



Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

August 13, 2023

Time

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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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I don't have time.

I say those words a lot, and there's nothing inherently wrong with them. All of us have to make choices with our time.

I think the issue is what we say those words about. And who we say them to.

Paul addresses the principle here:

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:15-16).

How we spend our time reflects our priorities.

"I don't have enough time" is really saying that we've got something else to do that's more important. Again, there's nothing necessarily wrong with that, but we ought to recognize what we're saying.

If I tell my son I don't have time to play ball with him, what I'm really saying is that I'm choosing to do something else.

If we don't take time to work on our marriages, or read and pray, or attend church services, it really isn't that we don't have time.

It's a matter of priorities.

Ask God to help you look at your time. Ask him to convict you of those time leaks that are stealing from more important things. Ask him to give you the wisdom to say "yes" to what really counts and "no" to what doesn't.

He's giving you 24 hours today, and tomorrow, and you'll make dozens of choices concerning what to do with them.

Maybe you've got chores to do, or some work to catch up on, or some reading for a test, but somewhere in there is some negotiable time—time that'll point out your priorities.

It might be you need to use some of that time to be with your spouse.

Maybe you need to play with your kids.

Perhaps some time to commune with the Lord.

One day.

Twenty-four hours.

One thousand four hundred forty minutes.

May God be glorified in our time every day.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in August for Needs:
Paul Williams, Jr.

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters: Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller

Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner

Back Lobby: Corey & Leah Covington

Usher, AM: Jeff Church

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Scripture Reading: Drew Spivey

Singing:

AM: Kyle Wadley

PM: Song and Prayer Service

Opening Prayer:

AM: Joel Abbott

PM: Wade Warren

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion:

AM: Rick Williams

Announcements: Paul Williams, Jr.

Closing Prayer:

AM: Tom McQuillan

PM: Andrew Blackmon

Audio/Cameras: Clint Richey

Alternate: Grant Dalton

Video: Marc Handley

Security: Daniel Warren

Alternate: Steven Gaither

Bible Reading Plan for August 13-20

Sunday, August 13: Jeremiah 23-25

Monday, August 14: Jeremiah 26-29

Tuesday, August 15: Jeremiah 30-31

Wednesday, August 16: Jeremiah 32-34

Thursday, August 17: Jeremiah 35-37

Friday, August 18: Jeremiah 38-40;
Psalms 74, 79

Saturday, August 19: 2 Kings 24-25;
2 Chronicles 36

Sunday, August 20: Habakkuk 1-3



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.

Bible Classes for Adults: Steve Cotney is teaching in the Auditorium on the book of *Ecclesiastes—The Meaning of Life*, and **Chuck Webster and Donnie Winningham** are teaching in the Library on the book of *Romans*.

Bible Class for the Young Professionals and College Students (Millennials and Gen Z) is in the fellowship hall downstairs.

We now have a Staffed Nursery available during our morning worship service for children two years old and under.

Sondra Moss is working in the nursery today. If you would like to help in the nursery, please see **Jamie Starns**.

Tonight at 5:00pm, we will meet in the auditorium for a **Song and Prayer Service**.

News and Events

Please welcome **Jesse, Kim, Joshua, Micah, Andrew, Timothy, and Issac Claunch** to the Hoover family! They placed membership with us last Sunday.

The Art of Soul Winning: Text Jeff Melton at 205-427-3857 with an "S" for Soul Winning Team or an "R" for Retention Team. Please include your name in the text.

The Youth Group will be hosting The Young at Heart Game Night and Birthday Celebration in the fellowship hall on Saturday, August 19, at 5:00pm.

If you are available to help in the Nursery during our morning worship service, please contact **Jamie Starns**.

The Food Pantry will reopen on Sunday, August 27, from 3:00-4:30pm.

News and Events cont.

All Hoover Ladies and their friends are invited to attend our **Ladies Bible Class** beginning in September. The class is every Tuesday at 1:30pm in the Sr. High classroom, and it lasts about one hour. The teachers are **Denia Petruzella, Leah Covington, and Jamie Powell**. This year, we will be learning ***How to Study the Bible***, and then use that method to study several books in the Old and New Testaments. Class will begin on September 19.

Happy Anniversary

Steve & Vickie Cotney	August 14
Mike & Carlene Hooper	August 15
Steven & Janie Gaither	August 16
Darrell & Jennifer Smith	August 18

Happy Birthday

Mercy Lyles	August 13
Cindy Burnett	August 13
Lynne Nichols	August 14
Bob Brooks	August 15
Donna Handley	August 19
Jaylen Jude	August 19

Youth

Sunday, August 27: Family Devotional from 11:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday, August 30: F.A.M. Groups

Sunday, September 3: In-home Youth Devotional from 6:00-8:30pm

Sunday, September 10: Pearls Meeting at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 13: Iron Sharpening Iron from 5:30-7:00pm

Friday, September 15: Fifth Quarter Fun Night from 9:30pm-midnight

1 Corinthians 15:10: "I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me."

Carelines

Reid Harkey, Jim and Denia Petruzella's friend, passed away after struggling with cancer. Please pray for his family and friends as they mourn his loss. Jim and Denia also want to thank everyone in the congregation who prayed for Reid and his family and sent cards; they appreciate it all very much.

Joel Abbott's nurse, Jasmine Burroughs, requests prayers for **her best friend, Tyresha Riddle**. Tyresha had her baby prematurely on July 28, and **Kyree Jamir Riddle** passed away Thursday morning. This is the second child she has lost in the same way. Please pray for her and her family.

Mike Creely has a hole in his heart and will be going through several tests.

Eddie Williams, Leah Covington's stepdad, had surgery to remove all of the bladder cancer. He was then able to finish his chemo and radiation treatments for his lung cancer. A PET Scan is scheduled for next week.

Vi Ballard, Melody Warbington's co-worker, has requested prayers on behalf of her husband. He is suffering from cancer.

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

Remember our church family: Marla Troughton, Giana Kidwell, Jean Troughton, Dick Smith, Jeanne Anderson, and Gail Powell.

Remember our families and friends: Darren Brooks (Bob & Joy Brooks' son), Debbie Pressnell (Brooke Williams' mom), Sharon Houghton (Jennifer Lackey's mom), Jerry Moss (Sondra Moss' husband), Doug and Cathy Abbott (Joel Abbott's parents), Chris Hethcox (Markie Jones' dad), Jane Spivey (Rex Anderson's sister), Joy Jones (Jennifer Dalton's mom), and Richard Lawson (Alyssa Long's dad).

Tangled

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (Hebrews 12:1). The word translated "entangled" here comes from a word that means, "that which easily encircles or entangles, like a loose flowing robe." Runners in the ancient Olympics would lay their robes aside so they wouldn't get tangled up in them. Sin has the tendency to trip us up by wrapping around us in a way that make our fall feel uncontrollable.

When we serve others, don't we do it because we believe we are serving Christ himself (Matthew 25)? We also give because we believe we will be blessed in doing so (Luke 6:38). When we submit to water baptism, aren't we doing it because we believe it's necessary for our sins to be washed away? When we open our mouths to teach others about Christ, don't we do so with faith that God will give the increase and add souls to His church those whom He is saving?

Isn't the converse true, then? When I "know the right thing to do, but choose not to do it" (James 4:17), it's based in part on the fact that I have trouble believing God will keep his promises. I don't like admitting this, but there's a measure of disbelief that is always lurking in the shadows, and it is sometimes responsible for my disobedience to God.

But with our imperfect faith, we cry out to God, "I believe, but help me in my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. According to HIS power that is at work within us (Ephesians 3:20)! He can take our mustard seed sized faith and exceed all our expectations. If you're tangled in a web of disbelief and other sin, cast those things aside and lean on Him.

—Darrell

Attendance and Offering August 6, 2023

Attendance:

Bible Study: 201

AM Worship: 306

PM Worship: 116

Wednesday: 145

Contribution: \$19,141.34

Weekly Budget: \$14,280.00

Weekly Average: \$15,221.39

Contribution to Date: \$487,084.56

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*

Philippians 1:15

"Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will."

GriefShare Ministry

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/>.

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