



Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

November 27, 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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So hungry

What do you want desperately? More than anything else in the world? You want it so badly it consumes you, you're obsessed with it, you rave about it, dream about it, crave it.

What is it?

Jesus wants to know.

The only thing I know about hunger is what I learned from those pangs that come in mid-afternoon after I've skipped lunch. The thirstiest I've ever been happened is when I exercised for a few hours and forgot to take enough water.

The people in Jesus' world knew hunger and thirst. They lived in a world where food and clean water weren't always available. They didn't wake up every morning with a guarantee that they'd have enough to eat and drink that day. Caloric deficits were a real possibility.

Jesus taps into that experience to make a crucial spiritual point:

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied (Matthew 5:6).

I've read stories of what people are willing to do to get a piece of bread when they're starving. Crazy, unthinkable things.

It's that kind of desperation Jesus has in mind here. He wants us to crave righteousness—*his* righteousness—more than we want anything else. Like the starving chase after a piece of bread, like the dehydrated seek to slake their thirst with a drink of water.

I want to want it that badly, don't you?

I want to cry out with the sons of Korah: "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?" (Psalm 42:1-2).

But so often I satisfy my hunger with the world's empty morsels; I quench my thirst with water other than the Living Water.

Let's pray about it this week. Let's ask the Lord to make us thirsty for him, not this world's tempting but fleeting pleasures. That he'll create a holy hunger in us, a hunger for him, his goodness and righteousness . . . a desire to be right with him.

Let's pray that he'll remove all these things that too often get between us and him and that we'll pant for him.

He'll satisfy that hunger, and he'll slake that thirst.

—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: Virgie Banks and JoAnn McDonald

Ushers, AM: Jeff Melton & Ben Vick

Call to Worship: Darrell Powell

Scripture Reading: Norman Rutland

Singing:

AM: Kyle Wadley; **PM:** Marlon Crow

Opening Prayer:

AM: Reggie Arnold **PM:** Merv Prince

AM Sermon: Darrell Powell

Communion:

AM: Sid Aultman **PM:** Allen Taylor

Announcements: Carl Logan

Closing Prayer:

AM: Paul Kirby **PM:** Garrett Vick

Audio/Cameras: David Naylor

Alternate: Chad Blackmon

Video: Clint Richey

Security: Jim Petruzella

Alternate: George Faison

Bible Reading Plan for November 27-December 4

Sunday, November 27:

Romans 11-13

Monday, November 28:

Romans 14-16

Tuesday, November 29:

1 Corinthians 1-4

Wednesday, November 30:

1 Corinthians 5-8

Thursday, December 1:

1 Corinthians 9-11

Friday, December 2:

1 Corinthians 12-14

Saturday, December 3:

1 Corinthians 15-16

Sunday, December 4:

2 Corinthians 1-4

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.

No services at the AHEPA 3 Apartments.

Tonight at 5:00pm: You have the opportunity to worship and spend time at home with friends and/or family or attend a Bible class in the auditorium.

Family News and Events

Our 9th Annual Clothing Giveaway and Thanksgiving Pantry registered 87 visitors with several signing up for Bible Studies or courses. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the day a success.

On Sunday, December 4, at 5:00pm, Faith in Action: Quincy and April Collins are coordinating our community project for December.

The Ladies' Cookie Swap will be on Sunday, December 11, after the evening service. Please bring 2 dozen cookies; your dinner will be provided. Also, please sign the list that is on the back rail in the auditorium if you plan to attend, and contact **Wendi Vick** with any questions.

The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class will meet on November 29, December 6, and December 13. Classes will break for the Christmas holidays and resume after the New Year.

"I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness" (Proverbs 4:11).

(News and Events cont.)

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. **Carl and Lajuana Logan and Lee and Patty Bowman** are hosting this event.

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

The Food Pantry will reopen on Sunday, December 18, and the food item needed for December is Apple Juice.

Youth

Don' Forget! Breakfast with Santa is this 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.

Happy Birthday

Paul Williams, Jr.	November 27
Carol Norris	November 27
Arie Richardson	November 27
Lawson Fantroy	November 29
Sarah Washington	November 29
Brooke Williams	December 1

Colossians 3:15

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

Carelines

Betty Shackleford, Chè Abbott's mom, is at St. Vincent's dealing with some medical issues. She is getting better and will meet with a GI doctor to discuss a treatment plan for her. Please continue to pray for her health.

Denise Hillis, Melody Warbington's sister, will start chemo this week for bone cancer. Her scans showed that three spots have returned. Please pray these treatments will be effective.

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

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

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

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), is in 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 Renfro (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).

Am I Saved or Lost?

That is surely life's most momentous question. To be lost in the darkness of the night on unfamiliar streets in a strange city, in a storm adrift at sea, or in a small plane in deep fog and without instruments are terrifying experiences. To be lost in sin and under eternal condemnation through endless ages is immeasurably worse. How may salvation be obtained? Unregenerate man cannot save himself. If he is saved at all, God must do it (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-11; 1 Timothy 1:15). On the other hand, there is a sense in which he must save himself (Matthew 7:21; Acts 2:40; 1 John 2:4). With so many Bible affirmations of human responsibility, it is strange that some teach that there is nothing one does, or can do, in achieving acceptance before God. To refuse conditions God made precedent to salvation is as fatal as attempting to do what only God can do in saving us. The principle of salvation is grace—God's unmerited favor. Man's guilt has been irrefutably established (John 3:18). It is therefore impossible to ask for annulment on grounds the sentence is incompatible with evidence. It is impossible to argue for mitigation of sentence alleging that the sentence is too severe; the Judge can only do right (Genesis 18:26). A plea of merit based on moral worth is unavailing. Salvation can neither be earned nor purchased through good works. The motive of salvation is immeasurable love: "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The procuring cause of salvation is the blood shed at Calvary, without which there would be no forgiveness (Hebrews 10:1-4). Here alone is the cleansing fountain, the precious laver where the obedient are made clean from all sin. The agent of redemption is the Holy Spirit whose revelation in Scripture makes known our guilt and the means by which to be cleansed (John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). The power by which salvation comes is the gospel (Romans 1:16). No instance exists of any being saved in the Christian age (Acts 2:1-47) independent of the gospel (Mark 16:15; 1 Corinthians 1:21). It must be heard, believed, and obeyed. The place of salvation is in the church (Ephesians 3:21). God has always designated a place where His blessings are available. Salvation from the flood was in the ark (1 Peter 3:20); deliverance from the plague was only within sight of the brazen serpent (Numbers 21:4-9); deliverance from the Death Angel was only behind blood-sprinkled doors (Exodus 12:21-28). Salvation is only in the body of Christ—the church (Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 1:19-23). Here alone is divine deliverance from the guilt, power, and presence of sin. To the church—the one about which we read in the Bible—the Lord adds all who submit to His will (Acts 2:47). Saved or lost? Consider carefully.

—Guy N. Woods

Attendance and Offering November 20, 2022

Attendance: 152

AM Worship: 263

PM Worship: 83

Tuesday, Thanksgiving Service

Contribution: \$12,899.80

Weekly Budget: \$15,050.00

Weekly Average: \$14,095.01

Contribution to Date: \$662,465.45

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*

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. 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 meet in the church library each Saturday from 10:00am-12:00noon, and will continue through Saturday, December 31, at the same time each week. Please let us know if you have any questions.



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