

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
(T.B.A.)

Wednesday

Ladies' Bible Class
10:00a.m.
(Sept. - May)
Resumes 9/7

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

Last week I was sitting in my office when I received a phone call from a number I did not recognize. Since many people call me (most of whom I do not know) I answered this call. As soon as the woman calling told me who she was, I immediately knew it had something to do with her brother-in-law. I knew it was something big since there was no reason for her to call me otherwise. In the next few seconds she told the disturbing news that her brother-in-law, Justin, (one of my best friends in years past), had taken his life the evening before. As she told me more of the details, I just could not shake the feeling of having been punched in the stomach. I was asked to serve as a Pall Bearer which I did. On Saturday afternoon, I joined with Justin's family and many friends to bury him.

Justin and I had lost touch with each other and not spoken in several years. He and I met our freshman year of High School and were great friends ever since. He was very smart and made straight A's by simply showing up to class. Academics came easy to Justin. He was also very friendly and had few if any enemies. It was easy to get along with Justin. If he did not like you, he would simply not hang around you. For a few years after High School we still were close friends. Shortly after I got married and had children our lives grew apart. Over the past several days, I have thought about how much time we spent together. I have also been reminded (or told) about time he spent with others. Justin had many friends. Now that has come to an end. Many circumstances (which space and respect will not permit me to speak of) led up to his death. Years of struggles and wrong choices finally caught up to him. Although there is much heart ache, sorrow and many questions that will never be answered, there are several things I have learned from Justin's life and death.

I have learned firsthand the value of true friendship. God says, "A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity" (Pr. 17:17). "A man of too many friends comes to ruin but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Pr. 18:24). Justin was a true friend and in many ways a brother to me. Even though we had not spoken for years, I still considered Justin my friend and would have helped him in any way I could. True and lasting friendship takes time to forge and build. I have also learned our influence reaches farther than we know. So many people knew Justin and were influenced by his friendship far more than I ever knew. Finally, I have learned I must take the opportunity to talk to others about Christ when I can. Unfortunately, I knew Justin well at a time in my life when I admittedly cared little about Christ. By the time I did, our lives had grown apart. I did speak with him a few times about Christ but I wonder if things would have been different if I had done so sooner?

Justin will be greatly missed. At his funeral, one preacher said, "Remember the good times!" that is exactly what I intend to do.

September 4, 2011

A.M. "Certain Truths About The Family For Uncertain Times" (Joshua 24:15) Brian Gregory, Speaker
P.M. "Add To Your Faith" (2 Peter 1:5-9) Brian Gregory, Speaker

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recovering from surgeries/procedures: -Charline

Gossett (knee replacement) Signature Rm. 102 -931-223-2102; **John Churchwell, Sr** (hip) NHC Columbia Rm. 143-A

Various illnesses/health/personal problems:

Martha Wilson; June Crigger (fall); **Randy Wood** (jaw & neck cancer) **Boyd's** brother; **Ila Goodman** NHC-Columbia 156-A; **Willie Matt Hinson** (Judy Barber's aunt) 352 Lynnwood Dr., Hohenwald, TN 38462; **Larry Anderson**-home; **Robert Norman** at son's home; **Bill & Mable Smith** - home; **Marsha Lunn; Barney Roland** (NHC Hillview Rm. 101-B); **Linda Hardy** (pancreatic & liver cancer); **Sandy Humphrey** (terminal cancer); **Frances Fitzgerald**-home (No visitors please); **Beverly Dawson; 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) not holding stable; **Betty Allen** (Mary Chumbley's daughter);

In The Hospital: Martha Sullivan (Jimmy McNeese's children's mother) MRMC 251 (critical with lung cancer); **Jamie Anthony "Tony" Harris** (Jan Thomason's brother)-Select Speciality Hospital Rm. 4516, 2000 Hayes St. Nashville, TN 615-284-4599; **Ainsley Hooper** (Lisa Kelley's co-worker's 5 month old daughter, Vanderbilt



Pray for our Servicemen & their families:

Kevin Mick (Afghanistan)

Kevin.eric.mick@us.army.mil

CPT MICK, KEVIN

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APO AE 09355

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

Brandon Hubbard

(Clayton & Myrna Jett's grandson)

Steven Kuykendall (Afghanistan)

(Ray's son)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Sept. 4th - Kent O'Donnell mission report during a combined adult class in large auditorium.

Sept. 5th - Labor Day! Office Closed

Sept. 25th - Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon in the annex following the morning Bible classes. Please sign sheet in foyer if you plan to attend so the proper amount of food can be provided.



Eastside has been blessed with caring individuals who sit with members when the need arises. If you'd like to be added to the list to called upon from time to time please sign the sheet in the foyer.

We also have members in need of transportation to and from our services otherwise they would not be able to attend. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you'd like to be on a rotation to help with this good work.



Non-perishable items are being collected through September to send to Steven Kuykendall who is in Afghanistan. Place items in mission barrel in foyer

Special thanks to all who contributed pillowcases for Somalia. 92 pillowcases were donated. They will be filled with rice, sent to Somalia then reused.

T.G.I.F.

Thank

God

I'm

Forgiven



Summits of the Psalms

By: Joe Macer

Psalm 86

86:11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Once again we have a man that is facing troubles within his life. God's intervention in his life was needed. He asked God to guard his life. Salvation was his plea. He beseeched God's mercy all day long. Joy was desired in his troubled life. Though he was struggling, his mind still focused on the traits of God. No matter how severe our troubles, do not forget to think of the wonderful traits of God. "There is none like you." "No deed can compare with yours." "You alone are God." His strong faith in God shows within his words. He also knew the words that God had used to describe himself – compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. They were believed and his desire was to see even more evidence of them in his life. "Give me a sign of your goodness."

The Psalmist had not forgotten his responsibilities. He needed to be a better man. In the midst of his troubles, he asked to be taught. No matter what comes our way, we need to see what we can learn and how we can improve ourselves. We are to be growing and sometimes the greatest growth comes from our trials. He promised to walk in the truth and so should we. An undivided heart was his longing. How strongly are our hearts fixed upon God and his ways? There should be no wavering but only a strong faith. If we find this is not the case, strongly pray for the undivided heart and spent much time in God's word. Let's always be looking for ways to make our lives more dedicated to the service of God.



Happy Birthday

Sept. 7th - Patsy Tyree
Sept. 8th - Faye Blocker
Sept. 9th - Jayden Massey
Sept. 10th - Judy Barber,
Bill Jones & Melba Pollard

Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



Sept. 11th - Youth Area Wide at Culleoka church of Christ.

Sept. 17th - R.U.S.H. at FHU \$30 (deadline Sept. 4th)

Sept. 24th - Teens Back to School Cookout

Please see Jody if you'd like to contribute to the Youth Scholarship Program

BIBLE BOWL 2011

Schedule:

September 4 - Review

September 10 - Bible Bowl 2011!!!!

September Theme: Family Relationships

Goal: Show your love for your family by doing a selfless act daily.

THE RECORD SPEAKS

August 28, 2011

Morning Worship.....	262
Bible Study.....	197
Evening Worship.....	137
Wednesday Evening.....	135
Budget.....	\$7,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,930.59

Building Fund Campaign

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

Exceeded the half-way mark...see chart in lobby.

Kid's Count Campaign: Jug in lobby thru end of yr

