

# 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.

### 1st & 3rd Monday

Monday Night For  
The Master  
6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

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

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*

It has been said anything worth doing is worth doing right. Anytime someone does not put their heart fully into something it will never be as good as it could and should be. For example, if your heart is not fully in your marriage it will suffer. If your heart is not fully in your work, it will suffer. The Irish writer and poet, Oscar Wilde is quoted as saying, "I am not young enough to know everything, but the Bible assures me that the above description of a life should never be used to describe a Christian." Unfortunately, too often many Christians feel as if they already know everything. While it is true they may never come out and say it or think it very often, their attitudes towards God are reflected in their actions. In short, they are half-hearted Christians.

Long ago the psalmist wrote, "I hate those who are double-minded, but I love your law" (Psa. 119:113). These are not the words of fanatic extremist. However, they are the words of a man who showed his fervent anger (and love for God) against those who waver and are men/ women with divided loyalty. In the end their lip service to God's law is proven useless by a life of disobedience.

We should also know the Lord feels the same way about half-hearted Christians. To the church of Laodicea Jesus said, "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth (Rev. 3:15-16). Furthermore, Jesus also said, if salt loses its flavor it is useless and no longer good for anything but to be thrown out (Mt. 5:13). James reminds us a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways (Jm. 1:8). To be half-hearted is the most dangerous position.

God has no place in His Kingdom for half-hearted service. We cannot serve two masters without hating one and loving the other (Mt. 6:24). When people are only dedicated to God for a little over an hour on Sunday morning I must ask, where is their heart the other 167 hours of the week? I know there is more to being a Christian than attending church services, but it does reflect ones level of dedication and commitment. When the saints gather together again for worship (i.e. Sun. night) and you are not present, all though you know you could be, where is your heart? When the opportunities for Bible study (which will increase your knowledge, faith and dedication) are presented (i.e. Sun. morning and Wed. night) and you are not present although you could be, where is your heart? In essence you're saying I do not need to be there because I already know enough. I fear too many Christians are only half-hearted at best. We must ask ourselves, "How does the Lord feel about me?" Would He spit you out of His mouth? Are you guilty of half-hearted Christianity?

*Some thoughts taken from an article by John Gipson*

April 3, 2011

A.M. "Choosing to forgive" (Colossians 3:12-13) Brian Gregory, Speaker

P.M. "Summing up submission" (1 Peter 3:8-12) Brian Gregory, Speaker

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Recovering from surgeries/procedures:** Patsy Long Rieves (Sarah Churchwell's niece) **Danny Beard** (shoulder); **Peggy Wilson** (back); **Natalie Thomas** (arm & Stint); **Retha Jett** (knee replacement) home; **Larry Anderson**; **Gail Baker** (sister-in-law of Lorene Hickman); **Donald White** (knee replacement & skin cancer); **Ned Pollard**; **Beverly Dawson**

### Various illnesses/health/personal problems:

**Martha Wilson**; **Joanne Anderson** (Katherine Nicholson's mother) pneumonia; **Barbara McNeese** (knee replacement surgery 4/14); **Coleen Pilkinton** (cancer returned undergoing treatments); **Billy Hickman**-home; **Midge Edge** (Gregory's friend) (cancer) 109 Locust St. Hardinsburg, KY 40143; **Thelma Love** (Dennis Thomason's grandmother) Signature Rm. 28. **Alfred Pagel** - home; **Linda Hardy**; **James Ed Pollard**; **Larry Derbyberry** (Libby Moss' brother & Lisa Kelley's uncle) hospice; **Tracy Chappell** (JoAnn Anderson's son); **Margaret Johnson**; **Pauline Thurman (Wanda Jones' mother)** NHC Hillview Rm. 220-A; **Brenda Manz** (brain tumor); **Bob Dugger**; **Irene Stevenson** (Martha Wilson's sister); **Betty Allen** (Mary Chumbley's daughter); **Connie Blackburn** (liver and kidney cancer); **Cherry Bolles** 221 Turnbrook Ln. Franklin, TN 37064; **Allen Mercer** (brain tumor); **Mary Jo Anderson**; **Paul Burgin**

### In the Hospital:

**Maury Regional Medical Center:** Ray Hood (Nell's brother-in-law) Rm. 262

**Vanderbilt Children's Hospital:** Hannah Katherine Skelton



Pray for our Servicemen & their families:

**Kevin Mick (Germany)**  
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**Brandon Hubbard, (Afghanistan)**  
grandson of Clayton & Myrna Jett

LCpl Brandon Hubbard, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines,  
WPNS CO 81's, Unit 73245 FPO AE 09510-3245

**Brad A. Morgan, Nell Hood's grandson**  
Maj Brad A. Morgan, HHC, 326 ENG.BN., A.P.O. AE  
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Sympathy is extended to **John Thomas** and his family in the death of his uncle, Richard McAdams, whose funeral was Tuesday.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**April 4th** - Monday Night for the Master 6:00 in annex.  
**April 6th** - Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m. in annex. Mid-Week Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**April 13th** - Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m. in annex. Potluck Lunch to follow class at 11:00, men are invited to lunch. Mid-Week Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**April 18th** - Monday Night for the Master 6:00 in annex.

**April 20th** - Ladies' Bible Class Easter Project 10:00 a.m. Finger-Food Fellowship. Mid-Week Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**April 24th** - Easter Sunday

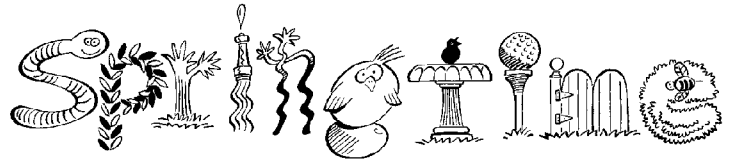
**April 27th** - Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.-4th Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. in small auditorium. Children's Bible Hour in annex 6:30 p.m.



**Tennessee Children's Home Coin Can Drive is underway. Pick up a can and begin filling today. Turn in cans 5/15.**

God's Post It Notes:

Many folks want to serve God,  
But only as advisers.



### THE RECORD SPEAKS

March 27, 2011

Morning Worship.....	248
Bible Classes.....	177
Evening Worship.....	133
Wednesday Evening.....	101
Budget.....	\$7,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,557.88



**MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

Next Date to Meet, April 4, 2011



## Summits of the Psalms

By: Joe Macer

### Psalm 64

64:8 He will turn their own tongues against them and bring them to ruin; all who see them will shake their heads in scorn.

O, the harm that a tongue can do to people. The Psalmist finds himself in trouble and being attacked. Primarily, he is being attacked by what people say and by the plots they are devising. He is being threatened. There is a conspiracy among the evildoers and they are referred to as a noisy crowd. Their tongues are their swords and their words are their arrows. The sword and the arrows were designed to destroy the righteous man. "They encourage each other in evil plans, they talk about hiding their snares." With great arrogance they claim that no one sees and they have the perfect plan that cannot be stopped. Little did they know that God sees and God knows and that God will react. It hurts when people speak against us and plot to destroy us. Words can bring a tremendous amount of pain. What do we do when we are attacked with words?

The Psalmist also used words. He did not retaliate. He did not speak evil in return. He did not utter curses. He prayed to God. He told God that he wanted to voice a complaint. It was a complaint about how people were treating him. He asked God to protect his life from the threat of his enemies. O, how different he was from his attackers. He believed that God would turn the tongues of the evildoers against them. Their ruin would be for all to see. This would bring about a great fear of God when they saw his wonders displayed. The writer then would use his tongue to praise God. How are you using your tongue today? Are you attacking and plotting or are you praying to God and praising his name. With your tongue bring him your every care. He will be listening.

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**March Theme: Clothe ourselves in compassion, kindness, humility, and gentleness.**

**Goal: 31 days of Kindness. Each day do a random act of kindness.**

**April Theme: Bear with each other and forgive grievances.**

**Goal: Take the initiative to settle any conflict between you and your neighbor. Practice tolerance and forgiveness daily.**



Thank you so very much for the beautiful cards I received for my birthday. I enjoyed each and everyone of them.

Thanks to each and everyone of you.

Love always, Ann Brady

Congratulations to Kristi Mick, Connie White and their helpers for another awesome banquet. The decorations and entertainment were fantastic. All of your hard work was greatly appreciated.

Charlie and Cecelia Willis

Dear Eastside Friends, We want to thank everyone for your care and concern while Molly was in the hospital. All the cards, calls, and visits meant so much to us. Seeing Molly that sick was definitely the scariest time of our lives, and it was a huge comfort to know so many people were praying for her. She is improving every-day. We are truly blessed to be a part of the Eastside family. Love, Jason, Lisa, Andee, & Molly Kelley

## Youth News by Jody Pritchett



**April 3rd** - Youth Area Wide at North View Church of Christ. Parents can drop teens off at 4:50 pm. Teens don't forget your Bibles!

**April 15th - 17th** - Teen's Spring Retreat at Deer Run. Applications can be downloaded at the youth web page at [www.teenescape.org](http://www.teenescape.org) Cost is \$45.00 per person. \*\*\*If you'd like to be a chaperone please see Jody.\*\*



## Happy Birthday

April 3rd. - Mike Andrews & Cassie Bradford

April 4th - Greg Lusk

April 5th - Marie Filson & Diane Upchurch

April 6th - Lisa Kelley

April 7th - Leigh Anna Pollard

April 9th - Margaret Johnson \*75th\*



