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Schedule of Services

Sunday
Worship
9:00 a.m.

Bible Classes
10:15 a.m.

Evening Worship
5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Ladies'
Bible Class
10:00 a.m.

Bible Study
6:30 p.m.

Teens
Youth Center
6:30 p.m.

Working for
the Master
(Sunday nights
as announced)

2013 Theme
*"But be doers of
the word and not
hearers only"*
James 1:22

How I See It. By: Brian Gregory

This past weekend in Brazil, a fire broke out at a packed night club when a flare used by the band as part of their show caused the ceiling to catch fire. In the ensuing panic, hundreds of people fled for their lives. Sadly over 240 people never made it out. The fumes from the toxic smoke and flames killed many. Although I have not heard, I am sure several people were trampled to death. It was reported, when fire fighters arrived on the scene many men who had been inside were helping them fight their way back inside to save others and help them get out and also remove those who had died.

So far several people have been arrested. For the following reasons. First, there was no working fire extinguisher or sprinkler system. Second, there was only one way in and out. So there were no emergency exits. Finally, it is likely the club was packed beyond capacity. All of this could have and should have been avoided. In the past decade there have been several other such night club tragedies throughout the world including a similar one in Rhode Island a few years ago. Although the people arrested were not the direct cause of the fire they will be prosecuted in connection with these deaths because they failed to provide basic safety measures that could have saved hundreds of lives. How tragic!

When a fire breaks out we all understand the sense of urgency and panic that transpires. Lives are in danger! If someone is in harms way we will do all we can to get them away from or out of the fire. How often do we see sin as a cause of panic and alarm? Why is it that we fail or refuse to warn others about the ensuing danger? So often sin causes a raging inferno in our lives. It has many forms, sex, drugs, alcohol, lying, unfaithfulness, cheating, stealing, etc. . . Paul even gave us a broad list in Galatians 5:19-21. How fitting it is that Jude captured this urgency when he spoke of "snatching them out of the fire" (Jude 23) in connection with the coming of the Lord.

In the Brazilian night club there was only one way to escape the fire and only one way to their salvation. Likewise, when we are trapped by the fires of sin there is only one way out and one way to our salvation, Jesus (Jn. 14:6). Out of all the worlds religions and their combined teachings, only Jesus has ever claimed to be the way of salvation. There are fires burning all around us. Sometimes the fire is raging in our own life. When it is why not admit it and find the way out. No, we cannot save everyone but we can at least see the urgency and warn them of the dangers.

February 3, 2013

A.M. "Show Me Your Faith" (James 2:14-18) Brian Gregory, Speaker

P.M. "A Promise Fulfilled, A Ministry Revealed" (Mark 1:2-3) Brian Gregory, Speaker



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SOUTH GATE MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Walnut Ln. Room 152-A
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Robert and Ruth Childress
- Mary Chumbley
- Darlene Church - NHC Hillview 202-B
- John & Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Mae Daniels
- Beverly Dawson
- Paula Gilliam - recovering from surgery
- Ila Goodman
- Doris Inman - NHC Hillview 217-B
- Margaret Johnson
- Reba Jones
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215 (back problems)
- Nell Legg - Morning Pointe 119
- Frances Petty
- Faye Pollard - lung cancer
- Emma Jean Ragsdale
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview 101-B
- Betty Roland
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates 101
- Donald White - surgery
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Van Brown
- Imogene Tatum (aunt of Edith Burgess)
- Karen Lockridge - cancer
- Patricia Luther - cancer
- Bob McKnight, husband of Tennie
- Celia Owens-cancer
- Sharon Riley-eye cancer
- Ariana Rojas-2nd grader (cancer)
- Jeff Denton-cancer
- Gema Winchester
- Elley Colvett
- Frances Brown-lung cancer
- Little Gabbi Cook-treatments
- Hazel Holder
- Susan Horton - cancer
- Jenny Miller - breast cancer
- Jack & Daisy White
- Brandon Hubbard
- Delinda Anthony , sister Abigail Anthony
- (Serviceman - Clayton & Myrna Jett's grandson)

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to our prayer list, please notify the office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Happy Birthday

- Feb. 2 - Ethel Spears
- Feb. 3 - Andrew Snyder
- Feb. 4 - Ethan Lovett, Helen Lusk
Betty Roland
- Feb. 6- Rachel Cross, Johnny Smith
Beverly Wesley, Dewayne Wesley
- Feb. 7- Chaney Farris, Shea Lentz
- Feb. 8 Cladie Pollard
- Feb. 9 - Barrow Brown, Edward Hargrove,
Katherine Nicholson, Andrea Scott,
Matthew Snyder, Hillary Williams

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Linda Mabry
 414 Rutherford Lane
 Columbia, TN 38401 Phone 381-7497

ADDITIONAL SICK

- Charles Geruntino – Chemo Treatments (Relative of Larry Nicholson)
- Louis Farley - Father of Kelly Lusk, 1719 Sycamore Rd, Benton KY 42025
- Lucille Massey - MRMC Rm. 374

THE RECORD SPEAKS

January 27, 2013

Morning Worship.....	277
Bible Study.....	214
Evening Worship.....	176
Wednesday Evening	176
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$7,348.00



One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer



Have You Forgotten to Eat?

John 4:32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about.

I have always marveled at this statement by our Lord. Jesus was tired and sat down at a well in Samaria. This well had long been known as Jacob's well. The disciples had left him and went in search of food. We do not know how long the disciples were gone, but it appears to be a while. During their absence the Lord had a conversation with a woman at the well. It was a lengthy conversation as far as Biblical conversations go. At the conclusion of the conversation, the disciples returned just in time to see this woman leave to go back to town.

Only one thing was on their mind - let's eat. They urged him to eat but he replied, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Wondering out loud, they asked, "Could someone have brought him food?" Jesus and the disciples were talking about two different things. The disciples only thought of the physical. Jesus explained to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." Jesus was speaking of the spiritual. The conversation with this woman was about showing himself as the Messiah and furthering the cause of God. To our amazement the passage implies that he forgot his physical hunger and tiredness when he became involved in the spiritual work. Have you ever forgotten to eat or refused to eat because there was a greater spiritual work to do? O, that we would see our opportunities and seize them considering them even more important than a meal. Just maybe we would have the same result as our Lord and many would believe our message.

TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME COIN BOXES

Coin boxes for the Tennessee Children's Home are in the lobby. Please take one of these boxes and put your extra change in it during the next two months and return it to the office. This is a great benefit to the home and they appreciate your help so much.

NEW CLASS

John Thomas begins a new class Feb. 6th for men entitled "Straight Talk for Men."

NEED

Baby High Chairs are need for the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate one, see Gary Boyd.

Chili Cook-off

Saturday, February 9, 5:00 p.m.

Our South Gate Teens are in the process of designing a new playground beside the fellowship hall. The playground will keep the younger kids out of harm's way. The cost for this project is approximately \$15,000.

Everyone is invited to the Teens' 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off. This is an opportunity for you to make a donation to this project, fellowship, and vie for the title of "Best Chili at South Gate." Chefs are asked to please have their chili at the building by 4:50 p.m. The prize is "bragging rights" until the next cook-off. In addition to the cook-off, a **Playground Silent Auction** will be held. If you would like to donate a new item for this, please contact Tom Miller.

CYC 2013 February 22 – 24

PRIMETIMERS:

Plans to attend the Culleoka School annual Sweets & Song production on Friday Feb. 8th. Tickets are \$10.00. Plans for a Soup & Sandwich dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. The bus will leave at 6:15 p.m. If you need transportation from home, please contact Kevin or Kristi. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

The annual Primetimer's dinner will be held on Feb. 16, in the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:00 p.m.. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

February 10th, 5 p.m.

Area-wide at the Highland Church of Christ.

Working for the Master

Next Meeting :

Sunday Night February 10, 2013

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WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 3, 2013

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
Prayer.....Joe Macer
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Randy Jones
Serving:
Tom Miller Jim Anderson
Tommy Hight Donnie Davis
Chase Thomason Jimmy Dawson
Jesse Gilliam Jason Kelley

Offering

Read...(James 2:14-18).....Bryan Farris
Sermon: "Show Me Your Faith"..... Brian Gregory
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 p.m.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Blair Keeling
Prayer.....Boyd Wood
Read.....(Mark 1 :2-3).....Kevin Mick
Sermon: "A Promise Fulfilled, A Ministry Revealed"
..... Brian Gregory
Lord's Supper Presiding.....Richard Farris
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....John Thomas

Ushers: Gary Boyd, Jerry Barber, DeWayne Hickman
Greeters: Jerry Williams, Alice Williams, Charlie & Cecelia Willis
Audio/Visual Room: Jason Snyder

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton

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.....JoAnn Coleman, Linda Weaver
P.M.....Cheryl Thornton, Jessica Daniels

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Song LeaderJohn Woodason
Prayer.....Charlie Willis
Announcements/Speaker.....Jim Pollard