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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

This week marks the religious holiday we call Easter. This holiday is intended to celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Although it was never commanded by God, it is one of two times a year (Christmas being the other) the world is thinking about Jesus. Personally, I wish the whole world thought seriously about Jesus daily, but twice a year is better than not at all. Some of the things associated with our modern Easter traditions are the Easter egg hunts, baskets, special Easter suits/ dresses and let's not forget the candy. I am all for candy having quite a sweet tooth myself, but I have noticed over the years, the continuous commercialization of something that at one time had great religious significance connected to it. Upon a trip to Wal-mart last year, I saw to my surprise there on display for all to purchase in commemoration of the Lord's death a hollow chocolate cross. To ensure greater sales, this company made it in two flavors, white and milk chocolate. When I first saw this I began to ask myself, "Is this really what the cross has come to mean?" Has the cross of Christ truly become little more than a hollow sugary treat?

Unfortunately I am afraid I am correct. To many, the cross has come to be nothing more than a hollow, sugary treat. It is sugary because it has been cheapened by some to the point most people only want to hear about the good things, the grace, salvation and forgiveness it represents, (i.e. the things easiest to swallow). It is hollow because it has no substance. For scores of people there is no change in their life, no denial of self and personally taking up their own cross to follow Christ daily (Mt. 16:24).

So what should and does the cross really represent? **First**, the cross represents the place where Jesus paid the price for the sins of the world (Heb. 2:9; 1 Jn 2:2). There in Jerusalem, the Son of God was condemned to one of the most cruel and shameful deaths ever known to man. There was nothing glamorous about crucifixion. In fact many feared it and no one talked about it if their loved one died in that manner. **Second**, it is the greatest proof of God's love for man (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:6-11). On the other side of this brutal death was the motivation of almighty God to reconcile mankind to Himself through the sacrifice of His Son. **Third**, the cross marks the changing point in the lives of those who believe in it. Paul said of his belief in the cross, that he had been crucified with Christ and as a result it was no longer he who lived but Christ living in him (Gal. 2:20). Indeed there was a change in Paul as a result of the cross. He went from persecutor (Acts 9:1-5) to preacher (1 Tim. 1:12-17).

Although to the modern world the cross may have become cheapened and little more than a symbol of a candy filled holiday, to those who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Cor. 1:18). What does the cross mean to you? Has it changed your life?

Note: the only mention of the Easter in the English Bible is (Acts 12:4) in the KJV only and should be translated Passover.

April 24, 2011 Happy Easter!

A.M. "Glory in the cross" (Galatians 6:14) Brian Gregory, Speaker

P.M. Youth For Christ (Young Men Conducting)

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recovering from surgeries/procedures: Tommy Hight, Sr.-NHC Hillview 116 (hip replacement); Barbara McNeese (knee replacement); Herman Willis (Charlie's brother); Patsy Long Rieves (Sarah Churchwell's niece) (cancer) more surgery soon; Danny Beard (shoulder); Peggy Wilson (back); Retha Jett (knee replacement); Larry Anderson; Beverly Dawson

Various illnesses/health/personal problems:

Martha Wilson; Shirley Womack (Ray Rummage's sister); John & Sarah Churchwell, Joan Graham Life Care Ctr. 122-A; Ray Hood (Nell's brother-in-law) Life Care Ctr.143-B; Linda Bell treatments for bone cancer (Clyde Farris' sister); Willene Willis (surgery 4/25) Charlie's sister-in-law); Coleen Pilkinton (cancer returned undergoing 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); 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:

Vanderbilt Children's Hospital: Kasen White
(Adam and Jenny's son) (pneumonia)



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,
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Brad A. Morgan, Nell Hood's grandson

Maj Brad A. Morgan, HHC, 326 ENG.BN., A.P.O. AE
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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.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Retha Jett and her family in the death of her mother, **Marie Slaughter**, whose funeral was Saturday.

Sympathy is also extended to **Gene Porter and Ann Brady** in the death of their cousin, Margaret McCormick, whose graveside service was Tuesday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



April 22nd - Good Friday

April 23rd - Easter Egg Hunt at Sammy and Lori's home 2:00 p.m. Parents bring finger-food.

April 24th - Easter & Youth for Christ Day

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.



May 1st - Eastside hosts Youth Rally. Evening Service time changes to 5:00 p.m.

May 8th - Mother's Day

May 13th - Family Dinner Fellowship at the shelter. Bring a potluck dish to share. Drinks will be provided

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.



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

THE RECORD SPEAKS

April 17, 2011

Morning Worship.....	233+
Teens Spring Retreat at Deer Run.....	27
Bible Classes.....	135
Evening Worship.....	119
Wednesday Evening.....	123
Budget.....	\$7,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,832.93



MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

April 18th, 2011

Total Attendance.....	53
Cards Written.....	94
Calls Made.....	0
Visits Made.....	0
Bags of Cookies Delivered.....	19

Next Date to Meet, May 2nd, 2011



Summits of the Psalms

By: Joe Macer

Psalm 67

67:1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us.

God's face will either shine upon us or his face will be hidden from us. The opening verse is an old expression declaring the need for the blessings of God. This the Psalmist desired for himself as well as for the nation. How great to be blessed by God and yet how terrible to find that he is against us. God is to be known among the nations. Amazingly the writer wants the nations to know of his salvation. We think of this as a New Testament concept and yet here is the same thought presented in the Old Testament. God is concerned about all nations.

Due to God's blessings, the people praised him. Mentioned specifically are these thoughts: First, God's blessings bring about joy. Second, you can count on God to rule justly. Third, when God blesses, the land will bring about its harvest. And last of all, the ends of the earth will fear him. This fear will bring about protection for God's people. God's blessings bring about a wonderful life. Today, ask this question to yourself. Is God's face shining upon me? If not, why not? Are you seeking to serve him and please him in all that you do? If God is blessing you, then who are you telling? The world needs to know of the wonderful blessings available from him. "May the peoples praise you, O God."

A Note from the Elders:

We Need Your Help.....

As you know we are making an effort to sell our property on East Valley Drive. From time to time potential buyers will be given a tour of our facilities. We want to "put our best foot forward" and make a good impression on anyone interested in purchasing the property, and this is where we need your help! We need our buildings and parking lots to be neat and clean and appear in "tip top shape". Please make an extra special effort to clean up after yourself personally and after activities/projects for which you are responsible or you help with. We can all pitch in and help with this effort. If you need help in clean-up or putting an area back to place, please let us know as soon as possible. If you discover something that needs attention, please let us know that need as well. Bill and Peggy Jones do an outstanding job keeping our buildings clean, and we are thankful for their efforts, but they shouldn't have to shoulder this responsibility alone. Last but certainly not least, please PRAY for our efforts in selling this property so that we are better able to fund the construction of our new facility on Pulaski Pike.

Thanks for your help in advance!
Your Elders

Youth News by Jody Pritchett



April 24th - There will be a meeting in the old auditorium at 4:30pm for those interested in the Bonaire Mission trip this summer.

April 30th - FUSION - Teen Scavenger Hunt at 4pm. Sign up in foyer. \$3 for pizza.

May 1st - May 1st - We are hosting the May Youth Area Wide. We will have our evening worship at 5:00 p.m. then go to the skating rink for food, devo and skating. Cost to skate is \$4 for each student. Parents, please pick up your kids at 8:30 p.m. at the skating rink. There is a sign up sheet to help provide food in the foyer. Bring food to the annex before the 5:00 p.m. service.

Maury Christian Camp Applications are now available!

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

April 24th - Youth For Christ Sunday!!!!!!!
Special recognition to members of 66 Club and Sword Carrying Club after A.M. Service
3:30 p.m. Ladies' Worship Service led by the young ladies.
5:30 p.m. Service conducted by the young men
6:30 p.m. Potluck celebration w/Art and Mass Media recognition.



Happy Birthday

April 24th - Charlotte Attkisson & Charline Gossett

April 27th - Barry Brown & Cole Farris
April 29th - Randy Jones

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WORSHIP LEADER April 24, 2011



SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

- Welcome & Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
- Prayer.....Charlie Willis
- Lord's Supper: Presiding.....DeWayne Hickman
- Serving:
- John Allen Thomas Jesse Gilliam
- Terry Burgess Bill Jones
- Bobby Hunt Zayne Parker
- Offering
- Read (Galatians 6:14).....Dennis Thomason
- Sermon: "Glory in the Cross".....Brian Gregory
- Invitation
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

Ushers: J.W. Gilliam, Joe Williams, Ed Hargrove
 Greeters: Blake & Jessica Daniels; Randy & Melissa Jones
 Audio/Visual Room: Jim Pollard

SUNDAY

3:30 p.m. Ladies' worship
5:30 p.m. Young Men Conducts

- Welcome.....John Thomas
- 2 Songs.....Sam Quirk
- Read (Psalm 134).....Jacob Pollard
- Prayer.....J.D. Davis
- Lesson.....John Allen Thomas
- Song.....Daniel Thomas
- Lesson.....Zayne Parker
- Song.....Jacob Pollard
- Read (John 3:16).....Will Patterson
- Lesson.....Daniel Thomas
- Song.....Trent Thomason
- Lesson/Invitation.....Sam Quirk
- Invitation & Closing Songs.....Trent Thomason
- Lord's Supper Presiding in deacon room.....John Kodatt
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jody Pritchett

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.....Debbie Massey
 Rita Skelley
- P.M.....JoAnn Coleman
 Jan Thomason

WEDNESDAY 04/27/2011 (Prayer Service)

- Song LeaderJoe Macer
- Prayer.....Randy Jones
- Announcements/Speaker.....John Thomas