



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

Matthew 6:21

October 2, 2022

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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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Love

It's hard to define love.

Sometimes we use it to describe how much we like something—I *love* ice cream—but that's inadequate. And then sometimes we use it to describe a feeling—I love my wife because of how she makes me feel—but again that's too shallow.

What about this? Love is when we act in someone's best interest even when it's difficult for us, or maybe even painful.

We see that idea in these verses:

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

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10).

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son . . ." (John 3:16).

It wasn't a strong *like* that led Jesus to the cross, and it certainly didn't make him feel good.

He did it because we needed it. He did it because he loved us.

That's what we ought to think about when we read verses like this one: "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14).

Paul is writing to Christians, and he's just encouraged us to forgive and be patient with one another. He's told us to be kind and compassionate and long-suffering.

But how? What's the key? Because of feelings?

Here's an important point: God never asks us to do something because of how it makes us feel. We treat people right because we *choose* to love them.

You'll deal with someone this week who won't deserve your kindness or forgiveness. It might be your neighbor or coworker, or even your kid or your spouse. It might be someone at church.

But if I understand the biblical idea of love right, God wants you to love that person. And love doesn't even think about what people deserve.

It's what we do because of what he did.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments Sunday

Elder to Contact in October for Needs: Carl Logan

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters, AM:

Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller
Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner
Back Lobby: Clint and Abbie Richey
Ushers, AM: Wes Blankenship and

Rick Williams

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster **Scripture Reading:** Walden Schlundt

Singing:

AM: Darrell Powell PM: Clint Richey Opening Prayer: AM: Steve Cotney PM: Bob Brooks

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion:

AM: Chad Blackmon **PM:** Drew Spivey

Announcements: Jimmy Lyles

Closing Prayer: AM: Glenn Till, Jr. PM: Eli Powell

Audio/Cameras: Grant Dalton Alternate: David Naylor

Video: Will Spurlin

Security: Jerry Culbertson **Alternate:** Norman Rutland

Bible Reading Plan for October 2-9

Sunday, October 2: Matthew 1-4
Monday: October 3: Matthew 5-6
Tuesday, October 4: Matthew 7-8
Wednesday, October 5: Matthew 9-10
Thursday, October 6: Matthew 11-12
Friday, October 7: Matthew 13

Saturday, October 8: Matthew 14-16 Sunday, October 9: Matthew 17-19



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.

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.

Tonight at 5:00pm, Faith in Action:
Ben and Wendi Vick are leading our Faith
in Action project, and we will be working at
Garrett's Place, a store for foster children.
Please read more about Garrett's Place and
their good work to support foster children
and the families who care for them at their
website: www.garrettsplace.org.

Family News and Events

Congratulations to Greg and Jean Coker on the birth of their granddaughter, *Olivia Marie Morgan*, who was born on Wednesday, September 28, and weighs 6lbs 10oz and is 21in long! The proud parents are Chris and Amanda (Coker) Morgan.

Congratulations to Virgie Banks on the birth of her great-grandson, *Mac Alexander Graves*! He was born on Wednesday, September 28, and weighs 6lbs 7oz and is 19.5in long. The proud parents are Mason and Cheyenne (Shepherd) Graves.

The **Decatur Highway Church of Christ** is hosting the **2022 Captivate Workshop** tomorrow, **October 3**. This workshop is designed for preachers, teachers, and anyone who wants to learn how to study the Bible more deeply. This year's theme is Ephesians, and guest speakers are Terry Edwards, Doug Burleson, Kirk Brothers, and Neal Pollard. For more information—or to register—go to www.dhcoc.com Connect > Preachers' and Bible Teachers' Workshop (cost is \$10).

The Thanksgiving Food Pantry and Clothing Closet will be open on Sunday, November 20, from 3:00-4:30pm. Volunteers will be needed for both these events.

The Tuesdays Ladies' Bible Class meets weekly in the high school classroom at 11:00am.

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The Burnham Drive Church of Christ in Guyana is ready to start their next phase of the church building remodel which Hoover has been helping with. This part of the project will cost approximately \$11,500 US dollars. If anyone would like to donate any funds to help, please make your payment to the Hoover Church of Christ and note that it is for the Burnham Drive building fund. If you have any questions please see Mike Clelland.

Youth

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

- Sunday, October 23: Youth Group and Parents, Devotional and Lunch
- Friday, October 28, 6:00-8:00pm: Fall Festival.
- Saturday, December 3, 8:00-10:00am:
 Breakfast with Santa.

Words of Gratitude

Dear Hoover family,

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude for your love and support throughout my mother's, Linda Crow, illness and passing. Your prayers, calls, visits, and meals were so helpful and encouraged our spirits. How fortunate we are to be a part of this family.

Marla Troughton

Happy Anniversary

Bob and Joy Brooks October 6

Happy Birthday

Patsy Freeman	October 2
Sheryl Jackson	October 2
Connie Morrison	October 2
Elizabeth Goodman	October 3
Diann Tippins	October 3
Andrew Blackmon	October 4
Erika Sankey	October 4
Johnny Johnson	October 4
Jonn Rock	October 6
Jerrick Rumph-Henderson	October 7
Wendy Wadley	October 8

Carelines

Jeff Webb, Suzanne Clelland's boss, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will be having surgery soon.

Janice Renfroe, Linda Graham's friend and a resident at AHEPA 3 Apartments, is having surgery at UAB on Tuesday, October 13, to remove a malignant tumor from her lung.

Cheyenne Graves, Virgie Banks' grand-daughter, had a C-section on Wednesday, September 28, because the baby was breach, and she suffered with Eclampsia. The baby, Mac Alexander Graves, is in NICU with some breathing issues. Please pray for Baby Mac.

Cynthia Lanford, Susan Clelland's elderly friend, is ill and has been in and out of the hospital.

Larry Banks, Virgie Banks' brother-in-law, has been admitted to Senior Care at the Walker County Hospital in Jasper. He is suffering from Parkinson's disease.

Danny Ballard, the husband of Melody Warbington's co-worker, Vi Ballard, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Vi's sister was diagnosed a few months ago with Alzheimer's.

Leela Beaty, the teenage daughter of Candy Seals, the co-worker of Melody Warbington's sister in McMinnville, TN, sustained serious injuries in a car accident with the possibility of losing the use of her left arm. She is now at UAB Children's Hospital.

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

Remember our church family: Jeanne Anderson, Steve Martin, Paul Williams III, Dick Smith, Corey Covington, Edward Curry, and Gail Powell.

Remember our families and friends: Joy Jones (Jennifer Dalton's mom), Janice Renfroe (Linda Graham's friend), Chris Heathcox (Markie Jones' dad), Jane Spivey (Rex Anderson's sister), 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).

16 Tips to Live Happily

- Learn to laugh with others, and at yourself (Proverbs 17:22).
- Spend time with older people; learn from their wisdom (Proverbs 19:20).
- 3. Enjoy the innocence and purity of children (Matthew 18:1-6).
- Work with all your might (Ecclesiastes 9:10).
- 5. Live life like you will live forever, because you will (Ecclesiastes 3:11).
- Plan as though you will die tomorrow, because you might (James 4:14).
- Say something encouraging to someone; be specific and genuine (Hebrews 3:13).
- 8. Give something away with no strings attached (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- Help someone in need; expect nothing in return (Matthew 25:35-40).
- Forgive others as many times as needed (Matthew 18:21-22).
- Ask for forgiveness; a clean conscience makes for a soft pillow (1 John 1:9).
- 12. Pray often and be specific (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- Count your blessings (you might lose count) (Ephesians 1:3).
- 14. Love God, love your neighbors, and love yourself (Matthew 22:37-39).
- Bow to the Lord—better now than later (Philippians 2:10).
- 16. Obey God's commands (Matthew 7:21-27).
- -Brett Petrillo, Denver, Colorado

Attendance and Offering September 25, 2022

Attendance: Bible Study: 155 AM Worship: 244 PM Worship: 48 Wednesday: 164

Contribution: \$9,518.86 Weekly Budget: \$15,050.00 Weekly Average: \$14,164.82 Contribution to Date: \$552,427.82

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

Psalm 9:2

"I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High."

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 Grief-Share Ministry beginning Saturday, October 8. 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/. The sessions will meet in the church library for the first time on Saturday, October 8, from 9:00-11:00, and will continue weekly through Saturday, December 31, at the same time each week. Please let us know if you have any guestions.



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