

Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

November 19, 2017

Afraid of God?

Should we be scared of God?

The quick and easy answer is no, of course we shouldn't. He's a God of love, grace, and compassion.

But that answer would be too quick and superficial. What are we supposed to do with passages like this one?

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him (Psalm 2:10-12).

And it's not just an Old Testament thing.

So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you (Romans 11:20-21).

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others (2 Corinthians 5:11). Therefore, . . . work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12).

The New Testament seems to say quite a bit about fearing God.

But then you've got thoughts like this: *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15).*

So . . . should we, or not?

I think the answer is both, and there's probably a fine line somewhere.

As God's children we shouldn't draw back in terror from him, cowering before him as we would before an enemy who wants to hurt us. We should feel confident in his love, mercy, and grace.

But maybe we don't respect God as we should. We're too flippant with his name, too casual with his word, too frivolous with holy things.

Our attitude toward God should be characterized by reverence and awe.

He's a holy and awesome and powerful God who deserves our complete respect.

Should God scare us?

If we don't follow his Son, then absolutely. There's no worse place to be than outside of Christ.

If we're believers, though, we don't cower in fear.

But we always stand in awe of him. —Chuck

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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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Worship Assignments

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading: Mervyn Prince

Song Leader: Kyle Wadley

Opening Prayer: Eddie Sankey

Communion: Wade Warren

Servers:
 Chad Yeilding Jeff Dungan
 Darren Hicks Jeff Brake
 Rick Williams Tracy Percer
 William Lyles Luke Percer

Alternates:
 Ken Norris / Drew Spivey

Sermon: Chuck Webster

Announcements: Carl Logan

Closing Prayer: Rex Anderson

Ushers: Daniel Warren / Tom Kidwell

Nursery:
 Michelle Judd / Pam Blankenship

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: Mark Lackey

Opening Prayer: Ivy Dees

Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion:
 Corbin Holland / Keegan Holland

Closing Prayer: Will Spurlin

Communion Trays Preparation:
 Marc & Donna Handley

Baptistery Garments: Denia Petruzella

Communion Cups Pick-Up:
 Caroline Williams / Carter Williams

Cards for Pews:
 Zachary Blakemore / Emily Blakemore

Pencils for Pews:
 Scott Warren / Emma Warren

Nursery:
 Lauren Warren / Mary Thomas

Audio / Video: Chad Blackmon

Fall Quarter Facilities: Rick Williams

Today

We will take Thanksgiving Dinner to the **AHEPA 3 Senior Apartments** today at noon.

Our **Annual Clothing Drive and Thanksgiving Food Pantry** is today from 2:00-4:30pm.

Family News & Events

We will have a **Thanksgiving Service** on **Tuesday, November 21**, at 7:00pm (this will take the place of our Wednesday service).

There will be a **Baby Girl Shower for Jane Drake** on Sunday, December 10, from 2:30-4:00pm. Please see Stacey Holland or Michelle Judd if you would like to help with this shower.

All ladies are invited to a **Dinner and Cookie Swap** on Sunday, December 10, after the evening worship service. Teale Yeilding can be contacted with any questions about this event.

It's Christmastime for Childhaven!
 Please go to the following link and choose a child to support with gifts for the holiday—let's help make them smile and know they are loved: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/9040b4baca928a31-childhaven2>. The gifts need to be returned by December 10. *And as always, return them wrapped and labeled with only the item # and the child's name (e.g., 1. Kat). Please do not write what the gift is on the outside of the package.* On Friday, December 15, we will go to Childhaven to deliver the gifts to the children; we will meet at the church at 4:30pm. **If you have any questions or problems signing up, please contact Lauren Warren.**

Love God. Love People.
 Change the World.

Youth

We need our **Youth Group** to help with two events today.

- **Thanksgiving Lunch** at AHEPA at 12:00pm.
- **The Clothing and Food Drive** in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00pm.

The **teens will meet for a devotional** tonight from 6:30-8:30pm.

Save the date: **Breakfast with Santa** will be on Saturday, December 2, at 8:30am. Please see Laura Lyles with any questions about this event.

Happy Anniversary

Bob & Joan Arnold	November 21
Devon & Faith Hernly	November 23

Happy Birthday

Luke Jarrett	November 19
Harold Rhodes	November 20
Rick Stevens	November 20
Alfonso Johnson	November 21
Ken Norris	November 22
Carl Logan	November 22
Ame Johnsey	November 22
Jennifer Dalton	November 24
Jim Garnett	November 25

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” —1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Don't Walk Away

Adults who care about young people begin to encourage them at a young age to be diligent in their school work and to stick with their education through high school and even college. Education can help young people grow up to be more productive in their communities, get better jobs, and become better providers for their families. But I remember some of my classmates who quickly became bored or dissatisfied with schooling, and who decided that life had more to offer than classrooms, teachers, and administrators. They walked out the school doors and never returned . . . drop-outs. This is sad because of the missed opportunities that likely resulted and the problems that may have been caused by their lack of education. But as I bring to mind those who quit their worldly education, I realize how much more severe and detrimental it is when people, young or old, "drop out," or walk away from the body of Christ.

Sometimes it seems to work the same way that dropping out of school does. Specifically, young people may begin attending church services upon the wishes of their parents and later be added by the Lord to His body (Acts 2:41, 47). But soon they begin imagining what worldly (Titus 2:12) living would be like, and they start to turn away from the Lord and His children, toward a sinful life.

It is much like the mindset that the prodigal son exemplified in Luke 15. The son was oblivious to the riches he had at his very fingertips, and he longed to explore the "far country," where the sinful pleasures of the world awaited him. But his eyes were opened by the harsh reality of worldly living. Then, devoid of food, friends, and family, he cast his mind back to his home where his loving father had loved and cared for him his entire young life.

Maybe you have been yearning for the far country, or perhaps you are residing there now. I beg you to cast your mind back to the rock-solid reality of Christ's love, and the inevitability of an eternity in either heaven or hell. Don't do the Lord any "favors" by going through the motions of Christianity, while your heart is in the "far country" (Matthew 15:8). If you've dropped out of the life you once lived for God, the door is still wide open, and the father stands watching, waiting for your return (Luke 15:20).

—Darrell Powell

Carelines

Leroy Owens underwent tests at Grandview this week due to fainting.

Kim Harmon needs continuous prayers as she undergoes treatments for cancer. Please remember Randy and Kaitlin in your prayers as well.

Wayne Wright, Heather Spivey's grandfather, has been admitted to the hospital and is undergoing tests for chest pains and difficulty breathing.

Our sympathy goes out to Leroy and Jean Owens and their family upon the death of their brother-in-law, **Steve Brown**. He was a member at the Deerfoot Church of Christ.

Jeff Nabors, one of our shut-ins, is currently in a rehab facility in Gadsden after having a TBI.

Glenn Wilcoxon received 2nd degree burns from spilling hot cider on his stomach. Please continue to pray for Glenn and Paula as she cares for him.

We extend our condolences to Sarah Washington and her family upon the death of her uncle, **Leroy Maye**.

Remember our shut-ins with your prayers, visits, and cards: Jeff Nabors, Wyvonne Babb, and Rowena English.

Remember our church family: Joy & Bob Brooks, Jim & Virgie Banks, Joe & Sylvia Huffman, Gail & Bill Powell, Freida Bearden, Claudia Velasquez Cuellar, Steve & Joy Martin, Joyce Baker, Nancy & Dennis Williams, and Bill Laughmiller.

Remember our families and friends: Will Bradley (Gary Bradley's son), Daisha Varner (Tamita Varner's niece), Pauline Hartsock (Gale Jett's friend), April Ehrlich (Donna Dearien's niece), Eric Boggs (Macee Boggs' dad), Doug Abbott (Joel Abbott's dad), Deloris Porter (Sarah Washington's friend), Dr. Lynn Simons (Lajuana Logan's friend), Justin Searcy (Phillip Searcy's brother), Robin Drake (T.J. Drake's mother), Patrick Nichols (Lynne Nichols' son), and McKinley Livingston (Alan & Tiffany Roberts' friend).

Attendance and Offering November 12, 2017

Attendance:

Bible Class: 216

Worship AM: 339

Worship PM: 187

Wednesday: 205

Contribution: \$13,475.55

Weekly Budget: \$13,419.29

Weekly Average: \$13,484.07

Contribution to Date: \$620,267.30

Supported Works

- *Childhaven, Cullman, AL (\$20,000 annually)*
- *Rainbow Omega, Eastaboga, AL (\$10,000 annually)*
- *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief (\$10,000 annually)*
- *George Funk, Gospel Chariot Missions, South Africa (\$2,400 annually)*
- *Cusco, Peru Mission Team, Barton Kizer (\$1,800 annually)*
- *Cy Walker, Guyana (\$1,200 annually)*
- *Colombia Mission (\$12,000 annually)*
- *Brint Rice / Backwoods Camp (\$12,000 annually)*
- *Local Missions / Food Pantry (\$9,000 annually)*
- *Stateside Missions (\$8,000 annually)*
- *Guyana*
- *Tanzania*

**Gratitude and Grace
(Luke 17:11-19)**

**Choose this day
(Joshua 24)**

Ten _____

Remember what God has done

Stood at a distance

Choose . . .

A _____ (“this foreigner”)

We will serve God

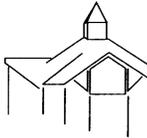
Where are the nine?

You are not able

Your faith has made you well.

Confirming the covenant

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