HOOVER SERVICE CLUB

A LEGACY OF GIVING SINCE 1975

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Organized in 1975

by Flora Mae Pike and 10 other women for the sole purpose of "helping others" in the Hoover Community. Today the club is a group of over 140 civic and service-minded women who give their time and talents to help meet the needs in the community. Our annual fundraiser, Hearts in Harmony, provides funds which enable us to continue the legacy of helping others.

Mission Statement

- To give aid to the needy
- To give aid and promote increased knowledge of the community needs & fulfill these needs as within the realm of the interests of the organization
- To further education for Hoover school students with scholarships
- To reward outstanding citizenship among the Hoover school students
- To recognize outstanding volunteer service to the community by awarding the Flora Mae Pike Community Service Award to deserving Hoover individuals

A Message from our President



As we enter the holiday season, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the spirit of gratitude, service, and community that brings us together as members of the Hoover Service Club. I am continually grateful for the generosity, enthusiasm, and commitment each of you brings to our club and the community we serve.

Looking ahead, I hope you will mark your calendars for our annual **Hearts in Harmony Gala on February 20, 2027!** This special evening is an opportunity to celebrate our mission, recognize the impact of service, and come together for a memorable night of fellowship and fun. There is much to look forward to so please put this date on your 2027 calendar and watch for more details soon!

Wishing each of you a joyful November full of family, friendship, and plenty of reasons to be thankful!

Yours in Service,
Shelley Shaw

Membership Directory Update

Our 2026-27 membership directory is ready! If you signed up to receive a physical copy at the October meeting, they will be ready for pick up at the meeting on November 12. Please note the cost of $7.00 cash, check or credit card (will include a processing fee). A limited number of copies will be available for purchase for those who did not sign up in October. Stay tuned for more information on the online version of the directory soon!

A Spooky Special Month!









October was a busy month for Hoover Service Club!

We were honored to welcome Susan Meredith, Director of *Ann's New Life,* as our guest speaker at the general meeting on October 8. It was a wonderful presentation sharing all the good work this organization does in the Birmingham area.

Thank you to everyone who also supported our October Hands On Act-of-Service, Birmingham South Sleep in Heavenly Peace! We were pleased to host Carolyn and Jerry Murray as they shared Sleep in Heavenly Peace's mission.

Another successful Boo-rific Bingo is in the books! Thank you to everyone who joined us (or supported from afar!) on Thursday, October 29. It was a special afternoon filled with costume fun and community support. Whether you volunteered, attended, or donated, we are so grateful for your dedication and could not have done it without you!

Congratulations to our Boo-rific Bingo costume winners!
Best Group Costume: The Spice Girls (pictured top left)
Best Individual Costume: Pam Edwards as a witch (pictured bottom right)

Several Hoover Service club members also attended the Hoover Area Chamber's "Gathered in Gratitude" event in early November (pictured bottom left). Thank you, ladies, for representing our organization so well!

Here's to another great month and finishing 2026 strong!





Give Thanks — November Devotion and Reflection

When I think about giving thanks, several songs come to mind.

There is the old Methodist hymn I would sing as a child, "Count Your Blessings." The chorus goes something like this: "Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings to see what God has done." It was a reminder that the things I had been given and the experiences I had were blessings in my life. To a child struggling, that was a way to give the negatives of life over to God.

As a young mother, new struggles came along with new songs and friends. One of my favorite songs was "Open Skies" by David Crowder Band. I saw how God had surrounded me with moms in the same season to share the journey. One mom was a popular blogger, Ann Voskamp, whom I first met at a blogging conference. We were given galley copies of her first book, *One Thousand Gifts*. The steps were simple: counting blessings daily and adding up all that God does.

The book also broke down the word *eucharisteō* (εὐχαριστέω), a Greek verb meaning "to give thanks." References in the New Testament include:

Luke 22:19: Jesus **gave thanks** before breaking the bread at the Last Supper.
John 6:11: Jesus **gave thanks** before distributing the loaves to the crowd.
1 Corinthians 11:24: Paul recounts how Jesus **gave thanks** before breaking the bread.

We come to the verse this month:

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, **give thanks** in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The thanksgiving, the *eucharisteō*, comes in the middle of the struggle, before the breaking and the miracle or multiplication. What a sweet and powerful message that was in the child-rearing season of life, and what a sweet and powerful message it is today.

Now I'm in the season of watching my kids grow into men and my parents wrestle with health issues. There is a sense of overwhelming gratitude for God's hand on my life. The song that best captures that is "Counting My Blessings" by Seph Schlueter. It is a season of giving back and sharing what I have learned while investing in others.

As I prepare for the next season, the focus is ensuring that the faith I have shared with my children will be broken and multiplied. I give thanks that generational curses have been broken and that God can use my life and faith to bless the next generation. The song "The Blessing" by Bethel Music captures the heart of that hope. It is a blessing that I wish for each of you, too.

Now, shall we start counting our blessings? —Mitzi Eaker, Chaplain

November Programming

General Meeting

Thursday, November 12 – 11:00 a.m. | Hoover Country Club
Tracy Hipps, Executive Director and Rhonda Marshall, Director of Community Engagement | Christian Service Mission

Lunch:

Garden Salad, Blackened Boneless Pork Chop and Mini Key Lime Pie
Cost is $25, due at the door (cash, credit card or checks made out to The Hoover Service Club). Reservations or cancellations should be made by Monday, November 9, 2026 at NOON.

Hands On Act-of-Service

Oak Mountain Missions
We will be collecting donations of canned food items for holiday dinners or cash donations. Please make checks payable to Oak Mountain Missions.



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