# oover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

## September 17, 2023

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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**

Elder to Contact in September for

**Needs:** Jimmy Lyles

# **Sunday AM and PM**

Greeters: Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller

Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner

Back Lobby: Connie Morrison & Virgie

**Banks** 

**Usher, AM:** Rick Williams **Nursery:** Teale Yeilding

Scripture Reading: Walden Schlundt

Singing:

AM: Kyle Wadley PM: Rick Williams Opening Prayer: AM: Merv Prince PM: Allen Taylor

**AM Sermon:** Jesse Claunch **PM Lesson:** Nic Weymouth

**Communion:** 

AM: Jonathan Beard

**Announcements:** Jimmy Lyles

Closing Prayer: AM: Torrey Clark PM: Aidan McQuillan

Audio/Cameras: Grant Dalton
Alternate: Rick Williams

Video: Marc Handley
Security: Stephen King
Alternate: George Faison

# Bible Reading Plan for September 17-24

Sunday, September 17: Ezra 1-3 Monday, September 18: Ezra 4-6;

Psalm 137

Tuesday, September 19: Haggai 1-2 Wednesday, September 20: Zechariah

1-4

**Thursday, September 21:** Zechariah 5-9 **Friday, September 22:** Zechariah 10-14

Saturday, September 23: Esther 1-5 Sunday, September 24: Esther 6-10

#### **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.

**This evening** at 5:00pm, we will have a lesson in the auditorium taught by Nic Weymouth.

#### **News and Events**

Join us for Common Grounds Fellowship every Sunday morning from 8:15-8:45am. Donuts and coffee are served.

The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class begins this week on the 19th at 1:30pm. We will meet in the senior high classroom.

Our women are invited to a morning hike at Moss Rock Preserve on Saturday, September 23, at 10:00am. Let's meet in the parking lot at 617 Preserve Pkwy in Hoover. We can plan to have lunch afterwards at one of the restaurants nearby! A sign-up sheet will be on the back rail. Please see Wendi Vick or Donna Handley with any questions.

Walk4Water (Nov 5): We're excited once again to be partnering with Healing Hands International to have a Walk4Water in the Birmingham area. We're joining the Palisades, Ashville Road, and Decatur Highway churches on Sunday, November 5, from 2:00-4:00 to raise awareness of the desperate need for clean drinking water in many places across the globe. We'll also give everyone an opportunity to contribute toward a clean water well. Please go ahead and mark your calendars and plan to join us that afternoon.

#### News and Events cont.

Leadership Class: We're inviting all of our elders, deacons, ministers, and ministry leaders to be part of an upcoming leadership class. We'll meet in the Library on the first Wednesday night of each month from October until June. Please begin praying about this class . . . our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 4.

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.

# Hoover Church of Christ Homecoming

September 24 Homecoming: We're so excited about our upcoming special day! We're expecting a big crowd for lunch that day, so we need all of our tables and chairs downstairs so we can seat as many as possible. If you've borrowed any for an event at your house, please bring them back to the building in the next few days so that we know how many we can seat. Thanks!

# **Happy Birthday**

Bennett Naylor September 17
Ava Collins September 17
Allen Taylor September 18
Maralise Blankenship September 20
Rayna Johnson September 22

## Youth

**TONIGHT!** Area-Wide Devotional at the Decatur Highway CoC

**Friday, September 22:** Deep Youth Rally at the Ashville Road CoC

**Wednesday, September 27:** F.A.M Groups

**Friday-Sunday, September 29-October 1:** HYG Fall Retreat at Springville Camp & Conference Center

#### **Carelines**

We extend our condolences to Jennifer Lackey and her family on the death of her mother, Sharon Houghton. Sharon had been ill for quite some time, and she passed away last Sunday. Please pray for the family as they mourn their loss.

**Bob Brooks** is recovering from lower back surgery and is doing well.

**Jerry Moss**, Sondra Moss' husband, is suffering from pneumonia and a kidney disease.

Janice Renfroe, a resident at the AHEPA 3 Apartments, had a procedure to remove the spot on her left lung. The results of the test have not been confirmed.

**Lindsey Hillis**, Melody Warbington's niece, is scheduled to have gall bladder surgery.

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

Remember our church family: Mike Creely, Giana Kidwell, Dick Smith, Jeanne Anderson, and Gail Powell.

Remember our families and friends: Darren Brooks (Bob and Joy Brooks' son), Eddie Williams (Leah Covington's stepdad), Margaret White (Kori White's mom), Debbie Pressnell (Brooke Williams' mom), 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).

# A Prayer for the Sick

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their circumstances. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### What If Jesus Had Never Come

I cannot imagine trying to make it through life without having "the good shepherd" (John 10:11), who is the "one mediator between God and men" (1 Timothy 2:5), and the "King of kings and Lord of lords" (Revelation 19:16) in my corner. But what if Jesus had never come into this world "to give His life a Ransom" (Mark 10:45)?

A Life without True Meaning. Jesus came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly (John 10:10). Paul said we "can do all things through Christ" (Philippians 4:13). The whole of man is to fear the Lord and keep His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

A Life without a Totally Reliable Model to Imitate. There are many fine people in this world. Some are worthy of imitation because they demonstrate selfless behavior, pure speech, and a respectful attitude. Yet no mere human is a good example in every way all of the time. Each person makes mistakes. "All have sinned" (Romans 3:23). But not Jesus, who "committed no sin," and that is why He alone is worthy of complete imitation (1 Peter 2:21-22).

A Life without Direction. Where am I going in my life? Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12).

A Life without Salvation. The wages of sin is death because sin separated a person from God (Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:1-2). Thank God that He loved us so much that He sent Jesus "into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15; Ephesians 1:7). Because Jesus is the only Savior, the only "name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12), without Him we could never enjoy the forgiveness of sins.

A Life without Hope. People who live without hope are miserable indeed. Jesus is the hope of the world (1 Timothy 1:1). Through Jesus we can live "in hope of eternal life" (Titus 1:2). The choice is ours: we can live life either with Him or without Him. Let us choose wisely, for this choice will determine our eternal destiny. To live with Him, of course, means to live according to His will. Are you doing that?

-Roger Campbell

# Attendance and Offering September 10, 2023

Attendance: Bible Study: 161 AM Worship: 272 PM Worship: 112 Wednesday: 170

Contribution: \$13,398.93 Weekly Budget: \$14,280.00 Weekly Average: \$14,915.26 Contribution to Date: \$551,864.59

# **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

#### Colossians 4:3

"... praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;"

# **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 <a href="https://www.griefshare.org/">https://www.griefshare.org/</a>.





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