

Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

November 26, 2017

Cup of cold water

Have you checked today's headlines yet?

Several college students got drunk and started a fight, two of everyone's favorite celebrities filed for divorce, and the coach is "very excited" about the next game. "We hope to be competitive," he said.

There was a murder downtown, a meth lab exploded, and police are looking for a suspect in a string of convenience store robberies.

A professional athlete feels disrespected and unappreciated by his \$8 million-per-year offer, so he'll probably ask to be traded to a team that'll value him.

Oh, and by the way, the celebrities' divorce trial looks like it'll be messy.

The sort of thing that dominates headlines in America never ceases to intrigue me. In our more honest moments, most of us would admit that much of what captures our attention is of no great significance. Coaching changes, political maneuvering, fashion choices, and the latest fad diet—though temporarily engaging—ultimately matter little.

What does matter?

It's usually the stuff that nobody reads about. A sinner is saved. A believer prays and meditates on God's word. A grieving widow is comforted by a note or hug. A child is encouraged. A Sunday School teacher shares a Bible story with eight squirmy three-year-olds.

It won't be on Entertainment Tonight or Sportscenter, but last week an overseas missionary sat down in a one-room shack and shared the good news about Jesus with a twice-divorced single mom. A dad in a local church worked long hours to earn a living for his family and then came home every night to try to show his kids how to walk with Christ. A quiet Christian volunteered at a soup kitchen in the name of Jesus and visited a cancer patient in the hospital.

MTV didn't follow him around with a camera crew, but last night a Christian teenager stood up to enormous pressure from his friends and remained true to his faith. There was another teen whose picture won't be splashed on the cover of *Seventeen*, but the Lord smiled this week as he watched her try to live like one of his.

Good stuff is happening all around us, but it's too bad all the news outlets are focused on the glamorous, the well-paid, the famous.

Don't let that discourage you, though. God is watching, and he sees every little thing that his children do. It may never cross the newswire, but you can be sure that God takes note of every cup of water given in his name.

"And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42).

Keep up the good work. You're the kind of influence this world needs to hear more about.

—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: Stephen King
 Song Leader: Kyle Wadley
 Opening Prayer: Bill Rayburn
 Communion: Steve Cotney
 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: Shawn Troughton
 Ushers: Daniel Warren / Tom Kidwell
 Nursery:
 Melony Webster / Lori Aultman

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: Wes Blankenship
Opening Prayer: Mervyn Prince
Sermon: Chuck Webster
Communion:
 C.T. Dodd / Justin Rumph
Closing Prayer: Adam Lyles
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:
 Sondra Moss / Jennifer Smith
Audio / Video: Chad Blackmon
Fall Quarter Facilities: Rick Williams

Today

We will **not meet** for the AHEPA 3 worship service today.

Family News & Events

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.**

Happy Birthday

Paul Williams, Jr.	November 27
Carol Norris	November 27
Sarah Washington	November 29
Mason Holland	November 29
Lawson Fantroy	November 29
Brooke Williams	December 1
Claire Mowrer	December 2
Annie Drake	December 2

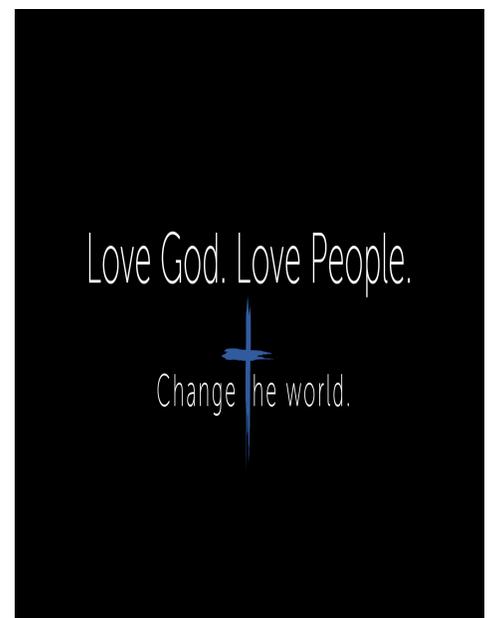
Youth

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.

There will be an **Area-Wide Devotional** at the Rock Creek Church of Christ on Sunday, December 10, from 7:30-8:30pm.

The Youth Group will meet for a **Fellowship** on Wednesday, December 13, at 5:30pm.

It is time to register for the upcoming **Lads to Leaders Convention** that will take place on March 30-April 1, 2018. If you are planning to attend, please sign the list that has been placed on the back rail in the Auditorium. You will also need to complete the Student, Adult, and Hotel registration forms. Please make your check payable to the Hoover Church of Christ and earmark it for Lads Convention. Contact Kyle Wadley with any questions about this event.



The Pride That God Hates

What is Pride? It means to act arrogantly, having a high opinion of one's worth: self-conceit. Mary Lewis says: "Pride, the idolatrous worship of self, is the national religion of hell."

We all know people that by their actions we would nominate them as prideful people. But let us be careful because pride shows up even in the lives of every person sometimes without us even recognizing it. As a matter of fact there are not a lot of sins out there that we don't attribute to pride. For example, when one cheats, what he is saying is, "I can't get caught." This is okay if it serves my needs. When a person lies what he or she is saying is, I don't want to tell the truth because I am afraid that I may look bad. When a person commits adultery what they are doing is acting out of the mentality that they want what somebody else has and won't stop until they have it.

Pride is very competitive by nature. Competitive in the sense that you'll stop at nothing to make sure you are on the winning side because you don't want to look inferior. Or you'll stop at nothing to make sure you are seen as the most important.

God has some very explicit things to say about pride that we need to pay close attention to. The writer of Proverbs puts pride ahead of murder. It's not that murder is less severe. It's just that on God's top ten list of things that He hates, pride is number one. Listen to Proverbs 6:16-17: "These six things the Lord hates, Yes seven are an abomination to Him:

- A proud look (pride)
- A lying tongue
- Hands that shed innocent blood
- A heart that devises wicked plans
- Feet that are swift in running to evil
- A false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren

Again in Proverbs 16:18: "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." If you find yourself with a prideful attitude get rid of it, and fast.

—Author unknown

Carelines

Leroy Owens is at home now and is doing somewhat better. He is wearing an event monitor for his heart.

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

Please pray for **Kim Harmon** as she struggles with cancer and also for Randy and Kaitlin as they care for her.

Please continue to pray for **Glenn and Paula Wilcoxon**. He is still suffering with the burns on his stomach, and they are praying that he will not get an infection from it. The dementia worsens daily for him, and Paula carries this pain with her as well.

Jim Banks is improving and getting some of his strength back. Remember **Virgie** in your prayers as well.

Grant McDonald and Deborah Ricks, friends of Harold and Donna Rhodes, are both struggling with stomach cancer.

Butch Haynes, Beth Burleson's father, is undergoing treatments for cancer.

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

Remember our church family: Joy & Bob Brooks, 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), Dasha 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 19, 2017

Attendance:
Bible Class: 204
Worship AM: 323
Worship PM: 168

Contribution: \$12,876.20
Weekly Budget: \$13,419.29
Weekly Average: \$13,763.99
Contribution to Date: \$633,143.50

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*

**Judgment and the “least of these”
(Matthew 25:31-46)**

**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge
(Psalm 31)**

A judgment scene

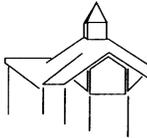
“When the Son of man comes . . .”

“all the nations”

“the sheep” and “the goats”

Jesus’ main point:

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