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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.

Tuesday

Summer Series
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Ladies' Bible Class
Resumes Sept. 5th
10:00 a.m.

Working for
the Master
(Sunday nights
as announced)

2012 Theme
"Building on the
Rock"
Psalms 127:1

Reflecting on a Tragedy

Sunday morning in our young adult Bible class we asked the question "What is the Christian response to a tragedy like last week's shooting in Colorado?" While many discussions have arisen about this tragedy, its causes, and society's proper response three reflections come to mind.

1. Life is short. We live in a country of comfort and relative safety and because of this we can be fooled into thinking this world is our home. It is not our home, and it is not meant to be. Through all eternity will marvel at the brevity of our life on earth because it is "but a vapor". We only have today! Let's make it count!

2. The real problem in this world is sin. Mike Huckabee has been criticized for part of his response to this event on Fox news when he said "We don't have a crime problem, a gun problem or even a violence problem. What we have is a sin problem....". While the world, or any of us for that matter, never wants to hear that sin is our biggest problem, it is true. The biggest tragedy is that everyday thousands of people enter eternity unaware of this fact and unprepared to meet their maker. We live in a broken world, full of broken people, following broken lies, living broken lives, because they don't know the One that can make them whole. God does not want us to avoid sin because He needs more good people around Him. He tells us to avoid sin because this protects us. When we sin, we hurt ourselves and those around us. God wants us to be blessed in this life and He knows it is impossible to be truly blessed in this life while walking in sin. While sickness, death, pain, grief, hardship, depression will continue in this broken world, a Christian knows these are passing away for those who have found the One who died for their sins.

3. God is the Answer. I believe God is so sad at the fact that despite all His efforts man still wants to follow his own plan. God knows that His plan for man would lead to all of us living in harmony. God's plan acted out in the life of every man and woman on earth would surround those with mental illness with loving support. God's plan acted out in everyone's lives would mean love for others was always present. Families would be a place of support and encouragement where young people would be trained how to live. People would be there for others when they are down, and everyone would know that life is a special gift from God. This life is the time when we have a chance to prepare for eternal life with Him. The problem is that we live in a world full of people that don't know or understand God's purpose for their lives. They live in darkness and even though God sent the light into the world the world has "loved darkness rather than light". That is why as Christians we must first dedicate our lives to follow God's plan in order to reflect His light in our lives, and do the best we can to bring others into that light. This reflection is the greatest response a Christian can have to this tragedy.

In Him,
John Thomas

July 29, 2012 5th Sunday
A.M. "Is Your Fire Going Out?" (II Timothy 1:3-10) Joe Macer, Speaker
P.M. TBA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recovering from surgeries/procedures:

Mildred Voss (Jackie Hargrove's mother) appendectomy; **Ed Johnson** (shoulder); **Juaneese Purdue Johnson** (Lee Winchester's mom); **Retha Jett**; **Andrew Hardison** (knee); **David Kodatt**, (hip) (John's dad) NHC Hillview Rm. 112; **Doris Inman** (hip) NHC Hillview Rm. 109-A; **Bill Smith** (hip) Life Care Rm. 126; **Charlotte Attkisson** (stroke) NHC Hillview Rm. 113-A; **Horace Dawson** (Edith Burgess' uncle); **Linda Luna** (hip Replacement/blood clot)

Various illnesses/health/personal problems:

Martha Wilson; **Ethel Spears**; **Copeland Startup** (cousin of Paula Gilliam); **Jackie Purdue** (Lee Winchester's aunt); **Irene Long**; **Jack & Daisy White**; **James Ed Pollard**; Shut-ins & those in nursing homes; **Dino Mission in Greece**

Cancer: **Jane Carroll** (Clayton & Myrna Jett's daughter-in-law's mother); **Tim Anderson** (The Bridge Rm. 121), **Martha Whiteside**, **Gema Winchester** (Natalie Thomas' friend); **Stormy Lyle** (Mike's mother) improving, **Dorothy Parrish**, **Virginia Wisener**; **Frances Brown** (Barry's mother) lung; **Tammy McCoy**; **Andrea Spears**; **Beth Foster**; **Susan Horton**; **Sue Ayers** (Linda Lasater's mother (bone cancer); **Sara Johnson** (friend Dana & Donald White) (Signature)

In the Hospital:

Cenntenial: **Judith (Judy) Rochelle** (Barbara McNeese's daughter-in-law)-tests

Vanderbilt: **Jayden Dean Cothran** premature infant (co-worker of Lisa Kelley)



Pray for our Servicemen & their families:

Brandon Hubbard
(Clayton & Myrna Jett's grandson)



Happy Birthday

July 29th - Allison Love
July 31st - Dave Coleman
August 1st - Darlene Church
August 3rd - Sharon Davis
August 4th - Samantha Jones

July Theme: Jesus Christ - The Minister

Goal: To learn how to minister to others as Christ did in his life.

July 29th - 5th Sunday Building Fund Day!

July 29th - Working for the Master in the annex after the evening service. Menu: BBQ \$3.00 per person.

July 31st - (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service small auditorium. Children's Bible Hour in annex.

Aug. 5th - Baby Girl Tea for Allison (Skelley) Love in the annex 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.



Aug. 7th - (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m. Summer Series Concludes with Speaker, Bryan McCallister. His Topic is Why Should We Believe That Miracles Have

Ceased? Children's Bible Hour in annex. Toddlers meet in normal room at regular time.

Aug. 15th - Ladies Bible Class will meet at Cracker Barrel on Bear Creek Pike at 11:00 for lunch. Mid-Week Bible Study resumes at 6:30 p.m.



Dear & Precious congregation,
It is now 2:46 a.m. and Eastside is on my mind as is so many, many times. I have searched in so many places for the right card that would say what I felt in my heart. Jimmy and I got so many wonderful messages from Brother Joe, Brian, Jody, John and other. We felt after service on Sunday morning, night and Wednesday that we got the feeling you are suppose to get when you go to worship. I cannot find that feeling here, but I am still looking. Right now, I go to Jefferson Pike church of Christ, it is NOT Eastside! I am not happy with it al all. You do not get that warm greeting when you walk through the door. If it was anyway possible I would still be coming to Eastside. When you were sick, you received cards, calls and when I lost Jimmy, you all were there to help me thru that hard time which I will never forget that time in my life.

Thank you, Ladies' Bible class for the many cards, flowers, baskets, visits and calls, you will never be forgotten.

I could go on and on but I think you all get the message. You all are a great bunch of people. no matter who you are, you made us feel warm and welcomed and I will never forget that and you can't just find that feeling just anywhere you go.

Thank you all for all that you have given me in the past and I still get cards and calls on occasion.

Thank you again,

In Christian Love, Barbara McNeese



Summits of the Psalms

By: Joe Macer

Psalm 132

132:13 For the Lord has chosen Zion,
he has desired it for his dwelling.

One of David's greatest desires was to build a permanent location to worship God. David was not given the opportunity to build the temple but he did a tremendous amount of preparation for the building. His son, Solomon, actually put his father's plans into action and completed the project.

David made a vow that he would find a place for the Lord. This was to be a place of worship. He envisioned having the Ark of the Covenant located here as well. Once the building was completed the ark was housed within it. David expected it to be a place of great joy and he expected the priests who served there to be clothed in righteousness. God chose the location of Zion (Jerusalem) for the building of the temple. This also was the location of the palace in which David resided.

God was pleased with these thoughts and efforts by David and made some promises to him as well. The Lord swore that one of David's descendants would be on his throne as long as they followed his statutes. Secondly, he promised that it would be his resting place forever and ever. Third, he promised abundant provisions for the people. Fourth, he promised a horn which is a reference to the coming Messiah. Lastly, he promised to clothe David's enemies with shame. This Psalm shows how much that God wants to bless those that keep his covenant and his statutes and desire to worship him. May we follow the example that David – the man after God's own heart – left for us.



TWEENS –Monthly devotional at the home of Jason and Brecca Snyder on Sunday night, July 29th, after evening service. The van will leave the building immediately after service and return to the church

building at approximately 8:15 p.m. If you have any questions please see Bryan Farris.

**Building Fund
Contribution
July 29th
GOAL \$21,000+**

Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



Theme: "Teens Stepping Forward in 2012"

www.teenescape.org

July 27th - JUG night for girls and boys.

July 29th - Youth Area Wide at Graymere church of Christ. Parents, drop off teens at 5 p.m. and pick up at 7:45 p.m.

August 4th - Girl's Day 2012 - Woodson Chapel church of Christ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. See Natalie Thomas if you have questions.

September 14th - 16th - RUSH at FHU! Please see Jody if you plan to go.

TUESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

During Summer Series, all children two years old thru 6th grade will go to the annex for Children's Bible Hour. Parents please drop off your children before p.m. service.

The Toddler class will meet at it's normal time and classroom.

BIBLE BOWL - This year will be over I Samuel Chapters 1-24. John Thomas would like to meet with all parents of those in the Bible Bowl this Sunday Morning after Bible Study in the small auditorium.

THE RECORD SPEAKS

July 22, 2012

Morning Worship.....	263
Bible Study.....	166
Evening Worship.....	164
Tuesday Evening.....	142
Budget.....	\$7,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,887.84

Building Project Update

For the latest construction photos!

Visit our website: www.churchofchristateastside.com



Working For The Master

Please report to Gary Boyd all outreach you do during the week (phone calls, visits, cards sent, etc)

Meets again Sunday, July 29th

MENU: BBQ

\$3.00 per person

Bring desserts to share if you'd like.

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WORSHIP LEADER July 29, 2012**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome & Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Tom Miller
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Richard Farris
 Serving:
 Matt Boyd J.W. Gilliam
 Jimmy Dawson Ed Johnson
 Tommy Skelley Danny Lasater
 Offering
 Read (II Timothy 1:3-10).....Jason Kelley
 Sermon: "Is Your Fire Going Out?"
 Speaker:Joe Macer
 Invitation
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Charlie Willis

Ushers: Larry Nicholson, Tommy Hight, Corey Massey
 Greeters: Greg & Kelly Lusk, Rosemary Macer, Kim Morgan
 Audio/Visual Room: Jim Pollard

5th SUNDAY 5:30 p.m.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....John Thomas
 Read (TBA).....DeWayne Hickman
 Sermon: "TBA"
 Speaker.....TBA
 Invitation
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Dennis Thomason
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie Davis

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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.....Laura Spires
 Bridget Thomason
 P.M.....Natalie Thomas
 Tonya Boyd

TUESDAY 7/31/2012 Prayer Service

Song LeaderGreg Lusk
 Prayer.....J.D. Davis
 Announcements/Speaker.....Brian Gregory