



# Hoover Church of Christ

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

*Matthew 6:21*

October 22, 2023

## Citizens

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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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Politics is never very far from many Americans' thoughts . . . discussions permeate online chatter, not to mention the 24/7 news cycle. Nearly everyone has a (strongly held and loudly vocalized) opinion.

Probably all of us need this reminder from Paul.

*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27).*

It won't jump out at you in the ESV above, but there are a couple of translations that bring out the nuances of a word that Paul intentionally used.

*"Whatever happens, as citizens of heaven live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" (TNIV).*

*"Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ" (NLT).*

The key word there is *citizens*. Paul used a word that meant "to live as a citizen."

People who lived in Philippi were extremely pleased with their Roman citizenship. It gave them all kinds of rights that non-citizens didn't have, so naturally it was a matter of great pride to them.

Paul nudges them gently: "Remember," he says, "your most important citizenship is in heaven, so be sure to live consistently with the gospel."

In other words, don't let your Roman pride trump your kingdom citizenship.

I think that's a needed reminder for us. Politics gets ugly sometimes—lines are drawn, convictions are trumpeted, and identities are formed.

"I'm a Republican!" one shouts, while another points to his allegiance to the Democratic Party. Maybe it isn't the case, but sometimes it seems that one's political party is about the most important thing there is.

If Paul were writing a letter to us today, he might say something like this:

*"Remember who you really are. You may be an American who loves your country, but please remember that above all else you're a Christian. So don't let the ugliness and divisiveness of politics cause you to misrepresent what it means to follow Jesus."*

There are serious issues at stake in our country, and sometimes God gives us opportunities to express our biblical and moral convictions in ways that honor him.

But let's never allow our political passion to shout out and overshadow the Lord we follow.

We are and will always be citizens of God's kingdom first.

—Chuck

## Worship Assignments

**Elder to Contact in October for Needs:**  
Harold Rhodes

### Sunday AM and PM

**Greeters: Front Lobby:** Bill Laughmiller

**Handicap Lobby:** Nancy Griner

**Back Lobby:** Paul & Karen Kirby

**Usher, AM:** Jim Petruzella

**Nursery:** Sondra Moss

**Call to Worship:** Chuck Webster

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew Cicero

**Singing:**

**AM:** Kyle Wadley

**PM:** Mark Lackey

**Opening Prayer:**

**AM:** Corey Covington

**PM:** Allen Taylor

**AM Sermon:** Chuck Webster

**Communion:** Sid Aultman

**Announcements:** Harold Rhodes

**Closing Prayer:**

**AM:** Chad Blackmon

**PM:** Andrew Blackmon

**Audio/Cameras:** Rick Williams

**Alternate:** Will Spurlin

**Video:** Caleb Henry

**Security:** Mike Clelland

**Alternate:** Steven Gaither

### Bible Reading Plan for October 22-29

**Sunday, October 22:** Matthew 18

**Monday, October 23:** John 7-8

**Tuesday, October 24:** John 9-10

**Wednesday, October 25:** Luke 10

**Thursday, October 26:** Luke 12-13

**Friday, October 27:** Luke 14-15

**Saturday, October 28:** Luke 16-17

**Sunday, October 29:** John 11



## Today

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

**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.

**Our Adult Education Classes:** **Chuck Webster** is teaching in the auditorium, and his class is called: **"A Faith that Works: A Study of the Book of James."** **Rick Williams** and **Jason McKeown** are teaching in the Library, and their class is on **"Suffering."**

**Abbie Schofield's Baby Shower** will be in the front lobby from 2:00-4:00pm.

We will have a **worship service at the AHEPA 3 Apartments** today at 3:30pm.

**This is our fourth Sunday evening**, and we encourage everyone to join in with friends and/or family at home for a time of devotion and fellowship. For those who prefer to attend a service at the church building, it will start at 5:00. **Wade Warren** will teach the class.

## News and Events

**Our Fall Festival for this year is on Friday, October 27, from 6:00-8:00pm!** We will have **pizza, popcorn, cotton candy, inflatables, games with candy prizes, and a costume contest (this is for adults too).** We are asking for everyone to **donate bags of individually wrapped candy**—please put the candy in the bucket in the foyer. **We need lots of help! All you have to do is show up and help, no prep work needed.** Let us know how many from your family are planning to attend and sign up to help. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8A62BA3F5C16-45289664-fall>. **See Daniel Warren if you have any questions.**

## News and Events cont.

**The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class** meets weekly in the senior high classroom at 1:30pm. **Leah Covington, Denia Petruzella, and Jamie Powell** are teaching the class, and their theme this year is ***How to Study the Bible***.

**Leadership Class:** All elders, deacons, ministers, and ministry leaders are asked to be part of our leadership class. We meet in the Library on the first Wednesday night of each month from October until June. Please pray for this class.

**Our GriefShare Ministry** will begin on Saturday, November 4, from 10:00am-12:00pm. The weekly sessions will run through January 27.

**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 Pali-sades, 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. **The walk will be at Leeds Memorial Park this year.**

**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.

### Happy Anniversary

Dakotah & Kendyll Weeks	October 23
Jim & Christy Reece	October 23
Jonn & Camille Rock	October 24
Walden & Karisa Schlundt	October 26

### Happy Birthday

Samuel Williams	October 22
Felicia Arnold	October 23
Lucy McKeown	October 24
Thomas Smith	October 24
Lanny Watkins	October 25
Scott Warren	October 25
Kyle Wadley	October 26

## Youth

- ⇒ **Wednesday, October 25:** F.A.M. Groups
- ⇒ **Friday, October 27:** Fall Festival, 6:00-8:00pm
- ⇒ **Sunday, October 29:** Bonfire and Devotional at the Warrens' home

## Finding Peace in Storms of Life

During a terrible storm on the ocean, a small passenger ship rolled precariously in the roaring tempest. The furniture and anything else that could move was tied down, and the passengers were confined to their bunks for their own safety. Many on board thought the vessel was doomed.

Finally, a passenger who was determined to find out if there was any hope for survival, set out to see the one who was in command. Clinging to the walls and handrails, he made his way to the wave-lashed deck, up a ladder, and into the wheelhouse. He noticed that the ship was nearing land and was between some jagged rocks. It became apparent that the captain was trying to reach the safety of a calm bay up ahead. Knowing he could not make himself heard above the roar of the wind and waves, the captain just turned wordlessly to the worried passenger and smiled. Reassured, the man returned to the others and said, "Don't be afraid. All is well. I've seen the captain's face, and he smiled!"

When we are battered by the storms of life, we may be tempted to give in to feelings of hopelessness. But if we will look to our sovereign Captain (Hebrews 2:10) and commit our way to Him (Psalm 37:5), we will find peace even in the midst of great turmoil. We can trust Him to bring us through the storm (Mark 4:36-41).

—Mike Riley

"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

—Isaiah 54:10

## Carelines

**Chad Elmore**, Suzanne Clelland's friend's brother, is in the hospital with pneumonia.

**Anita Wadley**, Kyle Wadley's mom, is recovering from a broken hip and is in a lot of pain. Send cards of encouragement to her at Encompass Health & Rehabilitation Hospital of Franklin, 1000 Physicians Way, Room 203, Franklin, TN 37067.

**Please pray for Sean and Anita Hochdorf.** Anita was diagnosed at UAB with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

**Darren Brooks**, Bob and Joy Brooks' son, had a CT Scan and the results were not favorable. He should be resuming his treatments soon.

**Ali Tutak** requests prayers for a safe travel to Turkey on Monday, October 23. He will be having dental surgery.

Joel Abbott's medical assistant, Jasmine Burroughs, requests prayers for her brother, **Justin Traylor**. He is being evaluated this week for heart surgery.

**Milton Stover**, Paul and Karen Kirby's friend, has Multiple Myeloma and has started chemo treatments.

**Bill and Shannon McQuillan**, Tom McQuillan's brother and sister-in-law, are doing well after having their home destroyed by fire in September. The immediate needs have been met. The **GoFundMe Campaign** is still active for them to purchase all new housewares, clothes, etc. Additionally, gift cards for Target, Walmart, and Publix are very helpful. If you want to send money to them directly, their address is: **957 Goldsby Road, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459**. Thank you for all your support.

**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:** Eddie Williams (Leah Covington's stepdad), Doug and Cathy Abbott (Joel Abbott's parents), Jane Spivey (Rex Anderson's sister), and Richard Lawson (Alyssa Long's dad).

## Attendance and Offering October 15, 2023

### Attendance:

**Bible Study:** 135

**AM Worship:** 268

**PM Worship:** 65

**Wednesday:** 166

**Contribution:** \$11,223.36

**Weekly Budget:** \$14,280.00

**Weekly Average:** \$14,992.97

**Contribution to Date:** \$629,704.62

## 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*

## Romans 1:8

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world."

<p><b>Parenting with a Purpose: Christ-Centered Families</b></p> <p>Healthy _____</p> <p>Quality _____</p> <p>Spiritual _____</p>	<p><b>New GriefShare Class Starting Soon!</b></p> <p>We're beginning a new GriefShare class on Saturday, November 4. It will be each Saturday from 10am-noon and will go through January 27. Any of our members who have struggled with loss are invited to participate. If you have friends who might benefit, please let them know about this class as well.</p> <p>So many people in the world have experienced significant losses in their lives, so we're thankful to be able to offer this GriefShare Ministry. It 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 for more information, or you can visit <a href="https://www.griefshare.org/">https://www.griefshare.org/</a>.</p>
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