



Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

November 20, 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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Alive

If we didn't know what happened next, these would be some of the saddest verses in the Bible. Jesus had hand-picked 12 men to walk with him, serve beside him, and learn from him.

They had seen him defy gravity on a stormy sea, control nature's fury, cure the incurable, and raise the four-days-dead. He had even warned them in advance that he was going to be killed but that he would rise again.

In spite of all that, notice their response when the early reports of Jesus' resurrection started trickling in:

Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them (Mark 16:9-13).

"They would not believe it." "They did not believe them."

What? After all they had seen?

It's easy for me to point an accusing finger at the apostles, though. I've got the complete Bible, the whole story, God's explanation of his long-held secret about salvation. They didn't have that.

All they knew in these hours of confusion, terror, and uncertainty was that the one they'd put their hope in was dead. And not just dead, but crucified, ignominiously, shamefully.

When a group of women and a couple of disciples started saying they'd seen Jesus alive again, they didn't believe it. They couldn't believe it.

And to be honest, we've been right there with them. We've had our times when we doubted and questioned and feared. Did he really come out of the tomb? Is he real?

The crucial thing for us, as it was for them, is to keep our eyes open.

There's plenty of evidence for an empty tomb, and the disciples soon couldn't deny that Jesus was alive.

Today we can't see him as they did. We can't touch him as Thomas did.

But if our hearts are open to faith, we can still know he's real. We can still be confident that what Mary said was true. Jesus lives. —Chuck

Worship Assignments Sunday

Elder to Contact in November for Needs: Paul Williams, Jr.

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters, AM:

Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller

Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner

Back Lobby: Rick & Brooke Williams

Ushers, AM: Jeff Melton & Ben Vick

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Scripture Reading: Stephen King

Singing:

AM: Kyle Wadley; **PM:** Matthew Cicero

Opening Prayer:

AM: Bob Brooks

PM: Rick Williams

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion:

AM: Glenn Till, Jr.

PM: Wes Blankenship

Announcements: Johnny Johnson

Closing Prayer:

AM: Wade Warren

PM: Aidan McQuillan

Audio/Cameras: David Naylor

Alternate: Chad Blackmon

Video: Clint Richey

Security: Jim Petruzella

Alternate: George Faison

Bible Reading Plan for November 20-27

Sunday, November 20: Acts 18-20

Monday, November 21: Acts 21-23

Tuesday, November 22: Acts 24-26

Wednesday, November 23: Acts 27-28

Thursday, November 24: Romans 1-4

Friday, November 25: Romans 5-7

Saturday, November 26: Romans 8-10

Sunday, November 27: Romans 11-13



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.

Our Thanksgiving Feast for the AHEPA 3 residents is at noon. Please bring your food items and drinks to the fellowship hall at 8:30am.

The Thanksgiving Food Pantry and Clothing Giveaway will be open from 3:00-4:30pm. Volunteers, please be at the building by 2:30pm.

Family News and Events

We are having a Thanksgiving Service in the auditorium on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:00pm, in place of our Wednesday Bible Study—no classes.

The Young at Heart will be having their Christmas party on Friday, December 16, at 5:30pm. The meal will be catered. **Please bring \$10 of individually wrapped snack items (see list below)** for the Ronald McDonald House and the families of children in Children's Hospital.

- Crackers with Peanut Butter
- Crackers with Cheese
- Trail Mix
- Fruit Snacks
- Cookies
- Breakfast Bars

Hebrews 13:15

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name."

Youth

Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, December 3, from 8:00-10:00am in our fellowship hall! Everyone who plans to attend needs to sign up on the sheet that is on the back rail in the auditorium. Enjoy breakfast, sing some Christmas songs, and have your picture made with good ole Saint Nick himself.

Words of Gratitude

Dear Church family,

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, calls, and emails while my mother was in the hospital and when she passed. It has been a true comfort for me and my entire family to know you were bringing my mother before God with your prayers. In the days and weeks to come I will keep your good thoughts and prayers with me as I think of my mother.

In His love,

Ken Norris

Happy Anniversary

Bob & Joan Arnold November 21

Happy Birthday

Harold Rhodes	November 20
Owen Lyles	November 20
Norris Bloodsaw II	November 21
Alfonso Johnson, Sr.	November 21
Ken Norris	November 22
Ame Johnsey	November 22
Jennifer Dalton	November 24
Jean Coker	November 25

Lamentations 3:22-23

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Carelines

Doug Abbott, Joel Abbott's dad, had an arteriogram on Friday; please pray for good results.

Bob Arnold is undergoing physical therapy; he is feeling much better. Please continue to pray for his health.

Chris Heathcox, Markie Jones' dad, recently had scans, and they showed that the cancer is still growing. They are exploring different options for treatment.

Doyal Newsom has requested prayers for her **grandson and granddaughter**; both have been ill with viruses. Please also pray for **her daughter/their mom** as she cares for them.

Betsy Groh, Karen Kirby's sister-in-law (Bender family), has been moved to a skilled nursing facility on the Emory campus in Atlanta. Please continue to pray for her comfort and healing.

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

Remember our church family: Darrell Smith, Janie Gaither, Mary Thomas, Kendyll & Dakotah Weeks, Steve Martin, Jeanne Anderson, Paul Williams III, Dick Smith, Edward Curry, and Gail Powell.

Remember our families and friends: Larry Banks (Virgie Banks' brother-in-law), Janice Renfroe (friend of Linda Graham), Sasha Phillips (Kyle & Wendy Wadley's niece), Joy Jones (Jennifer Dalton's mom), Brooklyn Berthiaume (Karen Kirby's friend's granddaughter), Danny Ballard (Melody Warbington's friend), Jeff Webb (Suzanne Clelland's boss), Jane Spivey (Rex Anderson's sister), Richard Lawson (Alyssa Long's dad), Doug and Cathy Abbott (Joel Abbott's parents), and Patrick Nichols (Lynne Nichols' son).

Proverbs 13:12

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life."

Conflict: Resolved

I can hardly think of anything better in a relationship than when a conflict is successfully resolved . . . except, of course, when there is no conflict to begin with. But it's not realistic to expect any meaningful relationship to be all sunshine and rainbows. And when problems arise, the Bible has very specific and direct instructions on how those problems should be handled.

If only we could follow our gut when somebody does us wrong. We could come up with some painful insults, snub them when we run into them, and we could spread some juicy stories about them to make them suffer a little more. All too often, a combination of the above items gets deployed in pursuit of conflict resolution.

If your brother sins against you, Go and tell him his fault between you and him alone . . . (Matthew 18:15). So, who is responsible when someone does YOU wrong? God expects the person who has been wronged to privately go to the person who has wronged them and "tell him." But, wait . . . the offender is responsible too (Matthew 5:23-24). Here, Jesus says that if you're worshiping and remember that you've offended someone, to go and be reconciled to them before you sing another note or pray another prayer.

If someone tries to involve you in their conflict with someone else before they've tried to resolve the matter privately, the only way to help is to send them to the individual with whom the conflict is shared. Be a peacemaker (Matthew 5:9).

1 Timothy 1:5

"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

Attendance and Offering November 13, 2022

Attendance: 152

AM Worship: 248

PM Worship: 89

Wednesday: 130

Contribution: \$14,320.76

Weekly Budget: \$15,050.00

Weekly Average: \$14,120.99

Contribution to Date: \$649,565.65

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*

