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# Informer

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## *Schedule of Services*

### Sunday

Morning Wor-  
ship 9:00 a.m.

Bible Classes  
10:15 a.m.

Evening Wor-  
ship 5:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Ladies' Bible  
Class  
10:00 a.m.

Bible Study  
6:30 p.m.

Teens in Youth  
Center 6:30  
p.m.

Working for  
the Master  
(Sunday nights  
as announced)

*2012 Theme*  
*"Building on the  
Rock"*

## *How I See It. By: Brian Gregory*

Oh it is finally that time of year again, Christmas is around the corner. Believe it or not despite the sunny and 70 degree weather, it is December. This year has been filled with lots of things. As a congregation, we have had several baptisms and a few other responses. We have moved to a new location and since then had a few families want to place their membership with us. We have also said good bye to a few friends who have gone on to their reward. On a personal note Amanda and I had our fourth and final child. Soon we all will be saying good-bye to 2012 and hello 2013.

As we think about the ensuing holiday season and the gift giving that will occur, I am amazed at how what we want for Christmas and even our perspective changes as we get older. As a child I wanted Lego sets, He-Man action figures and anything with Hulk Hogan on it. I still have in my office a Hulk Hogan figure I got when I was five. As a teenager I wanted a guitar and clothes. Later I wanted a car. As an adult, I still want toys but now they are more expensive and dangerous such as power tools and guns. My parents seem to enjoy Christmas but more from the, "I like to see the grandkids" perspective.

Apart from attaching any religious significance to this holiday, I enjoy it. What if we all changed our perspective and views about Christmas? I do not mean stop gathering with friends and family or gift giving. What if instead of thinking about what "I want" and hope to get, we thought more about what others need and want for us (i.e., meaningful relationships, kindness, respect, etc. .). It is sad when parents and grandparents for example would prefer to buy children a gift instead of investing in the relationship. What if we focused upon giving as much to God and the church as we do to our friends and families? For instance, think about what you will have spent on Christmas presents this year. Is it \$200, is it \$1,000 or more? Think about how long you have to work to earn that much. For most it is a week or more. Then think about giving that much in time and service to God in some way. When we start to think about ways to give outside of a wrapped present, we soon find ourselves reevaluating our wants and needs and changing our perspective about what is really most important. Christmas is a season that will pass like every other season. However, we can live and give in the above mentioned ways everyday of the year.

December 9, 2012

A.M. "This Place Called Hell" (Matthew 7:21-23) Brian Gregory, Speaker

P.M. "One Another Part 2" (Romans 12:10) Brian Gregory, Speaker



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**December 15, 5:00 p.m.** - Primetimers' Christmas Party - \$7.00 per person, \$1.00 Dirty Santa Gift, Items for college care packages. Sign-up sheet in foyer.

**December 21** - Primetimers' Trip to see "A Sanders Family Christmas" - **cancelled**.

**Open House**  
**South Gate Church of Christ**  
**December 9, 2012**  
**2:00 to 4:00 P.M.**

**If you have keys to the Eastside building please turn them in. You may put them in the box on the long table behind the auditorium.**



*Our hearts are saddened at the death of **Retha Slaughter Jett** and our deepest sympathy is extended to her family. Retha passed away on Sunday. Her funeral was today.*

## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

### Recovering from surgeries/procedures:

**Eddie Rogers** (hip replacement) home (out-patient therapy); **Betty Roland** (broken ankle) - at Jadonna's; **Amanda Gregory** - outpatient foot surgery; **Peggy Brent**, sister of Elizabeth Hargrove - hip replacement - NHC Cool Springs; **Gary Boyd** - surgery Dec. 6th.

### Various illnesses/health/personal problems:

**Martha Wilson; Ruth and Robert Childress; Tyler Willis**, son of Clifton - 16 Fawn Creek, New Johnsonville, TN 37134; **Randy Curtis**, stepfather of Brian Gregory - blood clot; **Hazel Holder** (JoAnn Coleman's mother); **Gerald Boyd** (Gary's dad) -321 Pine St. Pulaski, TN 38478; **Bernice Bratton; Barbara McNeese - James Ed Pollard; Ennis and Mae Warf; Virginia Staggs** (Poplar Estates Rm. 101); **Dino Tzanetos** - Mission in Greece.

**Cancer: Ariana Rojas; Gema Winchester** (Graymere's Mission Minister's 28 yr. old wife) (stomach) improved; **Gabbi Cook; Martha Whiteside, Celia Owens** (W.7th minister, Randy's wife (breast)); **Frances Brown** (Barry's mother) lung; **Tammy McCoy; Andrea Spears; Beth Foster; Susan Horton; Sue Ayers** (Linda Lasater's mother (bone cancer);

### **In the Hospital:**

**Reba Jones** - MRMC, Rm. 103, heart stint surgery; **Donald White** - MRMC, Rm. 370.

### ***SOUTH GATE LADIES RETREAT***

*March 1 and 2, 2013 - Marriott Cool Springs*

*Theme: "Directions For Life" (Psalm 16:11)*

*Speaker: Janie Frizzell from Crieve Hall*



**Pray for our Servicemen & families:**

**Brandon Hubbard**

(Clayton & Myrna Jett's grandson)



## **Happy Birthday**

December 9 - JoAnn Coleman

December 10 - Joyce Wilkinson

December 11 - Jim Pollard

December 13 - Sherry Brown, John Thomas

December 14 - Dorothy Johnson

## **THE RECORD SPEAKS**

**December 2, 2012**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Morning Worship.....    | 268        |
| Bible Study.....        | 232        |
| Evening Worship.....    | 169        |
| Wednesday Evening ..... | 186        |
| Budget.....             | \$7,000.00 |
| Contribution.....       | \$7,738.15 |

### **Working For The Master**



Please report to Gary Boyd all outreach you do during the week (phone calls, visits, cards sent)

**Next Meeting - January 27, 2013**



## One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

### The Walls Were Listening

Joshua 24:27

"See!" he said to all the people. "This stone will be a witness against us.

It has heard all the words the Lord has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God.

Many months ago Randy told of the desire to read the entirety of the Bible within the walls of our new building. I thought it was an excellent idea and looked forward to it happening. The Bible is a large book and yet I am thrilled to say it was read from Genesis 1 all the way through unto Revelation 22 by our congregation. I saw a great deal of excitement and many people longing to do even more. I believe that it helped to unify us as a congregation as well. As I considered this project, and before and after I read, I thought about who was listening. One afternoon as I read there was basically no one listening and on Saturday morning as I completed my reading in Revelation there were about a dozen sitting in the auditorium listening. But do you know what was listening? The walls, the pews, the pulpit and many other objects were listening.

I know - the walls do not have ears. But consider what Joshua told the people long ago. Joshua proclaimed that he and his house would serve the Lord. The Jewish people replied that they would as well. Joshua said, "You are not able to serve the Lord." They argued and said they could. This happened a few times and then Joshua set up a stone under an oak tree. Reread the 27th verse again. The rock heard and it would be a witness against the people if they stopped serving God. Think about this: Brothers and sisters, the walls of our building have heard the words of the Lord and it will be a witness against us if we are untrue to our God.

### NURSERY PROGRAM

For the benefit of mothers and fathers to remain in the worship service, a nursery is provided with qualified attendants to care for your children ages infant to 2 years. We do request that should you choose to remain with your child, respect be shown to all, as this is not a time to visit but is still a time of worship. A monitor has been provided for this purpose.

Cecelia Willis and Brecca Snyder have been asked to assist with the nursery program attendants.

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**December Theme:** Our love for the prize, Heaven  
**Goal:** Never forget the purpose of why we moved

## Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



Theme: "Teens Stepping Forward in 2012"

[www.teenescape.org](http://www.teenescape.org)

**CYC 2013 February 22 – 24** - Applications can be downloaded at [www.teenescape.org/applications](http://www.teenescape.org/applications) They are due December 19th.

**December 16, 4:30 p.m.** - Youth For Christ Leaders meeting

**December 16** - Teen Christmas Party at the Hargrove's after evening service. Bring finger foods. Girls bring girls gift under \$10 and boys bring boys gift under \$10.

**December 20** - Teens Shopping Trip and Ice Skating in Nashville

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to announce that **Cheyenne & Jennifer McNeese** were baptized last week and placed membership with our congregation. They have two children, Chloe and Brandon. Their address is 3014 Glenstone Dr., phone - 381- 8548.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Jay and Kim Morgan** and their children, **David and Trey**, have moved to 1101 West 7th St., Apt. 7., Columbia.

### BIBLE READ THRU

The Bible Read Thru last weekend was a great success. Over 100 people participated and, in fact, the reading of the entire Bible was completed early Saturday morning.



### STOCKING DRIVE

We are again filling stockings for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Stockings and a list of items needed are in the lobby. December 16th is the deadline to fill and return them to us for delivery.

**If you ordered a South Gate T-shirt, please pick it up as soon as possible. They are located in the Elders' Office.**

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**DEACONS**

|                 |              |              |              |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Benny Bolton    | 931-379-3314 | John Massey  | 931-381-1610 |
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**WORSHIP LEADER December 9, 2012**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Randy Jones  
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....John Thomas  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Donnie Davis  
 Serving:  
     Gary Boyd                      Tom Miller  
     Barry Cross                    Byran Farris  
     Charlie Willis                 Ryan Massey  
     Johnnie Johnson             Danny Lasater  
 Offering  
 Read (Matthew 7:21-23).....Sam Quirk  
 Sermon: "This Place Called Hell"                      Brian Gregory  
 Invitation  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Jimmy Dawson  
 Read (Romans 12:10).....Joe Macer  
 Sermon: "One Another Part 2"  
 Speaker.....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Jim Pollard  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris



Ushers: Jim Anderson, J.W. Gilliam, Benny Bolton  
 Greeters: Tommy & Jadonna Hight, JoAnn Johnson, Lisa Kelley  
 Audio/Visual Room: Jonathan Macer  
 Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

**If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183).**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Bridget Steelman, Natalie Thomas  
 P.M.....Marisa Massey, Kristi Mick

**WEDNESDAY December 12, 2012**

Song Leader .....Dennis Thomason  
 Prayer.....Mike Lyle  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Greg Lusk