

# 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

Mid-Week  
Devotional  
6:30 p.m.

Bible Classes  
6:45 p.m.

Work Night for  
the Master  
1 Monday &  
1 Sunday each mo.

*2012 Theme  
"Building on the  
Rock"*

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

I recently read the following article written by a faithful brother in Christ. It forces us to think about Jesus in a different light and frees us from some of our own ideas that have and will enslave us and cause us to be less effective in serving God. The whole idea is not about what Jesus "did" or "could do" but rather what He "cannot do".

Expectations have much to do with our contentment. Those who place unrealistic expectations upon themselves are generally discouraged, and feel as though they are a failure. I'm convinced that if people had proper expectations, they would not be so soon moved to discouragement, depression, and despair. An obvious step to "reeling in" our expectations is to understand the fact that "if Jesus couldn't do something, we need to stop believing we can. Consider:

- Jesus couldn't make his own family believe that he was the Son of God ([John 7:1-6](#)), so why then do we beat ourselves up for sometimes failing to do the same?
- Jesus couldn't avoid sadness and sorrow ([Isaiah 53:5](#)), so why do we sometimes act as though we expect life to be a bed of roses?
- Jesus couldn't go without rest ([Mark 6:31](#)), so why do we feel guilty if we aren't on the go 24/7?
- Jesus couldn't avoid making enemies ([John 15:18](#)), so why are we so surprised when people hate us for our faith?
- Jesus couldn't cause all men to repent ([Matthew 23:37](#)), so let's be content with our best efforts. We can't obey for others.
- Jesus couldn't even forgive all men of their sins though he was willing ([John 8:24](#); [Luke 17:3](#)), so why do we think we can forgive those who will not repent?

Maybe the first step to contentment is in shedding the guilt that comes from the unrealistic expectations we place upon ourselves. After all, if Jesus couldn't do it, why do we think we can?

Brian

*Article by: Steve Higgenbotham*

February 5, 2012

A.M. "A Living Sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2) Brian Gregory, Speaker

P.M. "No Condemnation" (Romans 8:1-5) Brian Gregory, Speaker

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Recovering from surgeries/procedures:** Mary Chumbley (eye); Beverly Dawson-home; Charlie Willis (heart attack) home; Dorothy Nichols, aunt of Kaye Beard, (broken femur) Life Care 218; Stormy Lyle, (Mike's mother); Larry Derryberry (Libby Moss' brother & Lisa Kelley's uncle) (not doing well)

**Various illnesses/health/personal problems:** Martha Wilson-NHC Columbia 132; Coleen Pilkinton; Lewis Farley (Kelly Lusk's dad); Elaine Pope; Ronald "Doe" Luna, uncle of Jason Kelley; Wanda Farris (Byran's grandmother) fall; Thelma Jones; Beth Foster-breast cancer; Gracie Harris-3 1/2 yr old daughter of Chad & Robin Harris-leukemia; Susan Horton-cancer; Julie Ridings-cancer; Kim Pardue's parent's (house fire); Helen Harris (Jan Thomason's mother) Life Care Rm. 311-A; Joan Budenich (cancer treatments); Frances Fitzgerald - Lewis County Nursing and Rehab facility; Doris Inman; Sue Ayers (Linda Lasater's mother (bone cancer); Emily Marshall (lymphoma treatments); Brian Keller (Amanda Gregory's dad); Paddy Settles (Amanda Gregory's grandmother); Tom Johnson (multiple myeloma cancer); Randy Wood (jaw & neck cancer) (Boyd's brother); Sandy Humphrey terminal cancer; Linda Bell (Clyde Farris' sister); Betty Allen (Mary Chumbley's daughter); Shut-in & those in nursing homes.

**Maury Regional Medical Center:** Lib Estes of Culleoka (inoperable lung cancer) CCU

**Vanderbilt Children's Hospital:** Andrew Thomas (John & Natalie's 5 yr. old nephew)

**Howard Young Medical Center 240 Maple St. Rm. 313 Woodruff, Wisconsin 54568:** Delores Kaczmarek (Diane Peterka's mother);



**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)

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



**Feb. 4th** - The congregation is invited to Betty Roland's 80th Birthday Celebration from 2-4 in the annex. No gifts but please R.S.V.P. to Jadonna Hight 334-0179

**Feb. 8th** - LBC Devo, Valentine's Day Project, Finger-food fellowship 10:00 a.m. in the annex. Mid-Week Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 15th** - LBC 10:00 a.m. Potluck Lunch 11:00 (Men invited to lunch) Mid-Week Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 22nd** - LBC 10:00 a.m. Prayer Service in small auditorium, Children's Bible Hour in annex 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 25th** - Primetimers' Banquet 5:00 p.m. in the annex. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board in lobby.

**Feb. 29th** - LBC 10:00 5th Wed. Song Service 6:30 p.m

**March 16 & 17** - Ladies' Retreat at the Marriot in Cool Springs. "Faithful Women of "His"tory" Sign up in foyer by Feb. 19th! Theme verse "and who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14 Friday only \$10, Saturday (includes breakfast & lunch) only \$20. Rooms \$45 for 4 to a room \$55 for 2 to a room (includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday)

**THE RECORD SPEAKS**

**January 29, 2012**

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Morning Worship.....       | 267         |
| Bible Study.....           | 175         |
| Evening Worship.....       | 162         |
| Wednesday Evening.....     | 149         |
| Budget.....                | \$7,000.00  |
| Building Contribution..... | \$18,531.00 |

**Special Thanks for your generosity!**

**Building Fund Campaign**

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

**Kid's Count Campaign: Jug in lobby**

For the latest ground breaking/construction photos! Visit our website: [www.churchofchristateastside.com](http://www.churchofchristateastside.com)



**Our Church  
Family at Work**

**Working For The Master  
Sunday, January 29, 2012**

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| Attendance.....      | 76  |
| Cards Written.....   | 115 |
| Bags of Cookies..... | 19  |

**Meets again February 13th  
Menu: BBQ**



There are a few additional cookbooks for sale @ \$10 each. Contact Paula Gilliam at 381-3171. If you are an Eastside member and have not picked up your copy please see Paula Gilliam.



## Summits of the Psalms

By: Joe Macer

### Psalm 107

107:8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.

God is a deliverer. People rebel and they make mistakes. Sin, especially rebellion, brings about consequences. The Psalmist recalled from the history of Israel a few of the difficult situations they found themselves in due to their sins. He presented a pattern. People sinned, bad consequences resulted, the people cried out to God for help and due to his mercy and love the distress was removed. Here are some examples given by the Psalmist:

1. Some wandered in the desert hungry and thirsty. (4)
2. Some were prisoners and subjected to bitter labor. (10-12)
3. Some suffered afflictions, loathed food and were near death. (17-18)
4. Some were in peril on the seas. (22-27)
5. The nation was humbled by oppression, calamity and sorrow. (39)

In each case, the people cried out to the Lord for help. In each situation he delivered them from their distress. Why? It was not because they were worthy but because God was merciful and loving. Most of us can say God has delivered us from our sins and once again it is due to his mercy, grace and love. When we turn from our rebellion, God is so willing to help. We should respond with love and thanksgiving. Let's conclude with the final verse of this Psalm. "Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord."



## Happy Birthday

Feb. 6th - Rachel Cross, Will Hartman,  
Johnny Smith, Beverly & Dewayne Wesley

Feb. 7th - Chaney Farris & Shea Lentz

Feb. 8th - Cladie Pollard

Feb. 9th - Edward Hargrove, Katherine Nicholson,  
Andrea Scott Owen, Matthew Snyder, &  
Hillary Williams

Feb. 10th - Logan Gregory & Beth Wilson

Feb. 11th - Clifford Johnson, Sr.

**NEW DEACON: Jason Kelley** has accepted the offer to become a deacon. He will begin immediately working in the benevolent program with Benny Bolton.

## Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



**Feb. 12th** - Area Wide at Highland church of Christ

**Feb. 25th - 26th** - CYC in Gatlinburg, TN

Donations toward Scholarship Program can be made at anytime. See Jody.

Anyone interested in the mission trip to the City of Children, June 16th - 22nd, please see Jody Pritchett.

### YOUTH FOR CHRIST

**Feb. 5, 12** - Song Leading

**Feb. 19, 26** - Scripture Reading

**Mar. 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 15** - Youth For Christ Day!

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**REJOICE!** David Morgan was baptized into Christ by his cousin, Blake Daniels, Wednesday, January 25th after the prayer service. David's address is 3875 Campbellville Pike, Columbia, TN 38401

Cody Spires was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. Cody is the son of James and Laura Spires and the grandson to Larry & Katherine Nicholson. Cody's address is 4602 Stockard Rd. Culleoka, TN 38451



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following families:

Robert Cornelius Norman-Roberta's dad. Graveside services were Friday.

Martha Craig -Lisa Kelley's Aunt - Funeral was Sunday

Larry Duvall-Cousin of Rebecca Brown- Funeral was Monday.

Barry Sims-Brother of Brenda Warf, Funeral 2/1.



With Special Thanks to all of you, "To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate, and thoughtful. To know you is to be grateful for the special things you do." For everything you've done...for being the special people that you are.. Thank you so very much.

In Christian Love, The Robert Cornelius Norman Family

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**WORSHIP LEADER February 5, 2012**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome & Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Boyd Wood  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....John Thomas  
 Serving:  
 Ronnie Skelley Jonathan Macer  
 David Gray Jason Snyder  
 David Upchurch, Jr. Dennis Thomason  
 Offering  
 Read (Rom 12:1-2).....Tommy Hight  
 Sermon: "A Living Sacrifice"  
 Speaker: .....Brian Gregory  
 Invitation  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Mike Lyle

**SUNDAY 5:30 p.m.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....DeWayne Hickman  
 Read (Rom 8:1-5).....Jim Pollard  
 Sermon: "No Condemnation"  
 Speaker.....Brian Gregory  
 Invitation  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Jimmy Dawson  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jody Pritchett

Ushers: Danny Lasater, Ray Rummage, Edward Hargrove  
 Greeters: Jerry & Judy Barber, Clyde & Sara Farris  
 Audio/Visual Room: Trent Thomason

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183).

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Baylie Farris  
 Linda Lasater  
 P.M.....Rachel Farris  
 Teresa Lyle

**WEDNESDAY 2/8/2012**

Song Leader .....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....Byran Farris  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Richard Farris