

Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

December 17, 2023

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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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YOUTH & FAMILY

MINISTER

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We wish you a happy and safe holiday season,
and we're grateful for each of you.

May God bless you.

—Hoover Church of Christ staff

Chuck Webster

Kyle Wadley

Darrell A. Powell

Jean Troughton

Worship Assignments

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

Sunday AM and PM

Greeters: Front Lobby: Bill Laughmiller

Handicap Lobby: Nancy Griner

Back Lobby: Melony Webster

Usher, AM: Marc Handley

Nursery: Teale Yeilding

Scripture Reading: Matthew Cicero

Call to Worship: Chuck Webster

Singing:

AM: Kyle Wadley

PM: Jonathan Beard

Opening Prayer:

AM: Reggie Arnold

PM: Mark Lackey

AM Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion: Jason McKeown

Announcements: Harold Rhodes

Closing Prayer:

AM: Jonathan Beard

PM: Campbell Vick

Audio/Cameras: Will Spurlin

Alternate: Chad Blackmon

Video: Clint Richey

Security: Shawn Troughton

Alternate: Steven Gaither

Bible Reading Plan for December 17-24

Sunday, December 17: Philippians 1-4

Monday, December 18 : 1 Timothy 1-6

Tuesday, December 19: Titus 1-3

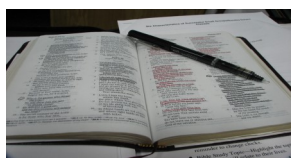
Wednesday, December 20: 1 Peter 1-5

Thursday, December 21: Hebrews 1-6

Friday, December 22: Hebrews 7-10

Saturday, December 23: Hebrews 11-13

Sunday, December 24: 2 Timothy 1-4



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."**

This evening at 5:00pm, we will meet in the auditorium for a class taught by Chuck.

News and Events

Sean and Anita Hochdorf: Please take the time to watch the video at the link below. It's from Sean and Anita Hochdorf, who placed membership with us a few months ago. The Hochdorfs have served faithfully both in the United States and in Tanzania, and beginning in early 2024 they are planning to shift their emphasis back to Tanzania for some important work that needs to be done. We recommend them to you wholeheartedly and hope you will prayerfully consider their work. The short video from Sean and Anita is here: <https://mailchi.mp/bf0c95d77d66/the-tanzania-chronicles-a-joyful-return>

On Sunday, December 31, we will have a different format for our worship service.

- **9:00am:** Bible Class
- **10:00am:** Worship Service
- **11:30am:** Potluck Luncheon after the morning worship service
- **1:00pm:** Singing
- **Dismissed for the day**

News and Events cont.

Walk4Water update: Thank you so much for everything you've done to support this year's Walk4Water. Our congregation—along with the Palisades, Decatur Highway, and Ashville Road Churches of Christ—have raised \$49,620! It costs \$7,500 on average to dig one clean-water well, so that gives us enough for six wells this year, which is incredible. If we raise \$2,880 more, we'll dig a seventh well. If not, Healing Hands will use the balance to go toward repairing existing wells. Either way, your generosity is amazing, and thousands of people will be blessed because of what you've done. In the next few months we'll update you again and let you know where our wells didn't get a chance to give, go to this link: <https://walk4water.hhi.org/birmingham-al-2023>. Again, thank you so much for your kindness.

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

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.

Youth

Sunday, January 21: Area-wide devotion at the Deerfoot Church of Christ

Happy Anniversary

Greg & Jean Coker	December 19
Christian & Rebecca Harris	December 21

Happy Birthday

Hope Davis	December 18
Greg Nobles	December 19
Alexandra Clark	December 20
Nancy Harris	December 21
Jennifer Smith	December 21
Nikesha Fantroy	December 22
Nancy Williams	December 22
Eli Powell	December 22
Brooke Harris	December 22

Carelines

Darren Brooks, Bob and Joy Brooks' son, is not doing well; the cancer has spread, and they have taken him off of chemo treatments. Please pray for his comfort and for his family as well.

Vicky Till had surgery at St. Vincent's and is recovering at home. She is doing well.

Hope Bishop, Jean Troughton's sister, is recovering from open-heart surgery.

Christina Morgan, Chris Morgan's mom, has some medical issues and is in the hospital.

Joyce Hinton, Nikesha Fantroy's mother, had a series of ministrokes.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Remember our families and friends: Kelvin Blackmon (Chad Blackmon's dad), Doug and Cathy Abbott (Joel Abbott's parents), Jane Spivey (Rex Anderson's sister), and Richard Lawson (Alyssa Long's dad).

Oh . . . Christmas Tree

This Christmas season I have had multiple opportunities to pull out one of the sayings Mom repeated over and over when I was a kid. She'd say, "You show your true colors when things aren't going your way." My kids haven't loved my recital of the phrase any more than nine-year-old Darrell did, but that doesn't make it any less true.

So, on to the opportunities for our family to "show our true colors." At 11:59pm, the night before Thanksgiving, the stomach virus visited most of our family. Because of the domino effect, that lasted almost two weeks. So, we were late-comers to the Christmas tree scene. Since we moved to Birmingham, we've enjoyed going to the tree farm and picking out and cutting down our own tree. There's nothing like the possibility of wildlife popping out of your tree to get you in the holiday spirit. We check our go-to tree farm, but they sold out for the season the weekend after Thanksgiving. We check the backup farm, and both their website and Google Maps indicate we are good to go. We take the scenic 1.5 hour drive, only to find out they are also closed for the season. The murmuring is quite pronounced at this point, but after scouring the map and the web, we realize that we are not cutting our own tree this year. "Show your true colors, kids," I proclaimed. The boy scout tree lot in the Target parking lot was ALMOST as quaint and Christmasy, though. So home we went after re-tying the tree to the Highlander's roof. We had pacified the unhappy passengers with promises of getting out all the decorations when we got home, which we did . . . only to find that mice had found our Christmas tubs and turned some favorite keepsakes into shredded bedding.

Finally, last night, we were getting ready to put the tubs away (for 2-3 weeks until it's time to take decorations down again). Down in the bottom of one of the tubs was a tiny glass bottle with the cork mouse-chewed off flush with the top. It had fallen in there by "mistake," but inside the bottle was a single mustard seed. My sweet Jamie had made these as keepsakes for a ladies' class a few years back to remind them that it's not the size of our faith that matters, but the size of the powerful heavenly Father who MOVES mountains. That dirty mouse had tried to destroy this little reminder, but couldn't touch it. People and mishaps will try to make you forget that God is in control, but hold on. "He said to them, 'Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.'" (Matthew 17:20).

—Darrell

Attendance and Offering December 10, 2023

Attendance:

Bible Study: 177
AM Worship: 295
PM Worship: 111
Wednesday: 161

Contribution: \$35,293.00

Weekly Budget: \$14,280.00

Weekly Average: \$14,905.21

Contribution to Date: \$745,260.58

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*



<p style="text-align: center;">Dysfunction in Families (Abraham and his descendants in Genesis)</p> <p>“She is my _____” (Genesis 12, 20, 26)</p> <p>“I am _____” (Genesis 27:19)</p> <p>“Isaac loved _____, but Rebekah loved _____” (Genesis 25:28; 37:3)</p> <p>Reflections:</p> <p>Commitments:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New GriefShare Class</p> <p>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.</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 https://www.griefshare.org/.</p>
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