



December 7, 2025

Satan is Working

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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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Let's say it plainly: the devil is real.

We've all been appalled at things we've seen . . . violence, anger, cruelty, hate. You can't read the headlines or get on social media without seeing something that turns your stomach.

I hate the devil.

I see hurting people, and I hate him for causing their pain. I sit with a cancer patient, or comfort a grieving family, and I hate him all the more for the tears he stirs up. And often his work isn't loud. He works quietly through despair, resentment, addiction, anxiety, and that creeping numbness that makes people give up on hope.

Most of the time he doesn't show up with fangs and fire. He shows up as doubt, distraction, compromise, or a slow drift away from Christ.

And, of course, I hate him for what he's doing to you and me . . . for our constant struggles, for the lies he convinces us to accept (even when we know better).

Please keep reading, because this story has a happy ending—all stories involving God do. But we tend to forget that Satan's working, and that's exactly what he wants.

He's working in you, especially if you're trying hard to follow Christ. He stirs up resentment in your heart, tries to make you suspicious of the people who love you most, and constantly whispers that holiness isn't worth the effort. He craves your kids, and he'd do anything to steal their hearts while they're young. He's trying to drive a wedge between you and your spouse, because joyful marriages choke out his work.

He's slithering between the pews at every church, hoping he can persuade everyone not to take this Jesus thing too seriously. He doesn't mind attendance, and singing and praying don't really bother him either. Just don't get on fire for the Lord—he hates that.

Scripture calls him "the deceiver of the whole world" and "the accuser of our brothers" (Revelation 12:9-10). But here's the good news: "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). And John reminds us, "he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

The cross already broke his back. Jesus disarmed the forces of evil and stripped them of their power (Colossians 2:15). Satan may still roar, but he's living on borrowed time. Respect him because he's dangerous. Hate him because he's evil. But don't fear him, because the Spirit within you terrifies him.

Stand firm, resist by the Spirit's strength, and remember: the risen Lord has already guaranteed his defeat.

—Chuck

Worship Assignments

Elder to Contact in December for Needs: Jimmy Lyles

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters:

Connie Morrison (Handicap Entrance)
Greg & Jean Coker (Back Entrance)

Nursery: Deebe Taylor

Usher: Jim Petruzella

AM Singing: Kyle Wadley

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Scripture Reading: Avery Davis

AM Opening Prayer: Daniel Warren

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

AM Communion: Joel Abbott

Announcements: Jimmy Lyles

AM Closing Prayer: Quincy Collins

PM Song Leader: Paul Kirby

PM Opening Prayer: Ben Vick

PM Closing Prayer: Aidan McQuillan

Audio/Cameras: Clint Richey/Grant Dalton

Video: Wes Blankenship

Security: Daniel Warren/Stephen King

Bible Reading Plan for December 7-13

- **Sunday, December 7:** 2 Chronicles 7; 2 John; Habakkuk 2; Luke 21
- **Monday, December 8:** 2 Chronicles 8; 3 John; Habakkuk 3; Luke 22
- **Tuesday, December 9:** 2 Chronicles 9; Jude; Zephaniah 1; Luke 23
- **Wednesday, December 10:** 2 Chronicles 10; Revelation 1; Zephaniah 2; Luke 24
- **Thursday, December 11:** 2 Chronicles 11-12; Revelation 2; Zephaniah 3; John 1
- **Friday, December 12:** 2 Chronicles 13; Revelation 3; Haggai 1; John 2
- **Saturday, December 13:** 2 Chronicles 14-15; Revelation 4; Haggai 2; John 3

Today

Visitors, welcome to our worship service this morning—we're glad you're here! Please **scan the QR Code** on the card in the pews. We would like to know where you are from.

Our Fourth Quarter Sunday Bible Classes are underway. **Jeff Melton** is teaching in the Auditorium, and **Chuck Webster and Ben Vick** are leading the Library class.

On Wednesday night, the Auditorium class is studying a series of **"Question Asked by God/Jesus."** **Heather Spivey and Melony Webster** are teaching a ladies class in the Library using a book by Jennie Allen: *Get Out of Your Head: Stop the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts*.

Please turn in your elder nomination forms to Jimmy Lyles or Harold Rhodes today. Our new elders will be announced next Sunday, December 14.

All Childhaven Christmas Gifts need to be turned in today. We will be taking the gifts to Childhaven next Saturday, December 13, for their Christmas party.

We will be going to **The Fellowship House** at 5:30 this evening to serve and worship with the residents there. It's always been an encouraging time to bless the people there, and to be blessed by them.

News and Events

Our third Sunday congregational fellowship meal has been canceled for this month.

The Young at Heart will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall on Friday, December 12, for their Christmas party. The meal will be catered; sign-up sheets have been placed on the back rail in the auditorium. Contact **Greg and Jean Coker** with any questions.

(News and events cont.)

All ladies are invited to the **Annual Cookie Swap on Sunday, December 14**, following the morning worship service. Please bring two dozen cookies (or other treats) to share. Lunch will be provided.

Words of Gratitude

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, and messages checking on me and the boys, as well as those who prepared and delivered meals after my surgery. Your kindness means so much to us, and we truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Kori White

Happy Anniversary

Sam & Melody Warbington December 4

Happy Birthday

Lawson Fantroy	November 29
Sarah Washington	November 29
Brooke Williams	December 1
Mason Richardson	December 3
Greg Coker	December 5
Jonah White	December 5
Harper Weimer	December 6

Youth

- **Wednesday, December 10:** Backpack Buddies.
- **Wednesday, December 17:** F.A.M. Group Meetings.
- **Saturday-Tuesday, December 27-30:** Exposure Youth Camp in Huntsville.

Carelines

We extend our condolences to Cindy Burnett on the death of her husband, Henry Burnett. Henry passed away on Sunday, November 30, and his service was Friday. Please continue to pray for Cindy, the grandchildren, and the extended family as they go through this difficult time. Memorial contributions in memory of Henry Burnett may be made to Childhaven in Cullman, Alabama.

Keith Hills, Melinda Richardson's brother-in-law, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer and will be receiving a treatment plan soon. Please pray for his wife, Janice (Melinda's sister), as well.

Ginger Stacks, Sylvia Huffman's daughter, recently lost vision in her right eye.

Zach Warbington, Sam and Melody Warbington's son, is facing serious medical issues. Please continue to pray for Zach's physical and spiritual well-being.

Howard McDonald, Felicia Arnold's stepfather, has stage 4 lung cancer and has now started his chemotherapy and immunotherapy. Please pray that the treatments are effective.

Felicia Wright, Heather Spivey's grandmother, has leukemia and is under the care of Hospice.

Don Cicero, Matthew Cicero's father, is responding well to the infusions, and this is after going through radiation and chemotherapy. He is still fatigued—please continue to pray for him.

Moranda Garrett, a friend of Jayne Ivy, has a pituitary tumor in her brain. Please pray that this tumor is benign and will shrink/disappear.

Rex Anderson, a former long-time member of the Hoover congregation, is recovering from triple bypass surgery.

Remember our shut-ins: **Nancy Griner, Joyce Baker, and Sylvia Huffman.**

Remember our church family: **Kori White, Marla Stacey-Warren, Gail Powell, Wanda Still, Anita Hochdorf, and Tyler Tippins.**

Remember our family and friends: **Don Lackey** (Mark Lackey's dad), **Jeanne Anderson** (former member of Hoover), **Kathy Culbertson** (former member of Hoover), **Anita Wadley** (Kyle Wadley's mom), **Doug & Cathy Abbott** (Joel Abbott's parents), **Richard Law-**

A Parent's Prayer

Oh God, make me a better parent. It is the most important job in the world and one for which I had no prior training. Help me to understand my children, to listen patiently and respond kindly. Keep me from interrupting and dismissing them impatiently. Help me to be as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Give me courage to confess my mistakes and ask them for forgiveness. Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame and ridicule. Remove my meanness. May I not nag when I am out of sorts. Help me to hold my tongue and my temper. Blind me to indifferent shortcomings and help me to see all the good they do. Help me to be ready with honest praise. Make me mindful that they need nurturing, encouragement, and appreciation for their small successes. Help me to remember that they are only children and cannot make adult judgments. Allow me not to remove their opportunities to care for themselves, to think for themselves, and to make their own mistakes. Forbid that I ever punish them to rid myself of anger and frustration. Help me to exercise reason and control. May I grant them sensible wishes, and give me courage to withhold privileges that might do them harm. Make me fair, just, considerate, and companionable, so they will have genuine esteem, respect, and affection. Make me fit to be loved and imitated by my children, for this is the greatest compliment of all.

—Anonymous

Judges 13:8

"Teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born."

Attendance and Offering November 30, 2025

Attendance

Bible Study: 118

AM Worship: 202

PM Worship: 100

Wednesday: 166

Contribution: \$13,813.19

Weekly Budget: \$14,823.00

Weekly Average: \$15,206.14

Contribution to Date: \$729,894.91

Hoover Supported Works

- *Childhaven, Cullman, AL*
- *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief*
- *Clothing Closet*
- *Food Pantry*
- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*

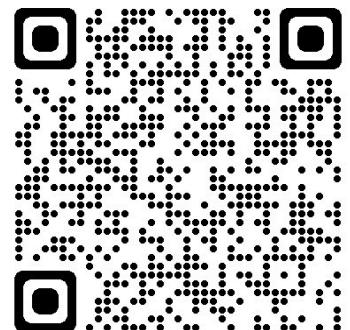
Mission Trips

- *Tanzania*
- *Philippines*
- *Peru*

Oversight

- *Christ Happy Childhaven, Philippines*
- *Tanzania Missions*

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GriefShare Class

Any of our members who have struggled with loss are invited to participate in our **GriefShare** class. If you have friends who might benefit, please let them know about this class as well. **We will meet on the following Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon: December 13, March 14, and June 13.**

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.

We have additional information for Griefshare Sessions offered on other days and times in the Birmingham area. Please see **Harold or Donna Rhodes** if you have any questions regarding GriefShare. You can also find additional information at <https://www.griefshare.org/>.



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