

# The Eastside church of Christ Informer

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## *Schedule of Services*

### Sunday

Morning Worship  
9:00 a.m.

Bible Classes  
10:15 a.m.

Evening Worship  
5:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Ladies' Bible Class  
10:00a.m.  
(Sept. - May)

Youth Group  
Step It Up 3:15

Devotional  
6:30 p.m.

Bible Classes  
6:45 p.m.

*2011 Theme*  
*"Do all in the name*  
*of the Lord"*

## *How I See It. By: Brian Gregory*

I heard about a teacher who asked the children in her class about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. She thought it might be effective to inch toward its meaning by having them playfully correct some wrong ideas. She began by saying, "Now let me think, Thanksgiving. That's the day when we think about all the stuff we have and how we want more things than anybody else has. And how we don't care about anybody but ourselves. And. . ."

Immediately the preschool kids started to chorus, "No-o-o-o!" Then one little boy spoke up and said, "That's not Thanksgiving. That's Christmas."

As we transition from Thanksgiving into Christmas, there does indeed seem to be a world of difference in the way these two holidays are viewed. Thanksgiving is one of the few holidays left which has not been ruined by commercialism. It is still a relatively "pure" time of giving thanks to God for our bountiful blessings. Besides how much more can you commercialize food? Christmas on the other hand. . . .

What should be a time when we are able to take great joy in giving to others (Acts 20:35) and a time to remember the great gift that God has given us through Jesus Christ, has for many turned into a stressful, hectic time when we are focused on ourselves and our wants. Consider the following practice based upon ancient Jewish practice. The feast of Purim was instituted to commemorate the deliverance of the Jewish people through the brave actions of Queen Esther (Esther 9). This became a time of celebration, feasting, gladness and sending presents to one another. Not only did they give presents to people they knew, they also gave them to the poor (Est. 9:22).

This holiday season (and everyday for that matter) why not seize the opportunity to give thanks to God for how He has blessed us? We all need to remember with blessings come responsibilities. We each have the responsibility to use our blessings to God's glory. In the weeks ahead, may you truly know the joy of using your blessings not merely to make your family happy, but to share with others around you who are in need.

Brian

*Article by Allen Smith*

December 11, 2011

A.M. "Happy Holidays ? " (John 11:35) Brian Gregory, Speaker

P.M. "The Promise of His Coming" (2 Peter 3:1-4) Brian Gregory, Speaker

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Recovering from surgeries/procedures:** Darrell Brown (knee); Beth Jacobs (Beverly Wesley's sister) cataract 7001 Hoover manson Ln. Mt. Pleasant 38474; Stormy Lyle, (Mike's mother) colon surgery also Lymphoma treatments; ; Joan Budenich (cancer treatments); Larry Derryberry (Libby Moss' brother & Lisa Kelley's uncle) (not doing well)

### Various illnesses/health/personal problems:

Martha Wilson; Gary Boyd (kidney stones); Bill Smith, Life Care Ctr.; Danny Johnson; Mable Smith – home; Sue Ayers (Linda Lasater's mother; Albert Scribner, Sr., (grandfather of Byran Farris) Life Care Ctr. Tullahoma, TN Rm. 356; Ainsley Hooper (Lisa Kelley's co-worker's daughter); Tom Johnson (multiple myeloma cancer); Randy Wood (jaw & neck cancer) (Boyd's brother); Ila Goodman-home; Sandy Humphrey terminal cancer; Linda Bell treatments for bone cancer (Clyde Farris' sister); Betty Allen (Mary Chumbley's daughter); Shut-in & those in nursing homes.

**In Maury Regional Medical Center:** Robert Norman Rm.390



### Pray for our Servicemen & their families:

**Clay Morgan, (2 trips to Iraq now in Afghanistan)**

**Nell Hood's grandson**

Maj. Clay Morgan,  
HHC, 25TB 2/4 ID., FOB SARAH,  
A.P.O. AE 09382

**Brandon Hubbard**

(Clayton & Myrna Jett's grandson)

**Steven Kuykendall (Afghanistan)**

(Ray's son)  
1-107th AOB, FOB  
Tarin Kow T  
APO AE 09380



The annual "FILL A STOCKING" for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital project is underway. Filled Stockings are due by December 14th. A Wish List is pinned to bulletin board in foyer.

See Mike and Teresa Lyle if you have any questions.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Dec. 11th** - Primetimers' Christmas Party in the annex after p.m. service. Sign up sheets on lobby bulletin board

**Dec. 17th** - Primetimers' Outing to Jackson, TN - Leave Eastside at 9:00 a.m. Eat lunch at Catfish Cabin in Jackson, then see a play "It's a Wonderful Life" at 2:30 p.m. Cost of play ticket is \$8.00. Sign-up sheet in lobby.

**Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st.** - Morning Service Time will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by regular Bible Classes. The P.M. Service will be an Abbreviated Devotional with Lord's Supper Served. (No Children's Bible Hr. either date)

**Jan. 7th** - Elders', Deacons', Ministers' Planning Breakfast in the annex at 8:00 a.m.

**Jan. 8th** - 11th Annual Bring A Friend Day. Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Classes 10:15, Potluck Lunch 11:00, Afternoon Worship approx. 12:45..

Start inviting family and friends now!

\*REMINDER: In the event of an immediate member need or communication of information, please feel free to call an elder, minister or Sherry's cell when the office is closed or you reach an answering machine when office is called. Contact numbers are listed on bulletin



Matt and MacKenzie Boyd's new address is 1952 Fieldstone Drive Columbia, TN 38401 Matt's email address is mboyd1206@gmail.com

## THE RECORD SPEAKS

December 4, 2011

Morning Worship.....	266
Bible Study.....	189
Teens at Area Wide.....	17
Evening Worship.....	141
Wednesday Evening.....	162
Budget.....	\$7,000.00
Contribution.....	\$7,157.56

## Building Fund Campaign

**GOAL= \$600,000 August 31, 2011 - March 31, 2012**

**Kid's Count Campaign: Jug in lobby thru end of yr** (Hard Hats and shovels in annex for children that didn't get one at the ground breaking)

## Heavy Equipment Moving Ground!

For the latest ground breaking/construction photos! Visit our website:



## Summits of the Psalms

By: Joe Macer

### Psalm 100

100:3 Know that the Lord is God, It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

There are many things that people must know but often times do not. We get caught up in life and living and fail to consider why we are here and the purpose of living. Life would be so much more enjoyable if we would seek to find God and his purpose for our lives. Here are few things this Psalm discussed concerning what God has provided for us.

First, God made us. God is the creator. Genesis describes his creation of the earth, of plant life, animal life and the beginning of people. Because we have been created by God, we belong to him. When someone creates something, that thing belongs to the creator. God created us, therefore we belong to him. Since we belong to him then we should seek to please him.

Second, we are the sheep of his pasture. Men own sheep. We are owned by God. We belong to him. He cares for us and he has provided us with a pasture. He has supplied our every need – both physical and spiritual. Men will see that their animals are well fed and watered. God does the same for us.

Third, God is good and he is faithful. These have been his traits since the creation. He never brings about evil. He is faithful to his people and this continues throughout all generations. He truly loves people and this love endures forever.

When we know just these few traits of God, we have no choice but worship him with gladness, to enter his courts with thanksgiving and to praise him. Let's continue to center our thoughts on him, his plan for us and his commands. Always give thanks to his name for what he does for us.



## Happy Birthday

- Dec. 11th - Jim Pollard
- Dec. 13th - Sherry Brown & John Thomas
- Dec. 14th - Paige Bradford & Dorothy Johnson
- Dec. 15th - A.J. Dickinson
- Dec. 16th - Kasen White
- Dec. 17th - Megan Hartman

## Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



**December 17th.** Deadline to turn in CYC applications. They are available at [www.teenescape.org](http://www.teenescape.org) Please see Jody a.s.a.p. if you'd like to chaperone.

**December 18th** - Teens Christmas Party at the home of Edward and Jackie Hargrove after evening service. Teens please bring a \$10 gift to play dirty Santa. Please sign the food sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**December 19th** - Teens shopping day at Cool Springs. Leave Eastside at 11:00 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m. Please sign up in the foyer.

**December 20th** - High School girls' Christmas outing to Nashville. Dinner at the Cheese Cake Factory and Ice Skating. Leave Eastside at 4:00 p.m. Teens will need money for dinner and \$10 for Ice Skating. Sign up in Student Center.

**December 21st** - Jr. High (5th - 8th grade) Bowling at Galaxy Lanes. 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. church van will bring students back to building for Wednesday night Bible Study. Sign up in foyer.

**December 22nd** - High School boys' Christmas outing to Nashville. Nashville Predators game. Cost is \$30 for ticket and dinner. Leave Eastside at 4:00 p.m. Sign up in Student Center.

### YOUTH FOR CHRIST Schedule

**Dec. 11** - Art says if ALL !!

**Dec. 18, Jan. 1,8** - Mass Media

**Jan. 22, 29, Feb 5, 12** - Song Leading

**March 4, 11, 18,25, April 1, 8** - Speech

**April 8** - Final day to submit memory work for 66 Club/Sword Carrying Club and Mass Media Videos

**April 15th** - Youth for Christ Day!



### TWEENS

Sign-up sheet in foyer for devotional hosts for April and May 2012 school year are still needed.

**Dec. 17th** - 2nd Grade and under Breakfast with Santa in the annex.



