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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.
(Sept. - May)

Bible Study
6:30 p.m.

Teens Youth Center
6:30 p.m.

Working for the Master
(Sunday nights as announced)

2014 Theme
"GOD'S F.A.M.I.L.Y."
Acts 2:37-47

How I See It. By: Brian Gregory

As I have been reading through the Bible this year, it has been rewarding to plumb the depths of God's word while being reminded of many things and most importantly learning more. It is almost like a treasure hunt or mining for gems. The more you search and the deeper you dig, the more you will find. Let me share with you one such gem I recently found.

Leviticus is Israel's holiness code. It's whole theme is how sinful man can approach a Holy God. The answer is found in sacrifices offered through a set apart priesthood and abiding by God's laws. As Moses directed this revelation to Israel, he had to consecrate (choose and set apart) the priests. As part of this process (Lev. 8-9), they were to be washed with water (symbolically and physically cleansing them), dressed in special garments and offer special sacrifices. Some of the blood of these animals was to be placed upon their right ear lobes, thumbs and big toes (Lv. 8:23). When we understand the why behind this the significance becomes much clearer. The right side was viewed as the principle side. Even today we raise our right hands to take an oath and shake with our right hands. When the blood was placed upon their ear lobe, they were to always hear God's word. The thumb meant they were to always serve the Lord. The toe meant they were to always walk in the way of holiness before God.

Since many O.T. things were foreshadowing and pointing to lots of N.T. things, here is some of the application for us. When we are baptized into the death of Christ (Rm. 6:1-4) we contact His blood. Thus we are washed in His sight and set apart for His service as priests (1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Pt. 2:9-10). Certain parts of our bodies have not been singled out but instead our entire body has been washed in His blood. Our special garments are now a life clothed in Christ (Gal. 3:27). The special sacrifice we offer to God is not a dead animal, instead we offer ourselves to Him as a living sacrifice (Rm. 12:1-2). So how much more should we who have been washed in baptism, covered in His blood and now clothed with Christ, always hear God's word, serve the Lord and walk in the way of holiness?

Brian

March 23, 2014

A.M. - "Shepherding The Flock" (1 Peter 5:1-4) Brian Gregory - Speaker
P.M. - "Working As One Body (Romans 12:1-5) John Thomas - Speaker

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:
SOUTH GATE MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Sue Ayers - NHC Hillview, Rm. 108
- Ann Brady
- Barry Brown
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- Darlene Church - NHC Hillview, Rm. 202-B
- O.G. Church - home, recovering from surgery
- John & Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox - home
- Vera Daniels
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 136A
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - MRMC, Rm. 103-B
- Emma Jean Ragsdale
- Shirley Riley - injuries from fall
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview 101-B
- Albert Spears
- Ethel Spears - NHC Columbia, Rm. 136-A
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Tommy Hayes - ankle surgery, Eddie Jellenc/friend/Smiths - MRMC ICU, Adrian Johnson/friend/Nicholsons, Billy Ledford - nephew/Lorene Hickman, NHC Hillview, Rm. 107, Jay Morgan, Kim's husband, Eddie Truber - friend/David Mann, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Lynn Pollard, Bob Logan, Beth Chumbley, Virginia Robinson - aunt/Jadonna Hight, Jennie Evans, sister/Karen Mann, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Imogene Purdom & Charles Fike, brother & sister/ Helen Lusk, Dorothy Rea, sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman - melanoma, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Jimmy Johnson - cousin/Libby Moss - cancer, Carla Ragsdale - home, Clint Fitzgerald, father/Kim, Mary Paul Lasater, mother/Danny - home, Little Gatlin Macer, Lorene Doggett, Karen Lockridge - cancer, Patricia Luther, Jennifer Fetters (friend/Lasater's), Sharon Riley, Frances Brown - cancer, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, Melissa Peterka, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister/Kaye Beard, Travis Jett, Sherry Nicholson - sister-in-law/Larry Nicholson, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Kathy Kelley, aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller - breast cancer, Beverly Dawson, Susan Horton - cancer, Jack & Daisy White, David Heffington - cancer, Carol Archer - Diane Upchurch's cousin, Susan Horton - cancer, Karina Pierce - mother/ Robin Weaver, Wayne Lankford - friend/Brian Gregory, Brent Hendrickson - cancer, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Joan VanHooser - cancer, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Geraldine Wise - sister/Linda Luna, Faye Kelley, Jason Kelley's aunt

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SOUTH GATE EVENTS**



March 23: Working For The Master

Menu: Lasagna & Salad Cost \$3 ea Bring Desserts

March 30: 5th Sunday Building Fund Contribution

Potluck Luncheon Honoring New Members

12:45 Afternoon Worship - Young Men To Conduct

April 11, 12: Men's Advance - Henry Horton

Speaker: Jeremy Butt Sign up in the foyer

Happy Birthday

March 23 - Athaleen Cox, Trent Jones

March 24 - Barry Cross, Shirley Riley

March 26 - Sara Farris

March 27 - Austin Gregory, Nikki Hargrove,

Larry Nicholson

March 29 - Albert Spears

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Hettie Hardison. Mrs. Hardison was a long-time member of our congregation but had lived out of town with relatives for several years.

LIBRARY ADDITION

We have copies of the Ken Ham/ Bill Nye Debate in our digital library on DVD if you would like to view them. They are for **check out only**. We were granted rights to make copies only for the library use.

THANK YOU

I want to just let the members know how much I appreciated the cards, visits to the funeral home, and most of all for the prayers during the loss of my uncle. I want to say a special thank you to the Ladies Bible Class. All your acts of kindness were appreciated very much. Yours in Christ, Donnie Davis

Thank you so much for remembering me these last few months. Your cards, calls, food, etc. have meant so much. Please continue to remember me in your prayers. In Christian Love, Vera Daniels

THE RECORD SPEAKS

March 16, 2014

Morning Worship.....	271
Bible Study.....	173
Evening Worship.....	151
Wednesday Evening	111
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,279.90



One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

What God Can Do!

Philippians 1:12 "Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel."

Prison - what good can come from being in prison? If a minister today were to be sent to prison, it would be depressing. If the preacher was simply preaching what God's word says, it would feel devastating. Paul had been arrested and placed in chains. He was not free to go to the market place and talk of the Savior. He could not pack up and move to the next city to proclaim the way of salvation. Paul was limited but was the gospel? In writing the Philippians, he wanted them to know something. Paul was not bitter; he was not discouraged; instead he found reasons to rejoice. Prison was confining but the gospel was advancing. How amazing to see that Paul looked on the bright side of life and always saw blessings in his troubles.

How was the gospel advanced by Paul's imprisonment? First Paul's voice was not taken away. The palace guards heard about Jesus Christ. These men were chained to Paul. They soon learned how wise, gracious, humble, patient, dedicated and genuine this man was. Prisoners heard of the plan God had through his Son. Not only that, Paul had time to write many of the letters that he wrote to the early congregations. Even today we reap the benefit of his imprisonment. Another blessing was mentioned in the following verses. Most of the brothers were "encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly." Paul's imprisonment inspired others to do far more. Paul knew better than even most today that God can bring good out of what seems to be bad circumstances. Let's always keep our eyes open for how God is using both good and bad situations to advance his cause. Let's pray that God will use us to advance his cause.

WELCOME

Suzanna White came forward on Sunday, restored her life to Christ and placed membership with our congregation. We are so happy to have Suzanna worshipping with us. Her address is 631 Austyn Terrace, Columbia, TN, phone 931-267-6768.

Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



Keep In Your Prayers: The following people from South Gate will be leaving for a mission trip to the City of Children on Saturday - Jody Pritchett, Richard Farris, Savannah Buchanon, Baylie Farris, Rhett Heflin, Alexis Hurley, Scott Lentz, Drew Thornton, and a number of CA students. They will return on March 28.

Maury Christian Camp Applications are available in the foyer.

Horizons Applications are available in the Student Center.

March 23: Tween's Monthly Devo - Hosted by Randy and Melissa Jones. Van leaves immediately after evening worship and returns at approximately 8:15 p.m.

April 19, 3-5 p.m.: **Easter Egg Hunt 2nd grade and Under** Food and drinks provided. Sign-up in the foyer. Please bring candy (no nuts or hard candy) by Wednesday, April 16th and place in box in the foyer.



Additional contributions to our building fund have been received in memory of Sister Nell Legg from:

*The Legg Family
William and Paul Hutton
Alice B. Gooch*



*Together with their families
Kimberly Upchurch and Brian Barlow
Invite you to celebrate their marriage
Saturday, twenty-ninth of March
Two Thousand Fourteen
Four O'clock in the afternoon
3975 Hopewell Road
Culleoka, TN 38451*

**Theme: GOD'S F.A.M.I.L.Y.
All Things In Common
(Acts 2:37-47)**

March - April

Accountability:

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WORSHIP LEADERS MARCH 23, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Jody Pritchett
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Mike Lyle
 Serving:
 Bobby Daniels Barrow Brown
 Jason Kelley Dave Coleman
 John Allen Thomas J.W. Gilliam
 David Gray Sonny Hargrove
 Read (I Peter 5:1-4).....Gary Boyd
 Sermon: "Shepherding The Flock".....Brian Gregory
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
 Prayer.....Alex Jones
 Read (Romans 12:1-5).....Tommy Hight
 Sermon: "Working As One Body".....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Dennis Thomason
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

**5th Sunday
 Contribution
 March 30
 Goal - \$24,000**

Ushers: Blair Keeling, John Massey, Ryan Massey
 Greeters: Tommy & Jadonna Hight, Bill & Peggy Jones
 Audio/Visual: Jim Pollard

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton 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)
 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Lori Lee, Linda Weaver
 P.M.....Cheryl Thornton, Diane White

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26 2014

Song LeaderGreg Lusk
 Prayer.....Charlie Willis
 Announcements/Speaker.....Joe Macer