

Hoover Church of Christ

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

Matthew 6:21

December 10, 2017

Sleeping problems

Some of you couldn't sleep last night because of worry.

Or maybe you had an argument with a co-worker, perhaps, or with your spouse or child.

You might be worried about your health, your debt, or your job.

David had those nights, as we all do. During one of them he wrote this: "O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God" (Psalm 3:1-2).

Satan loves sleeplessness, I think.

He uses the wee hours of the morning to whisper lies into our ears.

God doesn't care about you.

You're not saved.

There's no way you'll get past these problems.

But look at what David wrote in the next two verses: "But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill" (Psalm 3:3-4).

Somewhere—from a cave, perhaps, or in the home of a loyal friend—David got tired of worrying. He grew weary of carrying all of his burdens alone.

So he cried out to the Lord and begged for his help.

I love what he wrote next: "I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around" (Psalm 3:5-6).

He lay down and slept.

This may not be a cure-all for your insomnia, but it's not a bad place to start.

Was something eating at you last night?

Whatever it was, whatever it is, cry out to the Lord.

Claim him as your shield and glory and sustainer.

Tell him you can't carry all these burdens alone.

If you're God's child, he'll hear your prayer, and he'll answer from his holy hill.

And I think sometime soon—if you keep trusting in him—your fear will wane, and your anxiety will decrease.

And then you'll lie down and sleep again. —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: Corey Covington, Sr.

Song Leader: Kyle Wadley

Opening Prayer: Bob Brooks

Communion: Eddie Sankey

Servers:

Adam Lyles	David Naylor
Wes Blankenship	Jay Eiring
Jeff Mathews	Joel Abbott
Tom Kidwell	Greg Nobles

Alternates:

Matthew Trousdale / Phillip Searcy

Sermon: Chuck Webster

Announcements: Paul Williams, Jr.

Closing Prayer: Jeff Dungan

Ushers: Norman Rutland / Jim Reece

Nursery: Holly Church / Susan Pope

Sunday Evening

Song Leader: Will Spurlin

Opening Prayer: Grant Dalton

Sermon: Chuck Webster

Communion:
Keegan Holland / Rick Williams

Closing Prayer: Darren Hicks

Communion Trays Preparation:
Paul & Anita Williams

Baptistery Garments: Denia Petruzella

Communion Cups Pick-Up:
Harper Yeilding / Wren Yeilding

Cards for Pews:
Madelyn Hunt / Carson Hicks

Pencils for Pews:
Beckett Dalton / Spencer Dalton

Nursery: Kristen Dees

Audio / Video: Jay Holland

Winter Quarter Facilities:
Marc Handley

Today

Please turn in your gifts for Childhaven today.

The Baby Shower for Jane Drake will be in the high school classroom this afternoon from 2:30-4:00pm.

Please remember the presentation this Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm. Rick Jones from the Burnsville Church of Christ will be here to present the seating options Hoover is considering for the Auditorium. The presentation will be in the Auditorium.

The Weekly Devotional at the AHEPA 3 Apartments will meet this afternoon at 3:30pm.

The **Ladies' Cookie Swap** is today following the evening service. Please bring 2 dozen cookies. Dinner will be provided.

Family News & Events

The Young at Heart (50+) will be meeting on Friday, December 15, at 5:30pm for Game Night and Birthday Celebration. Food will be provided, and we will eat at 6:00pm. Bring yourself for a fun evening!

We will be eating dinner at Childhaven this year and ask that you sign up to contribute desserts via the signup genius link sent out this week. Also, if you plan to eat dinner with us at Childhaven, please let Kyle Wadley know so we can be sure to have enough food.

The Food Pantry will reopen on Sunday, December 31, from 3:00-4:30pm, and the food items needed in December are Apple Juice and Baked Beans.

Youth

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

There will be a **Teen Christmas Party and Devotional** on Sunday, December 17, at the home of Jay and Stacey Holland, 305 Liberty Court in Chelsea, at 6:30pm.

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.

Happy Anniversary

Tom & Sherri McQuillan December 16

Happy Birthday

Janet Hamm	December 10
Wes Blankenship	December 11
Janie Gaither	December 13
Becky Finnen	December 13
Justin Stokes	December 13
Rachel Mathews	December 15
Chad Blackmon	December 16



The Sword

The sword is often used as a symbol of death or destruction in God's word. Paul wrote, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?" (Romans 8:35). Then we see a sword listed as part of our spiritual "equipment" in Ephesians 6:17, and maybe we feel a sense of power. But, what is the purpose of the "sword of the Spirit" (Word of God)?

"Therefore, put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). Sometimes we might look at the Bible in our hands and think of it as a weapon with which we can inflict pain or shame on others. The Bible is a "sword" and can be used to fight when necessary. But the Sword of the Spirit isn't a sword of offense and destruction. It is an element of rescue (James 1:21). In the parable of the seed or sower, the seed is the word of God (Luke 8:11). It is gently inserted into the hearts of men and women with the hope that it will grow and save them from death. The Sword of the Spirit is a precise, surgical tool. "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

I urge you not to flail God's word about like a sledge hammer, hoping to win arguments and inflict shame. Rather, aim it with all care and accuracy, and trust God to use you to impact the eternities of the people around you.

—Darrell

But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

—Luke 11:28

Carelines

We extend our condolences to Paula Wilcoxon and her family upon the death of her husband, **Glenn Wilcoxon**.

Joy Brooks went for a scan on Wednesday and will likely begin radiation this week. She will receive between 20-25 treatments.

Please remember **Nik Dungan** in your prayers. He has graduated from boot camp and is now at Fort Gordon for Cyber Security job training.

Kim Harmon went back to CTCA for more chemotherapy. Please pray that Kim's blood levels will allow her to continue with these treatments and for her to be cleared of this disease. Randy and Kaitlin need our prayers as they carry this pain with her.

Brenda Rayburn is at home recovering from surgery and is doing fine.

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

Remember our church family: Jim & Virgie Banks, Leroy Owens, 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: Grant McDonald and Deborah Hicks (Harold & Donna Rhodes' friends), Butch Haynes (Beth Burleson's dad), Pauline Hartsock (Gale Jett's friend), April Ehrlich (Donna Dearien's niece), Eric Boggs (Macee Boggs' 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 December 3, 2017

Attendance:

Bible Class: 184

Worship AM: 291

Worship PM: 122

Wednesday: 191

Contribution: \$16,833.75

Weekly Budget: \$13,419.29

Weekly Average: \$13,766.58

Contribution to Date: \$660,795.61

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*

**Holy Ground
(Exodus 3:1-6)**

**The Year of the Lord's Favor
(Isaiah 61)**

Where God is . . . is _____.

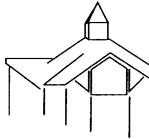
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And it will _____ here

From one to the other

Where God is . . . is _____

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