

# Hoover Church of Christ

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

*Matthew 6:21*

December 3, 2017

## Mud pies in a slum

I remember taking the kids to the store back when they were young. I'm pretty sure that by the time we left, one of them had asked for everything the store sold, and probably a few things it didn't.

At some point I would say something like, "Look, please don't ask for anything else today. You've got everything you could possibly need, and you don't need everything you see."

If you're a parent, you've probably had similar experiences.

I wonder if God ever gets tired of our requests?

I doubt it. Or at least I doubt if he's ever disappointed with our asking for too much.

Instead, I think he probably wonders why we ask for so little, and maybe why we don't ask for some bigger things.

C.S. Lewis put it like this:

*"Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea."*

Mud pies in a slum?

Are we making mud pies when we could be at the beach?

Maybe sometimes we do. We ask for the trivial when God wants to give us the sublime.

We ask for temporal things when we ought to think about the eternal.

We ask for physical healing when our spirit needs it more.

This week think about your requests, and consider if they are consistent with how big your God is.

Paul wrote: "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, "to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

I don't think God gets frustrated with "mud pie" requests, but I'm sure he would rather take us to the ocean. —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

#### ELDERS

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## Worship Assignments

### Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading: Bill Freeman

Song Leader: Kyle Wadley

Opening Prayer: Adam Mowrer

Communion: Tracy Percer

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: Darrell Powell

Ushers: Norman Rutland / Jim Reece

Nursery:

### Sunday Evening

**Song Leader:** Rick Williams

**Opening Prayer:** Caleb Henry

**Sermon:** Chuck Webster

**Communion:**

Griffin Webster / Ivy Dees

**Closing Prayer:** Corbin Holland

**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:**

**Audio / Video:** Jay Holland

**Winter Quarter Facilities:**

Marc Handley

## Today

A new educational quarter starts today, and we're looking forward to these classes:

- **Corey Covington, Sr. (Room 10): "Back to the Basics."** Corey will emphasize the importance of learning the foundation of our faith so that we might be equipped to teach it to others.
- **Ben Kellum (Downstairs, Young Professionals): "Reflecting Christ."** Ben's goal in this class is to learn how to better become reflections of Christ. In order to show Christ to others, we must be conformed to his image. This class will discuss attributes of Jesus and how to live those out.
- **Jimmy Lyles (Auditorium): "Jesus—The Unassuming King."** In the second of a two-quarter study of Matthew, Jimmy will help his class to see Jesus as he is beautifully portrayed in the first gospel account.
- **Chuck Webster (Library): "Sex, Gender, and Sexuality: Responding with Love, Compassion, and Truth."** In this class Chuck will reflect on biblical teaching regarding sexuality, focusing particularly on issues raised by the LGBT community. He will also emphasize how churches might better respond to LGBT people in our families, churches, and communities.

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

**Our Brothers' Keepers Groups** will meet tonight after a brief worship service.



## 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.

There will be a **Ladies' Cookie Swap** on Sunday, December 10, following the evening service. Please bring 2 dozen cookies. Dinner will be provided. If you have other questions, please see Teale Yeilding.

**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!

### 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>.

**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.

### Happy Anniversary

Ivy & Kristen Dees                      December 3

Sam & Melody

Warbington                                  December 4

### Happy Birthday

Harper Weimer                              December 6

Sondra Moss                                  December 7

Connor Graham                              December 8

Glenn Wilcoxon                              December 9

## Youth

**Our Winter Quarter begins today**, and our teachers for the Nursery-4 years old are:

- **Nursery**, Sunday AM: **Kay Lyles & Mary Thomas**; Wednesday: **Lenora Funchess**
- **One year old**, Sunday AM: **Jenn & Maddy Dungan**; Wednesday: **Alesha Oni**
- **Two years old**, Sunday AM: **Heather Searcy**; Wednesday: **Felicia & Chloe Arnold**
- **Three years old**, Sunday AM: **Rachel Mathews**; Wednesday: **Kim Brake**
- **Four years old**, Sunday AM: **Sarah Shelton**; Wednesday: **Ashton Henry & Kasey Guill**

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.

### Angry Words, O Let Them Never

Ninety percent of the friction of daily life is caused by the tone of voice.

“Whatever is begun in anger ends in shame.”

— Ben Franklin

“Anger is never without a reason, but seldom with a good one.”

— Ben Franklin

## Carelines

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Wyvonne Babb**. Wyvonne was a member of the Hoover family since 1993, and passed away on Tuesday after months of being ill.

Please pray fervently for **Kim Harmon** and her family as she battles with cancer.

**Glenn Wilcoxon** has taken a turn for the worse. He developed pneumonia and is now on oxygen. Also, include Paula in your prayers as she cares for him.

**Brenda Rayburn** had surgery at UAB on Tuesday and will be recovering at home for several weeks.

**Jim Banks** is getting some of his strength back, but his Alzheimer’s is worse. Remember **Virgie** in your prayers as well.

**Billy Joe Watson** had back surgery at Grandview Medical Center.

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

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

**Remember our church family:** Leroy Owens, 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:** 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 26, 2017

Attendance:

Bible Class: 192

Worship AM: 331

Worship PM: 125

Wednesday: 201

Contribution: \$10,818.36

Weekly Budget: \$13,419.29

Weekly Average: \$13,701.32

Contribution to Date: \$643,961.86

### 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*

**Please, Lord! When, Lord?  
(Isaiah 64:1-12)**

**Brothers' Keepers Groups**

Most people hate \_\_\_\_\_

Judah was confused by God's \_\_\_\_\_

And so as we wait . . .

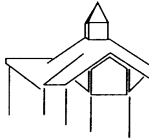
We plead for God's \_\_\_\_\_

We wait, but we wait \_\_\_\_\_

We \_\_\_\_\_

And we \_\_\_\_\_

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