



# Hoover Church of Christ

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

*Matthew 6:21*

October 2, 2022

## Love

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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

Carl Logan	979-9874
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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



## Carelines

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

**Janice Renfro**, 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' granddaughter, 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 Renfro (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

1. Learn to laugh with others, and at yourself (Proverbs 17:22).
2. Spend time with older people; learn from their wisdom (Proverbs 19:20).
3. Enjoy the innocence and purity of children (Matthew 18:1-6).
4. Work with all your might (Ecclesiastes 9:10).
5. Live life like you will live forever, because you will (Ecclesiastes 3:11).
6. Plan as though you will die tomorrow, because you might (James 4:14).
7. Say something encouraging to someone; be specific and genuine (Hebrews 3:13).
8. Give something away with no strings attached (2 Corinthians 9:7).
9. Help someone in need; expect nothing in return (Matthew 25:35-40).
10. Forgive others as many times as needed (Matthew 18:21-22).
11. 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).
13. Count your blessings (you might lose count) (Ephesians 1:3).
14. Love God, love your neighbors, and love yourself (Matthew 22:37-39).
15. 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 GriefShare 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 questions.



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