



# Hoover Church of Christ

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

*Matthew 6:21*

September 4, 2022

## Your heart

Once God grabs us, he wants us all.

He's not satisfied with just our heads, our intellect, though he wants that too.

He wants our wills, but more than that.

He's concerned about our walk—what we do—but again, he doesn't stop there.

He wants our hearts, our emotions, our feelings.

In fact, Paul writes that one of the first signs that Jesus has truly become our Lord is when our hearts become his:

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, . . ."*  
(Colossians 3:12).

He'd just written that Christians have to get rid of some old attitudes and practices—sexual immorality, anger, dishonesty, obscene speech.

But it's not enough for our Christianity to be defined by what we don't do. Too often we're known more by what we're against than what we're for.

So Paul counterbalances his discussion on getting rid of sin by emphasizing what needs to replace those bad habits.

And first on his list is compassionate hearts.

Because the Lord now rules our lives, his heart becomes ours as our hearts become his.

The "Father of mercies and God of all comfort" sympathizes with us in our weakness, so we extend that compassion to the people around us.

What this means practically is that we care about people, and we're especially sympathetic when they're hurting.

It means our Christianity is often seen more clearly in hospitals than it is in the sanctuary.

Some weeks you'll do more Christ-following at the funeral home on Thursday than you'll do in the church building on Sunday.

An uncompassionate Christian is an oxymoron. It just doesn't work like that.

God does indeed want all of us, including our hearts.

*Especially our hearts.* —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

#### ELDERS

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## Worship Assignments Sunday

**Elder to Contact in September for Needs:** Johnny Johnson

**Sunday AM and PM**

**Greeters, AM:**

**Front Lobby:** Bill Laughmiller

**Handicap Lobby:** Nancy Griner

**Back Lobby:** Corey & Leah Covington

**Ushers, AM:** Jason McKeown & Daniel Warren

**Call to Worship:** Chuck Webster

**Scripture Reading:** Ben Vick

**Singing:**

**AM:** Kyle Wadley

**PM:** Darrell Powell

**Opening Prayer:**

**AM:** Allen Taylor

**PM:** Bob Arnold

**AM Sermon:** Chuck Webster

**Communion:**

**AM:** Chad Blackmon

**PM:** Jonathan Weimer

**Announcements:** Harold Rhodes

**Closing Prayer:**

**AM:** Jason Blakemore

**PM:** Aidan McQuillan

**Audio/Cameras:** Clint Richey

**Alternate:** Grant Dalton

**Video:** David Naylor

**Security:** Stephen King

**Alternate:** Mike Clelland

## Bible Reading Plan for September 4-11

**Sunday, September 4:** Ezekiel 18-20

**Monday, September 5:** Ezekiel 21-22

**Tuesday, September 6:** Ezekiel 23-24

**Wednesday, September 7:**

Ezekiel 25-27

**Thursday, September 8:** Ezekiel 28-30

**Friday, September 9:** Ezekiel 31-33

**Saturday, September 10:** Ezekiel 34-36

**Sunday, September 11:** Ezekiel 37-39



## Today

**Visitors**, welcome to our worship service this morning—we're thankful 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 morning Bible classes** are available for all ages. **Adult classes** are in the Auditorium and Library. **College and Young Professionals** meet in the fellowship hall.

**A Couple's Wedding Shower** for Christean and Marion Covington is this afternoon from 2:30-4:30pm (all are welcome, including men).

**Worship Service for the AHEPA 3 Senior Apartments** is at 3:30pm at 3320 Old Columbiana Road in Hoover.

**Faith in Action, 5:00pm:** **Drew and Heather Spivey** have coordinated our Faith in Action project for this month. They are having a diaper drive to collect diapers and wipes for **Diapers of Hope in Birmingham**. All sizes are needed, but please note that sizes 5, 6, and pull-ups are most needed at this time. A bin will be placed by the back door and one by the front door for anyone who would like to drop off a donation any time between now and September 25. **We will meet in the fellowship hall this evening and you're welcome to bring any donations at this time.** And for anyone who would like to donate but would prefer not to shop for themselves, Heather would be happy to do this for you! You can email her at [heatherspivey520@gmail.com](mailto:heatherspivey520@gmail.com) or call/text (205)329-8578, and she will make those arrangements.

**The office will be closed on Monday, September 5**, to observe Labor Day.

**Please send any facility concerns to [facilities@hoovercoc.org](mailto:facilities@hoovercoc.org).**

**Members**, don't forget to contact **Vickie Cotney**, [mamac@cotney.com](mailto:mamac@cotney.com), to have your family picture taken.

## Family News and Events

**Our Ladies' Bible Class** will resume on Tuesday mornings at 11:30am beginning September 13. The topic for this session is **"The Holy Spirit in the New Testament."** Please contact Leah Covington, Denia Petruzella, or Jamie Powell with any questions.

**The Young at Heart** will meet for a **Game Night, Birthday Celebration, and Supper** on Friday, September 16, at 5:30pm. The menu is Potluck, so bring your favorites. **Paul and Karen Kirby and Gale Jett** are hosting this event.

**The Food Pantry** will be open in September on the 25<sup>th</sup> and in October on the 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30pm. Also, our **Thanksgiving Food Pantry** will be open on November 20 from 2:30-5:00pm. Please mark these dates on your calendar—volunteers will be needed for the Thanksgiving Food Pantry.

## Youth

**Save the following dates** on your calendar—more details will be coming soon!

- **Wednesday, September 14; 5:30pm:** Pre-teen Devotional and Supper
- **Friday, October 28, 6:00-8:00pm:** Fall Festival
- **Saturday, December 3, 8:00-10:00am:** Breakfast with Santa

## Happy Anniversary

Paul & Karen Kirby                      September 7

## Happy Birthday

Luke Percer	September 4
Sherry Stevens	September 5
Margaret Moore	September 7
Rex Anderson	September 8
Warren Collins	September 9
Harper Yeilding	September 9
Connor Church	September 9

## Carelines

**Janice Renfroe**, a resident at the AHEPA 3 Apartments and a friend of Linda Graham, is waiting on the results of a lung biopsy.

**Jeanne Anderson** will have her third treatment on Tuesday, September 20. Please pray that each treatment will be effective.

**Joy Jones**, Jennifer Dalton's mother, has completed her first two chemo treatments and seems to be tolerating them well.

**Chris Heathcox**, Markie Jones' dad, had scans that showed a relapse in his cancer (Pancreatic). His prognosis and treatment plan have not been confirmed.

**Paul Williams III** received good news from the results of his tests. Please continue to pray for his well-being.

**Jane Spivey**, Rex Anderson's sister, is receiving chemo treatments for cancer.

**Lena Goldberg**, a lady from our community, has requested prayers to find employment. Please pray that her needs will be met.

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

**Remember our church family:** Virgie Banks, Dick Smith, Corey Covington, Edward Curry, and Gail Powell.

**Remember our families and friends:** Richard Lawson (Alyssa Long's dad), Doug and Cathy Abbott (Joel Abbott's parents), Patrick Nichols (Lynne Nichols' son), Mary Stewart (Jason & Tiffany McKeown's friend), Charlie Pflueger (Tom Kidwell's dad), Hillary Wright (Janie Gaither's friend), and Dean Kendrick (Markie Jones' grandmother).

## Isaiah 41:10

"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."

## Will We Know Anyone in Heaven?

Anyone who has lost a loved one is interested in knowing the answer to this question. Every person will one day face death and needs assurance of heaven. All of us hope to be reunited with loved ones who have gone on before, but if we will not know each other in heaven, then the bonds made on earth are forever severed in death.

The idea that we will know each other in heaven is sometimes called the doctrine of "future recognition." It is both reasonable and scriptural. If we know anything in heaven, we will surely know that we are in heaven. We must know ourselves, unless we lose all personal identity and recognition in death. Surely, we will know Christ, and that He has redeemed us from our sins, thus allowing us to enjoy the rewards of heaven. If we will know we are in heaven, know who we are, know Christ, and know that He rewards us for our faithfulness, surely, we will know one another.

Revelation 6:9-10 describes a scene under the altar of God. The souls of the martyrs, "slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held," cried out for vengeance. These martyrs retained their personalities in the death state, were conscious of where they were, and knew why they were there. They knew that they had been murdered and were conscious that their murderers had not been punished. Surely, they knew each other.

The story we know as "The Rich Man and Lazarus" is found in Luke 16:19-31. Whether this is a parable or not, it still indicates much about the state of the dead. The characters were all conscious and aware of their surroundings, and all possessed a memory of the world they had left. Abraham told the rich man to "remember." He could remember because he was conscious of who he was, where he was, and who the others were. We also have the example of Moses and Elijah at the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-5). The apostles recognized them, so they had not lost their identity in death.

There will be no giving and taking in marriage in heaven as there is on earth (Luke 20:35-36), and many other things will be changed in heaven. But we will know one another, and heaven will be much better than we can imagine. The key is to be prepared to go to heaven by obeying the will of God because heaven is a prepared place for prepared people (John 14:1-3).

—Bob Prichard

## Attendance and Offering

**August 28, 2022**

**Attendance:**

**Bible Study:** 193

**AM Worship:** 303

**PM Worship:** 51

**Wednesday:** 143

**Contribution:** \$11,215.61

**Weekly Budget:** \$15,050.00

**Weekly Average:** \$14,323.93

**Contribution to Date:** \$501,337.59

## Hoover Supported Works

- *Childhaven, Cullman, AL*
- *Rainbow Omega, Eastaboga, AL*
- *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief*
- *George Funk, Gospel Chariot Missions, South Africa*
- *Cy Walker, Guyana*
- *Clothing Closet*
- *Food Pantry*
- *Guyana*
- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*

## Mission Trips

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

## Oversight

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

## Acts 5:42

"And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus."

### GriefShare Ministry

Back in the Spring we finished our first **GriefShare Group**, and we believe God used our time together to bless everyone who attended. As we move forward, we're planning to make this ministry available to people outside of our congregation—whether they're followers of Jesus or not. We believe that God might use us to help people in our community to realize how much God loves them and how he wants to care for them in their time of grief.

**We're looking forward to beginning a new group on Saturday, October 1, from 10-12, and we'll meet every Saturday at the same time, finishing on December 31.** If you're struggling with grief, please plan to be a part of this new group. If you have a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker who you think might benefit from attending, please let them know about this ministry. We would welcome them.

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 as well as people who are grieving. These presentations are coupled with discussions that are designed to internalize what participants learn in the videos. Please reach out to Harold or Donna Rhodes, Teresa Hicks, Kyle Wadley, or Chuck Webster for more information, or you can visit <https://www.griefshare.org/>.



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