe we speak more graciously in public than we do at home. Maybe some of us have forgotten that the church ought to be a safe place, a family where people live by the law of kindness.

Build one another up. Give grace. Be kind. Be nice.

Christianity certainly cannot be adequately described by those admonitions alone. But can it be described at all without them?

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in August for Needs:
Rick Williams

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters:

Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance)
Clint & Abbie Richey (Back Entrance)

Usher: Jim Petruzella

Nursery: Jean Coker

AM Singing: Kyle Wadley

Scripture Reading: Will Spurlin

AM Opening Prayer: Grant Dalton

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

AM Communion: Reggie Arnold

Announcements: Rick Williams

AM Closing Prayer: Stephen King

PM Song Leader: Jason McKeown

PM Opening Prayer: Merv Prince

PM Speaker: Chuck Webster

PM Closing Prayer: Scott Warren

Audio/Cameras:

Avery Davis/Chad Blackmon

Video: Rick Williams/Brent Reaves

Security: Chad Blackmon/Norman Rutland

Contribution Baskets: Zach Blackmore, Scott Warren, Caleb Winningham, Sam Williams, Jonah White, Garrett Vick, Carter Williams, Brady Aultman

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

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. **Merv Prince** 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

Congratulations to **Mason and Rya Richardson** on the birth of their baby girl, **Margaret**! Margaret was born on Friday, July 31, at 9:00 a.m. and weighs 6lbs 6oz and is 19.5 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well!

We rejoice with our church family as **Elliott Clark** was baptized into Christ on Sunday, July 26, by his dad, Cody Clark. Please encourage him as he begins his walk of faith.

Please welcome **Griffin and Abby Webster** to our Hoover family! Our church has been truly blessed to have them. Their email addresses are griffinwebster01@gmail.com and abbygrace5117@gmail.com.

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

(News and Events cont.)

Sisses and Misses: On Sunday, August 9, after our morning worship service, we will meet in the fellowship hall to eat lunch and play games. Please let **Lucy McKeown** know if you can attend.

Our **Common Grounds Coffee Bar** needs volunteers for the months of August, September, and November. Please see **Jonathan Weimer** if you are interested in volunteering.

Bible Reading Plan for August 2-8

- **Sunday, August 2:** Ezra 7-10; Psalm 59
- **Monday, August 3:** Nehemiah 1-4; Psalm 60
- **Tuesday, August 4:** Nehemiah 5-7; Psalm 61
- **Wednesday August 5** Nehemiah 8-9; Psalm 62
- **Thursday, August 6:** Nehemiah 10-11; Psalm 63
- **Friday, August 7:** Nehemiah 12-13; Psalm 64
- **Saturday, August 8:** 1 Chronicles 1-9; Psalm 65

Youth

- **Sunday, August 2:** Area-Wide at the Fort Payne Church of Christ; the bus will leave at 2:15 p.m.

Happy Anniversary

Joel & Chè Abbott August 2

Happy Birthday

Julianne McKeown	August 3
John Davis	August 5
Gavin Weimer	August 6
Lawson Clark	August 7
Drew Spivey	August 7
Wendi Vick	August 7

Carelines

Greg Nobles is recovering from hip replacement surgery and is now in physical therapy.

Willard Worthington, Virgie Banks' brother, was discharged from the hospital and is recovering at home. Please pray for his strength, his appetite, and improved health.

Richard Lawson, Alyssa Long's dad, continues his battle with cancer and has a lot of upcoming scans and procedures. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.

Kellie Covington, Corey Covington's sister, is being treated for breast cancer. She is now on the second phase of her chemotherapy.

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).



2 Corinthians 8:9

"You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."

Jesus borrowed . . .

- a place for His birth
- a house to sleep in
- a boat to preach from
- an animal to ride on
- a room to meet with friends,
- and a tomb to be buried in.

He who owned it all had nothing of His own.

Jesus left . . .

- His purse to Judas
- His clothes to the soldiers
- His body to Joseph of Arimathea
- His mother to John
- His peace to the disciples
- His supper to His followers
- His gospel to the world
- His presence with God's children
- His crown for me.

"For me a crown of righteousness."
—2 Timothy 4:8

Attendance and Offering July 26, 2026

Attendance

Bible Study: 208
AM Worship: 281
PM Worship: 26
Wednesday: 132

Contribution: \$13,642.61
Weekly Budget: \$15,380.77
Weekly Average: \$15,873.81
Contribution to Date: \$476,214.27

Hoover Supported Works

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

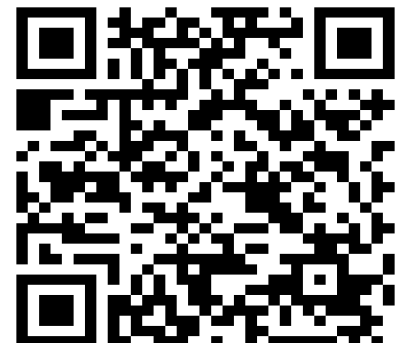
Mission Trips

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

Oversight

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

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



The Cry That Became a Song (Psalm 22) The Cry From the _____ The _____ No One Stopped The Answer That Became a _____ The Song That Reached the _____	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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