

# 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.

### Wednesday

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

Youth Group  
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*

With the Christmas season officially underway, many people have been thinking about their finances and how much they can and cannot spend on Christmas presents. As those wish lists turn into the reality of I can or cannot afford it, we sometimes think about winning the lottery or finding a hidden fortune somewhere. The idea of having a huge lump sum of money given to us is appealing to everyone. Imagine for a moment if someone gave you a blank check to pay off all of your debt no matter how much you owed, 50,000, 100,000, 1,000,000, etc. . . . Whatever you needed to be debt free would be yours. What would you do? How would you react? Would you be responsible and live debt free the rest of your life? Would you even accept such a gift?

On one occasion God gave King Solomon what amounted to a blank check from Heaven. God told Solomon He would give him anything he asked for (1 Kgs. 3:5). As Solomon ponders this great opportunity, he finally asks for wisdom and an understanding heart to properly guide God's people (1 Kgs. 3:6-9). God, of course, granted this to him and even more because he did not ask for selfish things such as a long life, wealth or protection from his enemies.

As great as that occasion was, through the blood of Christ, God has written a blank check to the whole world to cover our debt of sin (Eph. 1:7; 1 Jn. 2:2). It is possible to live a life free from the burdens and debt of sin. No longer do you stand condemned (Rm. 8:1). No longer are you dead in your trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1). Just like being offered a blank check would require you to accept it and deposit it into your account to receive the benefits, one has to accept the blood of Christ to receive its benefits. Through our faith and coming into contact with the blood in baptism (Rm. 6:3-4), we receive the benefits of forgiveness and salvation. In appreciation of this gift freely offered to us through His grace, we act responsibly and live faithful Christ-like lives. With this in mind we should all be thankful God paid the price for something none of us could afford, salvation.

Brian

December 4, 2011

A.M. "What Is Holding You Back?" (Jeremiah 1:4-10) Joe Macer, Speaker

P.M. "Lies About Jesus" (Luke 23:1-5) Joe Macer, Speaker

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Recovering from surgeries/procedures:** Beth Jacobs (Beverly Wesley's sister) cataract; **Stormy Lyle**, (Mike's mother) colon surgery also Lymphoma treatments 6208 Old Town St., Newalla, OK 74857; ; **Joan Budenich** (cancer treatments); **Larry Derryberry** (Libby Moss' brother & Lisa Kelley's uncle) (not doing well)

### Various illnesses/health/personal problems:

**Martha Wilson; Gary Boyd (kidney stones); Darrell Brown** (knee surgery 12/6); **Danny Johnson; Robert Norman at Roberta Bolton's home; Mable Smith –home Bill Smith**-Life Care Center Rm. 242-A ; **Sue Ayers** (Linda Lasater's mother; **Albert Scribner, Sr.**, (grandfather of Byran Farris) Life Care Ctr. Tullahoma, TN Rm. 356; **Ainsley Hooper** (Lisa Kelley's co-worker's daughter); **Tom Johnson** (multiple myeloma cancer); **Randy Wood** (jaw & neck cancer) (**Boyd's** brother); **Ila Goodman**-home; **Sandy Humphrey** terminal cancer; **Linda Bell** treatments for bone cancer (Clyde Farris' sister); **Betty Allen** (Mary Chumbley's daughter); Shut-in & those in nursing homes.  
**IN THE HOSPITAL:** **Robert Norman** MRMC Rm. 391



### Pray for our Servicemen & their families:

**Clay Morgan**, (Home for 2 weeks back to Afghanistan 12/1st)

#### **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)  
1-107th AOB, FOB  
Tarin Kow T  
APO AE 09380



The annual "FILL A STOCKING" for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital project began Sunday. The stockings are on the round table in the foyer. The entire congregation is invited to participate. See Mike and Teresa Lyle if you have any questions.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Dec. 11th** - Primetimers' Christmas Party after pm service.

**Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st.** - Morning Service Time will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by regular Bible Classes. The P.M. Service will be an Abbreviated Devotional with the Lord's Supper Served. (No Children's Bible Hour either date)

**Jan. 7th** - Elders', Deacons', Ministers' Planning Breakfast In the annex 8:00 a.m.

**\*\*REMINDER:** In the event of an immediate member need or when communication of information is needed and you call the church office phone but are connected to an answering machine please feel free to call an elder, minister or Sherry's cell. Contact numbers s are listed on back of bulletin.\*\*



Laundry and Dish Detergent, Paper products, and toiletries (tooth paste, antiperspirant, soap, lotion, etc.)  
Please place in barrel in foyer.

We are happy to help anyone with a food need, please contact Edward Hargrove or call the church office.

### **THE RECORD SPEAKS**

**November 27, 2011**

Morning Worship.....	238
Bible Study.....	180
Evening Worship.....	138
Wednesday Evening.....	127
Budget.....	\$7,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,993.41

### **Building Fund Campaign**

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

**Kid's Count Campaign: Jug in lobby thru end of yr**  
(Hard Hats and shovels in annex for children that didn't get one at the ground breaking)

### **Heavy Equipment Moving Ground!**

For the latest ground breaking/construction photos! Visit our website:

November Theme: Employer/Employee relationships.  
Goal: To work for our employer as if we are working for the Lord.



## Summits of the Psalms

By: Joe Macer

### Psalm 99

99:5 Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Psalm 99 presents God as a king. Nations that came into his presence were to tremble. The same would apply to today because he is the king of all nations. He is much different than earthly kings in that he is mighty, holy, loved justice and he had established equity. He always does what is fair and right. This is just a sampling of the many extraordinary characteristics of God. These were true of the past in his dealings with Israel but they are just as true today as God deals with the world. God is in control; he is on his throne. His throne is in heaven and his feet rest upon the footstool which is earth. We are to worship him on this footstool.

God communicated to his people through such men as Moses, Aaron and Samuel. He spoke to them through the cloud and he informed men of his statutes and decrees. God expected his people to obey him. Although he was patient, he nevertheless came to the point that he punished for their disobedience. He remained a forgiving God and forgave the people when they repented. We must never forget that he acts in the same way today. He expected obedience and yet by the sacrifice of his Son we can find forgiveness. We must recognize his holiness and our weaknesses. These thoughts should cause us to worship him here upon his footstool. He is the King of Kings.

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## Happy Birthday



Dec. 5th - J.W. Gilliam & Kylie Kodatt

Dec. 6th - Matt Boyd & Donna Hubbell

Dec. 7th - John Churchwell, Jr.

Dec. 8th - Glenda Hunt & Martha Wilson

Dec. 9th - JoAnn Coleman

Dec. 10th - Cayla Hunt & Joyce Wilkinson

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Dear Ladies' Bible Class,  
We sincerely appreciate your prayers, visits and "care" package for Ted. This is very thoughtful of you. Thanks, Virginia Lindsey—Ted, too!

## Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



**December 4th** - Youth Rally at West 7th church of Christ. 2pm - 7pm. Drop teens off at West 7th building.

**December 7th** - Step It Up at 3:15pm

**December 17th.** Deadline to turn in CYC applications. They are available at [www.teenescape.org](http://www.teenescape.org) If you'd like to be a chaperone, please see Jody.

**December 18th** - Teens Christmas Party at the Hargrove's after evening service.

**December 19th** - Teens shopping day at Cool Springs.

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## YOUTH FOR CHRIST



**Dec. 4, 11** - Art says it ALL !!

**Dec. 4th** - Kickoff for 66 Club/Sword Carrying Club morning service.

**Dec. 18, Jan. 1,8** - Mass Media

## TWEENS

Sign-up sheet in foyer for devotional hosts for 2011-2012 school year

**Dec. 4th** - Tweens Devo will be hosted by Jim and Leigh Anna Pollard. Kids can be picked up at Gateway Tire Center at 8:15 p.m.

**Dec. 17th** - 2nd Grade and under Breakfast with Santa in the annex.

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## EDUCATION:

**Dec. 4th** - New quarter begins. Curriculum is on the front pew in small auditorium.

**Dec. 4th** - John Thomas and Brian Gregory will begin a new young adults' class in the Elders' conference room. (If you still need a book please see Brian.) Mike Lyle will begin a new class in the large auditorium. Joe Macer will continue his class in the small auditorium and Jim Pollard's class will continue in the annex.

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**WORSHIP LEADER December 4, 2011**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome & Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Richard Farris  
 Lord’s Supper: Presiding.....John Thomas  
 Serving:  
 Terry Burgess                                     John Massey  
 Ronnie Skelley                                    Benny Bolton  
 Sonny Hargrove                                 Jim Anderson  
 Offering  
 Read (Jeremiah 1:4-10).....Mike Lyle  
 Sermon: “What Is Holding You Back?”  
 Speaker: .....Joe Macer  
 Invitation  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jody Pritchett

**SUNDAY 5:30 p.m.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Tom Miller  
 Read (Luke 23:1-5).....Dennis Thomason  
 Sermon “Lies About Jesus”.....Joe Macer  
 Invitation  
 Lord’s Supper Presiding (In Deacon Room).....John Parker  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Gary Boyd

Ushers: Ed Hargrove, Ray Rummage, Bill Jones  
 Greeters: Jimmy Dawson; Tommy & Jadonna Hight  
 Audio/Visual Room: Trent Thomason

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (379-5560) or Joe Williams (388-9183).

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Iris Anderson  
   Tonya Boyd  
 P.M.....Rachel Farris  
   Connie White

**WEDNESDAY 12/7/11**

Song Leader .....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....DeWayne Hickman  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jimmy Dawson