

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.

Monday Night For
The Master
1st & 3rd Monday
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Step It Up 3:15
(During School Session)

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

Recently a friend of mine (and fellow gospel preacher, Neil Richey) had a conversation with someone who will soon enter the timeless side of eternity. When they approached the subject of religion, this individual said "I never felt I needed organized religion, or to be part of a church." This individual went on to talk about being approved of God by one's own goodness and works of charity.

Is that true? Can one be saved by his own goodness? The best I can tell, the word "good" is used in only two ways in the Bible. In the absolute sense only God is good (Mt. 19:16-17; Gal. 3:10). Then, there's the ordinary sense that man too can be considered good (Acts 11:24; Lk. 23:50).

So, can I be saved by my own goodness? If I understand my Bible, Ephesians 2 says no. Grace + Faith saves (Eph. 2:8). That means the unmerited favor of God combined with the obedience of man saves us, and not my own goodness. Paul said, "For by grace are you saved through faith." Jesus said, "If you love me keep my commandments" (Jn. 14:15). God wants to save me, that's why I have access to His grace. But, I accept that grace through active obedience.

What about being part of a church? Must I be part of a church in order to be saved? In short, no. It's not "a" church we must be part of, it's "the" church that we must be added to (Acts 2:47). The world approaches the concept of "church" as a buffet style restaurant--pick and choose what you like and "join" the church of your choice. See if that's the concept the Lord taught when He said, "Upon this rock, I will build my church" (Mt. 16:18). Jesus said that He would build His church (singular). Paul and Luke referred to it, not as a church, but as "the church" (1Tm. 3:15; Acts 20:28). Further, the Bible tells us that "there is one body" (Eph. 4:4) and that "the body" is "the church" (Eph. 1:22-23). There has never been a saved person, living in the Christian age, that has been saved outside the church (body) of Christ.

Now what about this question? If I'm good, doesn't that make me part of the church? Let me illustrate it this way. Suppose you're part of a community organization that only asks good people to be part of your organization. Does one's goodness automatically make them a member? Why, no. There are requirements that must be met. The same is true with respect to the church. There are expectations God has for folks to be added to the church. The Bible teaches that God makes salvation possible for us through Jesus. Yet, it's up to us to work our salvation out (Phil 2:11-12). Our belief in God and His word will lead us to repent of sin (Lk. 13:3), to confess our faith in Jesus as God's Son (Mt. 10:32-33), and to be immersed in water for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). We don't do these things out of our own goodness. We do them so God can then count us as good, thereby adding us to His church (Acts 2:47).

No, my goodness can never save me. What will save me is my obedience to a gracious God who then makes me good by the blood of His Son. When I've been made good then I'm added, not to the church of my choice, but to the church of Christ. This is where every saved person is.

July 31, 2011

A.M. "Did God Really Say?" (Genesis 1:26-31) Joe Macer, Speaker

P.M. "A Lonely World" (Psalm 68:4-6) Joe Macer, Speakers

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recovering from surgeries/procedures: - Tony Harris (Jan Thomason's brother) **Ruby Prince & Patsy Long Rieves** (Sarah Churchwell's nieces); **Herman & Willene Willis** (Charlie's brother & sister-in-law); **Beverly Dawson**
Various illnesses/health/personal problems:

Martha Wilson; Barbara McNeese; Greg Norman (Roberta Bolton's brother & Robert's son); **Tucker Worley** (skiing accident-22 stitches); **Barney Roland** (NHC Hillview Rm. 101-B); **Cindy Hargrove** (viral meningitis); **Sammy Cooper** (Patrick Lankford's grandfather) terminal cancer; **Linda Hardy** (pancreatic & liver cancer); **Sandy Humphrey** (terminal cancer); **Joshua Massey** (Linda Rochelle & Charline Gossett's grandson); **Frances Fitzgerald-Life Care 233-B** (broken leg); **Darlene Church NHC-Hillview 112-A; Linda Bell** treatments for bone cancer (Clyde Farris' sister); **Coleen Pilkinton** (undergoing cancer treatments); **James Ed Pollard; Larry Derryberry** (Libby Moss' brother & Lisa Kelley's uncle) clinical trial drug program; **Betty Allen** (Mary Chumbley's daughter);
In The Hospital: Robert Norman MRMC Rm. 157; **Willie Matt Hinson** (Judy Barber's aunt) MRMC Rm. 550, Ainsley Hooper (Lisa Kelley's co-worker's 3 month old daughter, Vanderbilt C.H. on ventilator; **Marsha Lunn** Vanderbilt (car accident 7/14)

Pray for our Servicemen & their families:



Kevin Mick (Afghanistan)
Kevin.eric.mick@us.army.mil
CPT MICK, KEVIN
TNARNG JFHQ FWD 83
APO AE 09355

Brandon Hubbard, (Afghanistan)
Clayton & Myrna Jett's grandson
LCpl Brandon Hubbard (Home end of July)

Brad A. Morgan, (3rd time to Iraq)
Nell Hood's grandson
Maj. Brad A. Morgan,
HHC, 326 ENG. BN.,
A.P.O. AE 09391

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



Tweens Devo will be hosted by Jason and Brecca Snyder July 31st after the evening service. The bus will return to Gateway Tire Center around 8:15 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Aug. 3rd. - Summer Series speaker, Wayne Lankford, Topic: "Jesus our Example in Humility" 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 7th - Bridal Tea in honor of **Ashley Hickman** 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the annex. She is the bride-elect of David McDavid. They are registered at Target.

Aug. 10th - Summer Series speaker, Andy Walker, Topic: Jesus our Example in How He Viewed Scripture.

Aug. 17th - Ladies' Bible Class meets at Cracker Barrel on Hwy. 412 at 9:00. Mid Week Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 24th - 4th Wednesday Prayer Service in small auditorium 6:30 p.m. Children's Bible Hour in annex.

Aug. 31st - 5th Wednesday Song Service 6:30 p.m.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to **the family and friends of Cherry Bolles**, who passed away Wednesday after a long 7 year battle with cancer. Her funeral was Monday in Nashville.

Sympathy is also extended to the **Hunt** family and friends of 23 year old Tiffany Krist who passed away Sunday. She was a neighbor of the Hunts. Her funeral Wednesday

Building Fund Campaign

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

The elders need to know how much the congregation is willing to commit to the building project to be able to make decisions on which stage of completion they will pursue. They are asking that you print your commitment on the card in the envelopes provided and place in the collection plate when it is passed around or give to an elder.

(Name is optional)

(Drawings are displayed in lobby)

Kid's Count Campaign: Jug in lobby with separate chart to track the kid's portion of the building fund giving. This will continue until the end of this year.

**Building Fund
Contribution
July 31st
GOAL \$21,000+**



Summits of the Psalms

By: Joe Macer

Psalm 81

81:15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever.

This song was written to be sung at Jewish festivals. The purpose was to remind the Israelites of the necessity of submitting to God. At these festivals they were to remember what God had done for them from their time in Egypt until the time of the writing of the Psalm. God had brought them out of Egypt with an outstretched hand and with power. Miracles were witnessed and yet Israel turned to idols – to manmade gods. After all that God had done they rebelled against him. God stated, “But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me.” Israel’s hearts were stubborn and God gave them over to their own devices. How sad when we think we know better than God. How sad when we think our ways are better. How sad when we think we no longer need God.

God promised punishment to those who follow their own devices and he promised great blessings to those who submit to him. This same concept is found within the pages of the New Testament today. If we serve him, we have blessings in this life as well as the promise of eternal life and the wonders of heaven. If we rebel then we will face curses in this life as well as the eternal curse of hell. Every day of our life we are faced with the choice of serving God or rebelling against him. What choice have you made today? Will eternity be blessings or curses?



Happy Birthday

July 31st Dave Coleman

August 1st - Darlene Church

August 3rd - Sharon Davis &
Tammy Kodatt

August 4th - Samantha Jones

****August 9th - Patrick Lankford****

July Theme: Let the word dwell in you.

Goal: Share the scriptures. Read, study, and apply the scriptures that inspire your fellow Christians.

August Theme: Teach and admonish with songs, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Goal: To educate and put into practice the true meaning of singing as a part of worship.



July 31st - Lunch at Five Guys in Cool Springs after AM Bible class. ****Farewell to Patrick Lankford!****

July 28th - Teen boys swim day at Jerry & Peggy Wilson’s house. Sign-up sheet in foyer

July 29th - Teen girls swim day at Jerry & Peggy Wilson’s house. Sign-up sheet in foyer

July 31st - Area Wide at Graymere church of Christ. Be there 4:50 p.m. Pick up at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 6th - Girl’s Day at Woodson Chapel church of Christ. Sign-up in foyer.

Escape Student Servant Scholarship applications are now available for all Eastside students entering the 12th grade. Applications must be submitted by July 31st. Please see Jody for more information

BIBLE BOWL 2011

Read chapters and answer questions prior to class. Review each Sunday night. Schedule:

July 31 - Revelation 12 & 13

August 7 - Revelation 14, 15 & 16

August 14 - Revelation 17 & 18

August 21 - Revelation 19 & 20

August 28 - Revelation 21 & 22

September 4 - Review

September 10 - Bible Bowl 2011!!!!

THE RECORD SPEAKS

July 24, 2011

Morning Worship.....	266
Bible Study.....	181
Afternoon Worship.....	173
Wednesday Evening.....	141
Budget.....	\$7,000.00
Contribution.....	\$7,416.13



MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER
Next date to meet TBA

**Building Fund
Contribution
July 31st
GOAL \$21,000+**

