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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

Where were you September 11, 2001? I believe all of us who are old enough can vividly recall not only where they were but also many of the events of that tragic day. As we all know the world was changed in many ways after September 11. We were all soon introduced to a man who claimed responsibility for those attacks and was immediately public enemy number one. That man of course was Osama Bin Laden. Thousands of our service men and women along with billions of tax dollars were eventually employed in the hunt for Bin Laden. Finally after nearly ten years and thousands of lives lost (both U.S. and foreign) Osama Bin Laden was brought to justice by American forces. As the news spread, people all around the world rejoiced and praised these actions. Many exclaimed, "Finally he is dead!"; "He did not deserve to live!" while others in the world proclaimed him a hero. This event was really bitter sweet and how we should feel in light of the teachings of Christ is a little complicated.

First, the U.S. was justified in carrying out these actions against Bin Laden. God gives government authority to execute wrath upon evil-doers (Romans 13). Bin Laden was guilty of crimes worthy of death. I support the USA in their military action.

Second, consider God does not want anyone to perish but for all to come to repentance (2 Pt. 3:9). Also He does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked (Eze. 18:23,32; 33:11). The fact was Bin Laden never saw his actions as evil or sinful and thus never saw the need for repentance. God is not rejoicing over the death of Bin Laden because a soul that has sinned has died and will spend eternity in Hell (Eze. 18:4; Rm. 6:23, Rev. 21:8).

Third, we who are Christians have dual citizenship. We are citizens of both the U.S. and of Heaven (Phil. 3:20). While I am proud of our military and the decisive leadership of our President in this event, I must never lose sight of my Heavenly calling. It is okay to be patriotic and feel a surge of nationalism at times like this but we must also remember being citizens of Heaven requires us to seek first the Kingdom of God (Mt. 6:33). We must not react to such news in ways that will alienate those we are trying to reach for Christ. Remember nearly ten years ago thousands of people were rejoicing at the deaths of 3,000 innocent victims on September 11. Think of how you felt when you saw it.

Finally, we must realize the so called "War On Terror" is far from over. There will always be evil and extremist bent on evil in the world. It is only a matter of time before another Bin Laden comes along or another terrorist strikes. As long as the world stands, Satan will relentlessly pursue those whom he may devour (1 Pt. 5:8).

Although it took years, justice was finally served. Remember no one is getting away with anything in the end (1 Tim. 5:24-25). At times like this instead of dancing in the streets, why not pray lasting peace and good can come from this?

May 8, 2011 Happy Mother's Day!

A.M. "The Example of Godly Women" (Proverbs 31:30) Brian Gregory, Speaker

P.M. "Suffered Once For Sins" (1 Peter 3:18-22) Brian Gregory, Speaker

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recovering from surgeries/procedures: Doug Brown (Barry's brother) pacemaker; Ruby Prince (Sarah Churchwell's niece) back; Jr Hickman (cataract); Tommy Hight, Sr.-home (hip replacement); Barbara McNeese (knee replacement); Herman & Willene Willis (Charlie's brother & sister-in-law); Patsy Long Rieves (Sarah Churchwell's niece) (cancer) more surgery soon; Danny Beard (shoulder); Peggy Wilson (back); Larry Anderson; Beverly Dawson

Various illnesses/health/personal problems:

Martha Wilson; Jack and Daisy White; Barney Roland back at NHC Hillview 101-B; Robert Norman living with youngest son at 4804 Campbellsville Pike, Columbia (931-379-0739 - cell 931-215-8792); Greg Truitt, friend of Ray Rummage; Jerry Haddock and Charles Mayse, friends of Donald White (cancer); Bill & Mable Smith-Life Care Center Rm. 216; John & Sarah Churchwell, Retha Jett; Kasen White (Adam & Jenny's son); Joan Graham Life Care Ctr. 234; Linda Bell treatments for bone cancer (Clyde Farris' sister); Betty Skelley; Coleen Pilkinton (undergoing cancer treatments); Thelma Love (Dennis Thomason's grandmother) Signature Rm. 28. Alfred Pagel; Linda Hardy; James Ed Pollard; Larry Derryberry (Libby Moss' brother & Lisa Kelley's uncle) clinical trail drug program; Tracy Chappell (JoAnn Anderson's son); Margaret Johnson; Pauline Thurman (Wanda Jones' mother) NHC Hillview Rm. 220-A; Brenda Manz (brain tumor); Irene Stevenson (Martha Wilson's sister); Betty Allen (Mary Chumbley's daughter); Cherry Bolles 221 Turnbrook Ln.Franklin,TN 37064; Allen Mercer (brain tumor); Mary Jo Anderson; Paul Burgin

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



May 8th - Happy Mother's Day!

May 13th - Family Fish Fry Fellowship at the shelter at 6:00 p.m. There are sign up sheets in the foyer for attendance and for side items needed. Fish, French Fries, Hushpuppies and Drinks will be provided. See Sammy Patterson if you have any questions.

May 15th - 58th Homecoming at the shelter. 10:00 a.m. worship, potluck to follow, the afternoon worship to follow lunch at approx. 12:45 p.m. In case of inclement weather, follow same schedule at the church building at 1024 E. Valley Drive.

May 22nd - High School graduates recognized after a.m. service. Finger-Food Fellowship after the evening service in the annex. Forms on table in foyer. Turn in by May 9th.

May 29th - 5th Sunday Building Fund Contribution Day. All contributions collected will go toward building fund.



Tennessee Children's Home Coin Can Drive is underway. Turn in cans 5/15.



Pray for our Servicemen & their families:

Kevin Mick (Germany)
Kevin.eric.mick@us.army.mil

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 09391

EDUCATION:

Joe Macer will be starting a new class on May 22nd in the Old Auditorium. The study will be on Biblical Prayers. Mike Lyle will be starting a class on the same day on Christian Evidences. This coming Sunday both classes will remain in the New Auditorium and Mike will present his mission report.

THE RECORD SPEAKS

May 1, 2011

Morning Worship.....	226
Bible Classes.....	172
Evening Worship.....	240
Wednesday Evening.....	82
Budget.....	\$7,000.00
Contribution.....	\$7,192.91

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

May 2nd



Total Attendance.....	33
Cards Written.....	40
Visits Made.....	1
Calls Made.....	0
Bags of Cookies Delivered.....	21



Next Date to Meet, Monday, May 23rd



Summits of the Psalms

By: Joe Macer

Psalm 69

69:17 Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.

This Psalm is about a godly man that is suffering. He described his troubles as sinking into a watery pit. As he called to God for help, he could barely keep his head above the water. His troubles were due to his enemies. They had shown him hate and he pleaded with God to deliver him from the deep waters of hate. He asked God for favor, for a display of his great love and for salvation. He also asked that his enemies be charged with crimes and for their names to be blotted out of the book of life.

As the writer examined his situation, he had a desire that should be ours as well. As he went through his trouble, he did not want to be bad example. He said, "May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the Lord Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel." As we face difficult times people are watching how we handle ourselves. May we never give them reason to be offended by Christians. Even in tough times we must bring glory to God.

This Psalm is often applied to Christ. No less than seven thoughts are used by the New Testament writers. John used verses 4 and 9. Romans quoted verses 9 and 22. Matthew used verse 21 and Mark applied verse 20. Acts used verse 25 to chose Matthias to replace Judas. As you read this Psalm, think of Christ upon the cross calling out to God. This will give even more meaning to this song.



Happy Birthday

May 9th - Amanda Gregory &
Dustin Hargrove
May 10th - Jennifer Davis &
Ely Spires

May Theme: Put on love, which binds together in perfect unity. Goal: communicate to a fellow member what they mean to you and express your appreciation for them.



Dear Eastside,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers and for the support during this trying time and difficult period. Thanks also for the deli tray.

Joan, daughter of Sara Glenn (Clarence Weaver's sister)

Dear Eastside friends,

Thank you for the kindness I received during my illness in the hospital and for the beautiful birthday cards. Again thanks, Charlotte Attkisson

Youth News by Jody Pritchett



Special thanks to all who provided food for the youth rally and to those who helped. There was plenty and it was very much enjoyed!

May 4th - Step It Up 3:00 p.m.

May 11th - Step It Up 3:00 p.m.

May 18th - Step It Up 3:00 p.m.

May 22nd - Senior Day at Eastside

May 29th - 5th Sunday Young Men conduct service

Maury Christian Camp Applications are now available and are due May 7th!



Items are being collected to help Alabama tornado victims.

The van will be loaded with items and delivered Thursday, May

5th. And Saturday May 6th. Suggested items:

packages of NEW socks and underwear (any and all sizes), deodorants (men's and women's), shampoo, soap, tooth brushes & paste, paper products, diapers, baby wipes, baby formula, baby bottles .

You may also make cash donations for supplies to be purchased. If you have any questions see Brian or Jody.

Pray for the victims and those who are assisting in anyway.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of 18 year old Central High senior, Ellie Nyhus, who died Saturday from injuries sustained in a automobile accident. A celebration of her life is Thursday at 3:30 at Heritage Funeral Home.

