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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"

How I See It. By: Brian Gregory

Over the past few months life has become really busy for my wife and me. Specifically on September 25, 2012 is when things started to pile on. This was the day my princess (a.k.a. Alaina) was born. The addition of a fourth child into a family with three rowdy and active boys makes for a little chaos. It seems life is busy in general. We purposefully fill our schedules with things and then complain about how we have no time or we are just too busy. It is unfortunate how we have made "busy" out to be a god. We worship at its altar often with things like work, sports, hobbies, shopping, etc. . . .

While it is true we do live busy lives, there are still only 24 hours a day and 365 a year. We get so caught up in life and things that keep us busy, time starts to slip away from us with our paying attention to it. For example, I cannot believe February is almost over. It really seems like it should only be the first of the month instead of the last. Despite all of the things we find to fill our time with, God has warned us about that very thing. "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise making the most of your time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16). That's right, God warns us that we must make the most of our time. Obviously some days are better spent than others but how can I make the most of the time I have?

First, prioritize. I always find it interesting that we can find time to do the things we really want to do. You know the games, concerts, trips to the lake or river, nights out with the friends. Yet, somehow we cannot make it to church on a regular basis and our spiritual life suffers greatly. This is really a matter of priorities. Make God your top priority, don't just say it do it and see how much your life is changed for the better (Mt. 6:33).

Second, take time and make time. Sometimes you just have to purposefully stop and do it. We all put off things that need to be done and sometimes we have to find time to do them by making the time. As His popularity was growing and He could no longer show His face in public without being swarmed, Jesus still sought time alone in prayer and quiet time with God. Mark tells us He got up before day light (Mk. 1). Luke records many occasions when He prayed alone (Lk. 8-9). Jesus made time for God and what was most important.

Third, multitask. Brain scientists tell us it is impossible to truly multitask (i.e., give equal attention to multiple things at once). We really only focus on one thing at a time. I do not mean text while driving and making coffee. What I mean is find ways to incorporate serving God and *showing* others about Jesus in your life daily. Be kind and go the extra mile at work for others. Treat others lovingly even those you don't like. Submit to your boss even if he is a jerk. Be a servant in your home, at work and public. Find a way to let your light shine. We all have 24 hours a day, how will you make the most of yours?

February 24, 2013

A.M. "Watch and Pray" (Matt. 26: 36-46) Joe Macer, Speaker

P.M. Bill Alsop, Speaker



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SOUTH GATE MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm.107
- 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 - MRMC, Rm. 394
- Beverly Dawson
- Ila Goodman
- Doris Inman - NHC Hillview 217-B
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215 (back problems)
- Nell Legg - Morning Pointe 119
- Mike Lyle - outpatient procedure 2/19
- 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
- Diane Upchurch
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Imogene Tatum (aunt of Edith Burgess)
- Karen Lockridge - cancer
- Patricia Luther - cancer
- Celia Owens-cancer
- Paul Kennedy - Donelson Place, 2733 McCampbell Ave.,
Rm. 124B, Nashville, TN 37214-2913
- James Allen – cancer, nephew of Faye Pollard, c/o Virginia
Evans, 496 Candleberry Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740
- Sharon Riley-eye cancer
- Ariana Rojas-2nd grader (cancer)
- Jeff Denton-cancer
- Frances Brown-lung cancer
- Little Gabbi Cook-treatments
- Hazel Holder
- Susan Horton - cancer
- Brandon Hubbard -Serviceman
(Clayton & Myrna Jett's grand-
son)

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 1, 2 - South Gate Ladies Retreat

Sample T'Shirt For Ladies Retreat is available.
See Teresa Lyle if you wish to place an order.
Deadline to order is Sunday, February 24.

Happy Birthday

Feb. 25. - Jimmy Dawson, Rita Gray

Feb. 26. - Bill Carroll, Kristi Mick

Feb. 27 - Rachel Farris

Feb. 28 - Monica Cromer

Vickie Hays (Leap Year)

ADDITIONAL SICK

Velma Davidson - aunt of Kay Beard
Jennifer Fetters - cancer (friend of the Lasaters)
Jenny Miller - breast cancer
Jack & Daisy White
Delinda Anthony, sister of Abigail Anthony
Charles Geruntino - Chemo Treatments (Relative of
Larry Nicholson)
Mary Elizabeth Vick
Emily King - cystic fibrosis
Andrea Spears - bone cancer
Bob Dugger - husband of Joyce, who attends Ladies Bible
Class, 3283 Big Oak Lane, Spring Hill, TN 37174
Lydia Powell, daughter of Vera Mae Daniels, chemo treatments
111 Morningside Lane
Harold Autry, father of Teresa Lyle - home
Helen Lusk - knee replacement - NHC Hillview, Rm.. 109-B
Nataline Hill - home

THE RECORD SPEAKS

February 17, 2013

Morning Worship.....	281
Bible Study.....	198
Evening Worship.....	189
Wednesday Evening	151
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$7,968.00



**WORKING FOR THE MASTER
Meets Again - February 24
Following Evening Worship**



One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

When You Were Called

I Corinthians 1:26 “Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.”

Do you ever stop to think about how you became a Christian? Most of us have a story to tell as to the process of making the decision to obey the Lord. Many of us had parents or a relative that taught us the gospel. Timothy developed his faith through his mother and his grandmother. Others have become Christians because of a friendship. Our friends are very influential in our lives and they certainly hold some persuasion with us. It may very well be that our contact with the gospel was through a neighbor or a coworker. These situations are due to relationships. Most of these people were somewhat similar to us. Consider the above statement given by the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 1:26. Where will our greatest chance for success be when presenting the gospel?

In speaking of the Corinthian’s congregation, Paul stated that not many were wise by human standards. Think of the vast majority of our university campuses today. How many welcome Christianity? How many discuss the gospel? It seems human wisdom leads the majority away from the Scriptures. Thankfully there are many highly intelligent Christians but most human intelligence leads people away from God. Secondly, he mentions influence. How many powerful people do you know that are Christians? With influence and power, the desire to serve the Creator is usually lacking. The third group is those of noble birth. In reading the Scriptures, it is rare to find royalty that was interested in the gospel. Often royalty sees the gospel as a threat to them. We must take the gospel to the entire world but where will we have the greatest probability for success? It will be with people much like ourselves and with those we can build relationships.

2013 Theme: What a Christian Does

February Goal: A Christian shows their faith by works.
(James 2:18)



CYC 2013 February 22 – 24

Keep this group of young people in your prayers while they are on this trip.

Feb. 24 - Tweens will go to the home of Barrow and Carla Brown following evening worship. The van will return to the church building at approximately 8:15 p.m.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Sheryl Upchurch** and her family in the death of her grandmother, **Hattie Blocker**, whose funeral was Sunday.

Sympathy is also extended to **John and Sarah Churchwell** in the death of their niece, **Mattie Ann Hall**, whose funeral was Monday in Wyndot, Michigan.

THANK YOU

Dear South Gate Friends, I want to thank every one for all the nice things that were done for me while I was sick. I enjoyed the cards so much and all your visits, food and the prayers said for me meant so much. They all helped make the time pass faster. I love every one.

Reba Jones

Dear South Gate Family, Beverly and I greatly appreciate the love, kind words, and prayers expressed in the Feb. 13th bulletin. Words are not adequate to express how much we appreciate the love, prayers, cards, and thoughtfulness expressed to us at holiday times, birthdays, sickness and other occasions thru the years. We love all of you and you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers and we wish to continue to be in yours. In Christian Love, Jimmy & Beverly Dawson



Thanks to everyone who had a part in making the Primetimers Banquet such a success. As usual, the food was good, the decorations were beautiful, and

all the games were enjoyed. It was a great time of fellowship for all.

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WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 24, 2013**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jody Pritchett
 Serving:

Danny Lasater	Cody Spires
Ronnie Skelley	David White
Tommy Skelley	Jonathon Macer
Ryan Massey	Jerry Williams

Offering
 Read (Matthew 26:36-46).....Blake Daniels
 Sermon: "Watch and Pray".....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Byran Farris
 Read:.....Dewayne Hickman
 Sermon:.....Bill Alsop
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Ed Hargrove
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

Ushers: Bill Jones, Tom Miller, Bobby Daniels
 Greeters: James & Roberta Bolton, Charles & Doris Bassham
 Audio/Visual Room: Jim Pollard

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.....Kasey Cross, Linda Kuykendall
 P.M.....Sharon Davis, Jennifer Davis

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2013

Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Jerry Wilson
 Announcements/Speaker.....Brian Gregory