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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 weekend is a very popular religious holiday - Easter. The main focus of this time of year is upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ following His crucifixion. Although, there is no mention of Easter in the Bible (Acts 12:4 in the KJV should be translated Pass-over) or any indication early Christians celebrated this as a holiday, it is still an important time of year. This is an opportunity to talk about Jesus in a special way to many different people who might otherwise not think much about Him. Once we push past the candy, hams and egg hunts, we can examine what is the main focus of this season, the Resurrected Lord. With that in mind I want to share with you a few reasons why the resurrection is important and what it means to us as Christians.

1. Jesus' resurrection was verified by hundreds of witnesses. Jesus predicted His resurrection several times (e.g., Mt. 16:21) and was often misunderstood. Yet, exactly as He has predicted, it came to pass just as He said it. This was not a lie or a vision by some emotional disciples nor was His body hidden as was rumored early on. He was seen several times over 40 days by hundreds of disciples (Acts 1:3-4; 1 Cor. 15).

2. Jesus' resurrection proved beyond the shadow of a doubt who He was and is. Paul said He was declared to be the Son of God with POWER by the resurrection from the dead (Rm. 1:4).

3. Jesus' resurrection is the first fruits of ours (1 Cor. 15:20-29). The first fruits of the harvest were the promise that more like it would come. These were offered to God (Ex. 23:16, 19). The resurrection of Jesus is the promise more like it will come (Jn. 5:28-29).

4. Jesus' resurrection is the central fact of the gospel. In short it all hinges upon Him being raised from the dead. In other words if He did not then the church has no reason for existing and we have no hope and are to be pitied among all men for believing such foolish things (1 Cor. 15:12-19). Also consider how Peter boldly proclaimed the fact of the resurrection on the day the church began (Acts 2). Jerusalem was filled with people, many who had seen and heard Jesus and witnessed His death. All that had to be done was produce His body and the church would have never been. The fact the church is still alive and well today is a testimony to this fact.

March 31, 2013

A.M. "If A Man Dies, Will He Live Again" (Job 14:7 -14a) Joe Macer, Speaker

P.M. "A Man Reaps What He Sows" (Galatian s6:7-10) Joe Macer, Speaker

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:
SOUTH GATE MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm.107
- Bernice Bratton
- Barry Brown
- Joy Brown & Fred 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
- Ila Goodman
- Doris Inman - NHC Hillview 217-B
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- 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
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson
- Boyd Wood

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Carson Vitrano - 9 yr. old grandson of Price & Beth White, friends of Judy Barber, has A plastic anemia and will have a bone marrow transplant in the near future - 2043 Spicer Ln., Woodstock, GA 30189
- Imogene Tatum (aunt of Edith Burgess)
- Bobby Williams - Morning Pointe, Rm. 214
- Beverly Dawson
- Karen Lockridge - cancer
- Patricia Luther - cancer
- Celia Owens-cancer
- Paul Kennedy - brother of Cecelia Willis
- 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
- Claire Winchester Riggins - cancer (friend of Alice Williams)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- April 2 - Edith Burgess, Natalie Thomas, Jerry Williams
- April 3 - Mike Andrews
- April 4 - Greg Lusk
- April 5 - Dianne Upchurch
- April 6 - Lisa Kelley

ADDITIONAL SICK

- Doris McKennon - sister of Edna Hardison undergoing chemo
- Travis Jett - father-in-law of Cynthia Porter Jett
- Henry Harris - father of Jan Thomason
- 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 Larry Nicholson
- David Heffington - esophageal cancer
- Emily King - cystic fibrosis
- Andrea Spears - bone cancer
- Oscar Dillehay - NHC Columbia, Rm. 141
- Jean Dillehay – Home)
- Lydia Powell, daughter of Vera Mae Daniels, chemo treatments
- Joyce Crowe, Debbie Massey’s mother
- Wanda Nix, Debbie Massey’s sister
- Karena Pierce – Chemo Treatments (Robin Weaver’s Mother)
- Katherine Jones Life Care RM 217 (Alice Bolton’s mother)
- Linda Gail Moore
- Chris Shrader
- Ted Lindsey - Home (Faye Pollard’s brother-in-law)
- June Bills MRMC Rm. 363 (Cindy Hickman’s mother)

Brandon Hubbard -Serviceman (Clayton & Myrna Jett’s grandson)

THE RECORD SPEAKS

March 24, 2013

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Morning Worship..... | 269 |
| Bible Study..... | 198 |
| Evening Worship..... | 163 |
| Wednesday Evening | 177 |
| Budget..... | \$8,000.00 |
| Contribution..... | \$6783.67 |

**5th Sunday
 Contribution
 March 31**

Goal - \$24,000



One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

Think Before You Speak

Proverbs 12:18 "Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

Most of us have heard our mothers tell us to think before you speak. This was truly wise advice. Have we listened to this advice? Our tongues can make our life better or cause us much trouble. This motherly advice was based upon the Scriptures, especially many of the thoughts found in Proverbs.

Reckless words pierce like a sword. What is the purpose of a sword? The main purpose of a sword is to hurt or to kill. A sword will bring about bleeding. I am convinced that most people do not want to literally hurt people with their words. However when the words are reckless, someone will be hurt. News articles this past week have told of stories in which people's words have brought harm. The harm may be against another person and sometimes it is self inflicted. Two men this past week were making crude comments and lost their job because of this. If their words were considered first, then their lives would not be in such an uproar at this time.

As surely as the tongue can hurt, it can also help. If we use our language to benefit people then we will observe a great deal of good accomplished. Solomon states that our tongue can bring healing. Does what we say brighten anyone's day? Do our words show we care and that we want to help anyone in the midst of their troubles and problems? From a spiritual perspective, are our words condemning or are they encouraging and offering a fresh start? The use of our tongue makes all the difference in our lives as well as those we come in contact with on a daily basis. Think before you speak! Offer healing and not hurt by your words!

Theme: What a Christian Does
March Goal: A Christian Loves the Lost
James 5:19-20)

Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



Donations toward the Scholarship Program can be made at any time. See Jody

Keep in Your Prayers: Jody Pritchett, Richard Farris, Sammie Anderson, Savannah Buchanan, Baylie Farris, Rhett Heflin, Alexis Hurley, Zac Savankham and Drew Thornton who are on a mission trip to the City of Children in Mexico.

April 12th – 14th - South Gate/Northview Retreat at Hillmont in White Bluff, TN. Cost is \$50. Applications can be downloaded.

Maury Christian Camp Applications are on the table in the foyer. First week of camp is June 2-7; Second week June 9-14.

Horizons Applications are in the Student Center. Horizons is July 7-12.

Keep in Your Prayers: Blake and Blair Farris Beckham who are on a mission trip with a group from Freed Hardeman students to the Dominican Republic.

SOUTH GATE EVENT
FISHERS OF MEN CLASS
Each Tuesday, March 26 - June 4, 6:30 p.m.
Ron Maynard - Teacher
(for men, women and couples)

If you want to learn how to teach others how to become a Christian this is the class for you. See Randy Jones if you have questions.



WORKING FOR THE MASTER
March 24th-Attendance 75
Cards Written 97
Visits Made 11
Next Meeting April 14, 2013

AREA EVENT
Ladies Day
Scribner's Mill Church of Christ
April 13, 8:30 a.m. - Registration
Speaker: Ira Booker

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WORSHIP LEADERS MARCH 31, 2013

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Charlie Willis
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Donnie Davis
 Serving:
 Tommy Hight Jerry Williams
 Cody Spires Jim Anderson
 David White Terry Burgess
 Jesse Gilliam Michael Hardison

Offering
 Read (Job 14:7-14a Pg.352 in Red Pew Bible)....Brian Gregory
 Sermon: "If A Man Dies, Will He Live Again".....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling
 Read (Gal. 6:7-10 Pg.786 In Red Pew Bible).....David Morgan
 Sermon: "A Man Reaps What He Sows".....Joe Macer
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Benny Bolton
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....John Thomas

Ushers: Johnny Smith, Chase Thomason, Jerry Barber
 Greeters: Dennis, Jan & Emily Thomason, Nell Hood
 Audio/Visual Room: 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).

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Kim Morgan, Elizabeth Moss
 P.M.....Rhonda & Baylie Farris

WEDNESDAY April 3, 2013

Song LeaderGreg Lusk
 Prayer.....Mike Lyle
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jim Pollard