

# Hoover Church of Christ

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

*Matthew 6:21*

December 31, 2023

## Grumpy

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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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A few folks in the world seem to thrive on being involved in some kind of controversy. It brightens their day when they can darken someone else's.

You know the one I'm talking about, right?

He's the guy at work who's outraged at what so-and-so did yesterday, and next week it'll be something else. If there's unrest in your work environment today, chances are he's somewhere in the middle of it.

She's the girl who's always bickering with a coworker about something, which is usually nothing.

Maybe you go to school with her, or live next to him, or have kids who play on the same soccer team.

They're looking for the proverbial parade to rain on, and if you look closely enough you'll see storm clouds just above their heads.

Paul loved the church at Philippi, but apparently it had some of this don't-cross-me attitude.

Never one to mince words, he wrote this:

*Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:14-15).*

We don't know for sure what the Philippians were arguing about, but Paul wanted them to stop.

His reason is interesting: "that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation . . ."

Let me paraphrase Paul: "Stop arguing, because your positive attitude ought to separate you as a Christian from the unbelievers around you."

Here's our problem: we're usually pretty good at seeing an argumentative spirit in other folks, but not as good at seeing it in ourselves.

The grumpy coworker? The irritable neighbor? The argumentative kid at school?

It's easy to spot.

But most of us ought to ask ourselves: Am I having conflict with someone right now? Did I have a nasty disagreement with someone last week? Does it seem like people are always starting arguments with me?

As hard it might be to admit, some of us should probably take some responsibility for occasionally being part of the problem. Or maybe more often than "occasionally."

Remember—Paul's not saying that we can't have disagreements—he's saying we shouldn't be disagreeable. —Chuck

## 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:** Rick & Brooke Williams

**Usher, AM:** Marc Handley

**Nursery:** April Winningham

**Scripture Reading:** Torrey Clark

**Call to Worship:** Chuck Webster

**Singing:**

**AM:** Kyle Wadley

**Opening Prayer:**

**AM:** Sid Aultman

**AM Sermon:** Chuck Webster

**Communion:** Matt Trousdale

**Announcements:** Paul Williams, Jr.

**Closing Prayer:**

**AM:** Jonathan Weimer

**Audio/Cameras:** Will Spurlin

**Alternate:** Chad Blackmon

**Video:** Clint Richey

**Security:** Shawn Troughton

**Alternate:** Steven Gaither

### Bible Reading Plan for January 1-5

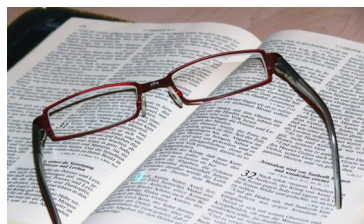
**Monday, January 1:** Genesis 1-2; Psalm 19; Mark 1

**Tuesday, January 2:** Genesis 3-5; Mark 2

**Wednesday, January 3 :** Genesis 6-8; Psalm 104; Mark 4

**Thursday, January 4:** Genesis 9-11; Mark 4

**Friday, January 5:** Genesis 12-15; Psalm 148; Mark 5



## 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.

**Today**, we will have a different schedule: **9:00am**-Bible Class (Adult Classes in the Auditorium or Library); **10:00am**-Worship Service; **11:30am**-Potluck Luncheon after the morning worship service; **1:00pm**-Singing; **Dismissed for the day.**

## News and Events

**We will have two new adult classes beginning on Sunday, January 7. Wade Warren** will be teaching about the *New Testament-Related History* in the auditorium, and **Mark Lackey** will be teaching about the *Seven "I Am" Statements of John's Gospel* in the Library. **Bill Rayburn** will be teaching the adult class in the auditorium on Wednesday nights.

**Ladies**, you are invited to a **Kick-off meeting** in the fellowship hall for our **2024 Ladies' Ministry**. The meeting will take place immediately after the morning worship service on Sunday, January 7. There are three groups that you can participate in: **Hospitality**, Team Leaders-Wendi Vick and Donna Rhodes; **Encouragement & Involvement**, Team Leaders-Kendyll Weeks and Teale Yeilding; **Spiritual Growth**, Team Leaders-Lauren Warren and Suzanna Weimer.

**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.

## (News and Events Cont.)

**K-5 Mini Lock-in:** Please bring your children for a fun Mini Lock-in on Saturday, January 6, at the Hoover church building from 5:00-10:00pm. The kids will play games and have fun! Dinner will be provided. Please sign up on the sign-up genius link below so we will know how many to plan for. **Contact Jonathan Weimer if you have any questions.** <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVP?signature=10C094FA8A62BA3F5C16-46978552-k5th>

**2024 Bible Reading Plan:** Many members of our congregation have read through the entire Bible once each year over the past few years, and we'd like to encourage you to do it again in 2024. We plan to follow "The Five Day Bible Reading Program," and it will take us through the whole Bible by providing readings for five days each week. Each reading will include passages from the Old Testament (in rough chronological order), the New Testament, and the Psalms (on most days). Also, it will give us two "make-up" days each week . . . we've found that this helps more people stay on track because we're not as likely to fall behind and get discouraged and quit. Watch the bulletin each Sunday for that week's readings, and you can also go to this website for more resources: <https://www.fivedaybible Reading.com/>.

### Happy Anniversary

Jason & Tiffany McKeown January 4

### Happy Birthday

Henry Burnett	December 31
Jesse Claunch	December 31
Quincy Collins	January 1
Kathy Culbertson	January 1
Callen Clark	January 1
Stephen King	January 3
Darrell Powell	January 4
Laura Lyles	January 5
Jerry Culbertson	January 5
Margaret Haley	January 6

### Carelines

**Darren Brooks**, Bob and Joy Brooks' son, is not doing well; the cancer has spread. Please pray for his comfort and for his family as well.

**Vicky Till** is recovering from surgery and is doing well.

**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:** Hope Bishop (Jean Troughton's sister), 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).

### Ephesians 1:18

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people . . ."

### Why Should You Believe in God?

How could we ever know if God exists? We cannot see, hear, touch, smell, or taste Him. We cannot weigh Him like we can a five-pound bag of potatoes. We cannot put God under an electron microscope to study Him on an atomic level. So, how can we know that God exists?

Belief in God is not the result of literally seeing His Spirit or touching His essence. What we have at our fingertips, however, is a mountain of irrefutable, indirect, credible evidence that testifies on God's behalf, including the fundamental fact that matter logically demands a Maker.

A study of the material universe reveals that every physical effect must have an adequate cause that came before it (or was simultaneous to it) and is greater than it—a truth known as the Law of Cause and Effect. The United States flag that stood tall on the surface of the moon in 1969 was neither eternal nor without a cause. Its existence on the moon demands sufficient cause. Some leading atheists contend that "nothing" gave rise to the universe. But the fact is, as renowned atheist Richard Dawkins once admitted, "Common sense doesn't allow you to get something from nothing."

At one time in the past, the material universe did not exist. Then, at some point, it came into existence. But since matter is not eternal and cannot create itself from nothing, then something outside of the material realm must have brought it into existence. Indeed, the very existence of matter demands a Maker. Atheism irrationally contends that an accidental explosion (from nothing) caused exquisite order—that a well-designed universe came about without a Designer. In truth, atheism is unreasonable, while belief in God is entirely rational.

—Eric Lyons

### Attendance and Offering December 24, 2023

#### Attendance:

Bible Study: 177  
AM Worship: 295  
PM Worship: 60  
Wednesday: 135

**Contribution:** \$11,072.16

**Weekly Budget:** \$14,280.00

**Weekly Average:** \$14,750.49

**Contribution to Date:** \$767,025.72

### 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*

### 2 Timothy 2:24

"And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness."

<p><b>“I am with you”: God’s Unwavering Presence (Isaiah 41:8-10)</b></p> <p>Fear not: _____</p> <p>Be not dismayed: _____</p> <p>I will:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><b>GriefShare Class</b></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 <a href="https://www.griefshare.org/">https://www.griefshare.org/</a>.</p>
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