



Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

November 19, 2023

His mind

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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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Last week on this page I encouraged you to do what Paul says here: "in humility count others more significant than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

How'd you do?

If you're like me, you did really well right up until the point that you got out of bed and started your day.

It's just hard . . . really hard.

Sometimes it goes against everything within you, and it seems to require super-human effort to make it through a few hours.

If we can't make it through a day, what are our chances for making it a way of life? The key—though it's not a magic pill, of course—is in the same paragraph:

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5).

Some Bibles translate it passively—"Let this mind be in you"—but it should almost certainly be active:

"Have this attitude in yourselves" (NASB).

"Have the same attitude of mind" (TNIV).

"You must have the same attitude" (NLT).

In other words, choose to have this attitude, because it won't come naturally.

But how can you consistently choose to have the right attitude, especially when the right attitude doesn't come naturally?

The answer is in the last part of the verse: "which is yours in Christ Jesus."

We find the selfless attitude as we get closer to Christ. We think about the needs of others in direct proportion to how much we think about Christ.

I think this is the way it works: the more we think about Christ, who always thought about others, the less we think about self.

So let's try it again this week.

Count others more significant than yourself. Choose that attitude as you go to work or school, interact with your kids or spouse, or face difficult people.

Only this time, take your mind back to Christ as often as you can. The attitude you're wanting—the selfless, other-focused, attitude—is yours, but it's yours *in Christ*.

As you focus on him you'll find yourself loving the people around you more.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in November for Needs: Carl Logan

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters: Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller

Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner

Back Lobby: Shawn & Marla Troughton

Usher, AM: Reggie Arnold

Nursery: Brooke Williams

Scripture Reading: Chad Blackmon

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Singing:

AM: Kyle Wadley

PM: Wes Blankenship

Opening Prayer:

AM: Jonathan Beard

PM: Ben Vick

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion: Matthew Cicero

Announcements: Harold Rhodes

Closing Prayer:

AM: Shawn Troughton

PM: Aidan McQuillan

Audio/Cameras: Will Spurlin

Alternate: Brent Reaves

Video: Drew Spivey

Security: Jim Petruzella

Alternate: George Faison

Bible Reading Plan for November 19-26

Sunday, November 19: Acts 9-10

Monday, November 20 : Acts 11-12

Tuesday, November 21: Acts 13-14

Wednesday, November 22: James 1-5

Thursday, November 23: Acts 15-16

Friday, November 24: Galatians 1-3

Saturday, November 25: Galatians 4-6

Sunday, November 26: Acts 17



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."**

Hoover CoC has three major events today:

1. **The Annual AHEPA 3 Thanksgiving Luncheon**
2. **The Clothing Closet**
3. **The Thanksgiving Food Pantry**

This evening at 5:00pm, we will have a lesson in the auditorium.

News and Events

Please welcome Brea Ford to the Hoover family; we are so blessed to have her with us. Brea's address and phone number are 1123 Lakeshore Ridge, Birmingham, AL 35211, and (901) 606-8673.

We will have our mid-week service—a Thanksgiving Service—on Tuesday, November 21, this week at 7:00pm.

After the Tuesday evening Thanksgiving Service on November 21, the youth group will be hosting a **"Benefit Movie Night."** There will be a movie, popcorn, and drinks provided. There will also be homemade baked goods available for purchase. The event is free, but donations will be accepted and will go toward digging another well through **Healing Hands International.**

News and Events cont.

Childhaven and Agape Christmas Gifts:

This year we are not only purchasing gifts for the girls at Childhaven, but we are also giving to some local foster children through Agape. The deadline to turn in the gifts for Childhaven is Sunday, December 3, and the deadline to turn in the Agape gifts is Wednesday, November 29. **Please contact Lauren Warren with any questions.**

The Young Adults and Professionals will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Saturday, December 2, at 4:00pm.

Involvement: Don't forget to go to our online directory to complete your involvement checklist, or if you prefer, fill out one of the involvement sheets that are on the back rail in the auditorium.

Our GriefShare Ministry meets on Saturdays in the Library from 10:00am-12:00pm. This class will end on January 27.

Happy Anniversary

Chris & Tracy Mullinax	November 20
Bob & Joan Arnold	November 21

Happy Birthday

Owen Lyles	November 20
Harold Rhodes	November 20
Norris Bloodsaw II	November 21
Alfonso Johnson, Jr.	November 21
Ken Norris	November 22
Carl Logan	November 22
Jennifer Dalton	November 24
Jean Coker	November 25

Youth

TODAY: Area-wide devotional at the **Heritage Place Church of Christ**

Sunday, December 3: Lads to Leaders Workshop at 1:30pm

Sunday, December 3: Area-wide devotional at the Palisades Church of Christ

Saturday, December 9: Christmas at Childhaven

Carelines

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

Joyce Hinton, Nikesha Fantroy's mother, had a series of ministrokes. Please pray for her healing and that the medication will be effective.

Kay Lyles is recovering from surgery and is doing well.

Anthony Petruzella's close friend has requested prayers **for her mother, Michela Swafford**, who has been diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer.

Kelvin Blackmon, Chad Blackmon's dad, is recovering from back surgery.

Darren Brooks, Bob and Joy Brooks' son, is undergoing chemo treatments at MD Anderson. Please send cards of encouragement to him at 114 S. Knights Crossing Drive, Spring, TX 77382.

Anita Wadley, Kyle Wadley's mom, is out of rehab and is recovering at home. Send cards of encouragement to her at The Bridge of Columbia, 851 W. James Campbell Blvd., Columbia, TN 38401.

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

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

Remember our families and friends: Ed-die 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).

Father,

Your love is as wide as the oceans, as deep as the sea, and as tall as the heavens. May your spirit rise like a mighty wave and come and restore those who are ill. You are the water of life, you are a fresh spring, you are healing rain, to all those who are in need.

Come Lord!

—www.lords-prayer-words.com

Does God Notice?

Have you ever found yourself thinking something like: "I'm trying really hard to live for God, but it doesn't feel like He even notices. I'm sacrificing for Him, but nothing ever changes." I've been there. I guess it's a version of the older brother syndrome from the prodigal son. Let me encourage us to be more patient, though. Surely most of us have wondered why it seemed God wasn't doing what we want him to do, only to later see clearly He was orchestrating something beyond our ability to grasp or see. But there is another barrier that we sometimes have to circumvent.

Isaiah prophesied to God's people regarding their fasting practices in Isaiah 58. They wondered why God didn't "see" or recognize the fasts that they offered as a service to Him (vs. 3). The answer came back, "Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers." So, just because they were doing something that had the potential to be pleasing to the Lord, He was not pleased because they weren't living for Him. "And he said to them, 'Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me"' (Mark 7:6). Mama always said, "You show your true colors when nobody is looking, or when things don't go your way." You are not "righteous" just because of the good deeds people see you do. Some have called on Jesus as Lord and done "many works in his name," but still failed to please him (Matthew 7:21-23). Only by humbly submitting to Him in love can we be righteous. Because our righteousness and purity only come from Him.

The Scribes and Pharisees were scolded by Christ for "cleaning the outside of the cup and plate, but inside [being] full of greed and self-indulgence" (Matthew 23:25). It didn't matter to Jesus if people looked righteous or seemed righteous to others. He cared and cares about the heart. "First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean" (vs. 26). When we read about these misguided Scribes and Pharisees, the tendency is for us to overlook our own disposition towards the same behavior in our own lives.

Are we guilty of "fasting" or otherwise sacrificing for God, but trying to keep LIVING for our own pleasure? How many of us are Servants of Christ only as long as we can continue to do as we please? How many of us go through the motions of obedience but we haven't submitted to Christ as LORD? How many of us appear to be faithfully serving the God of heaven, but inwardly our hearts are far from Him? God loves every sincere act of service and sacrifice we offer, but only when our hearts are aimed toward Him. Forget about everything else for a moment. In what direction is your heart really aimed?

—Darrell

Attendance and Offering November 12, 2023

Attendance:

Bible Study: 164
AM Worship: 258
PM Worship: 101
Wednesday: 175

Contribution: \$14,446.69

Weekly Budget: \$14,280.00

Weekly Average: \$14,931.32

Contribution to Date: \$671,909.42

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*

Luke 9:6

"Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere."

**Where is my life going?
(Acts 9:10-16)**

“... all things work together for good ...” (Romans 8:28)

“Life has to be lived in _____, but it can only be understood in _____” (Dan Williams).

Paul: “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings ...” (Acts 9:15)

Reflections:

Trust that _____

Gives you _____

New GriefShare Class

We began 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.

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 <https://www.griefshare.org/>.

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