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# Informer

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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*

Effective immediately, I am sad to announce, South Gate will be closing its doors at the end of the month. We have run out of money and find it impossible to continue on. We hope everyone will remain faithful to the Lord and His work by placing membership in any of the surrounding congregations.

Of course this is not true, but think about how you felt when you read it. Many of you were shocked, some laughed, some were wondering why they did not know anything about this. I am sure some even stopped reading it. It is always interesting how so many people are willing to listen to and accept the first things they hear without ever checking the facts or verifying them elsewhere. Newspapers and news organizations print or announce retractions and corrections often when they have been wrong about what they reported. But what about the things we believe religiously? These are deeply held beliefs about our faith, churches we attend and the God we serve. How many times do we just believe what we have heard and go on without ever verifying it or checking the sources? Or how often do we simply dismiss what we hear because it does not line up with what we believe or want to believe? Again do we ever check the sources and verify the facts?

In the book of Galatians, Paul is having to defend much of what he has taught the churches there because someone came and taught what he identifies as, "another gospel" (Gal. 1:6-9). The heart of what they were being taught was that they (the Christians in Galatia) had to keep certain parts of the Law of Moses, especially circumcision, in addition to the teachings of Christ, in order to be saved. As he fights to correct this error among them, Paul takes a firm stand for the truth. He later asks "Have I become your enemy because I have told you the truth?" (Gal. 4:16). In short, they did not want to hear what Paul had to say because it was no longer what they believed. So often people become angry or dismissive of what they hear because it does not line up with what they already believe or want to believe. Yet, why not check it against the facts? Why not take time to investigate the truth? The reality is, what you believe may actually be wrong. We should all take the time and effort necessary to investigate and check the facts of what we believe and want to believe against the truth of God's word. In an age when anything goes and all opinions are said to be equally valid no matter how contradictory they are, it is vitally important to know the truth.

April 6, 2014

A.M. - "Supporting Our Elders" (I Thessalonians 5:12-13) Brian Gregory - Speaker  
P.M. - "When Is Civil Disobedience Proper?" (Daniel 3:12-18) Joe Macer - 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 - Back at worship
- John & Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox - home
- Vera Daniels
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 123-B
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - MRMC, Rm. 103-B
- Emma Jean Ragsdale
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview 101-B
- Albert Spears
- Ethel Spears - NHC Columbia, Rm137-A
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates 101
- David White - recovering from surgery
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:**

Cathy Garner, friend of Sharon Davis, Todd & Hiliary Rector & unborn child, Tommy Hayes, Eddie Jellenc/friend/Smiths - MRMC ICU, Adrian Johnson/friend/Nicholson's, Billy Ledford - nephew/Lorene Hickman, NHC Hillview, Rm. 107, Eddie Truber - friend/David Mann, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, 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, 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, Karina Pierce - mother/ Robin Weaver, 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**



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

Speaker: Jeremy Butt Sign up in the foyer  
Deadline to sign up and pay \$50 is April 6.

**AREA EVENTS**

**Ladies' Days**

**April 12 - Spring Hill Church of Christ**

Speaker: Beth Cook

Register: 8:30 Program 9:00 Lunch 11:30

**April 26 - Millview Church of Christ**

Speaker: Cathy Powell

Register 8:30 Program 9:00 Lunch 12:00

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

April 6 - Lisa Kelley

April 7 - Leigh Anna Pollard

April 9 - Margaret Johnson

April 10 - Charles Bassham

April 11 - Brennon White

**ADDITIONAL APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April 27 - Coleman Farris

April 30 - Nicole James

**SOUTH GATE HOMECOMING  
61ST ANNIVERSARY  
MAY 18  
HOLD THIS DATE OPEN**

***Thanks to all who gave so generously to our 5th Sunday Contribution Building Fund.***

*—The Elders*

**THE RECORD SPEAKS  
March 30, 2014**

Morning Worship.....	252
Bible Study.....	181
Evening Worship.....	119
Wednesday Evening .....	138
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$19,183.00



## One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

### Never Tire of Doing Right

II Thessalonians 3:13 And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

Paul warned the Thessalonians that some people among them would not work. They were idle and instead of being busy, they were busybodies. To these people, Paul gave a command. "Settle down and earn the bread you eat." These individuals were not doing right. They could work and provide income but they had chosen not to work. This was not right but on the other hand he has a warning for those who were doing right. Those who had put their Christianity into practice were warned not to tire of doing what was right. Have you ever felt like you have done all you could possibly do? Does it ever seem as if the sacrifices that you have made were not appreciated? Do you ever feel like throwing your hands up and saying "I quit" due to the lack of effort from those you are trying to help? Doing the right thing can sometime be frustrating but the Apostle said to never tire of doing the right.

The right thing may be to teach a person how to work or how to be responsible. The right thing may be to supply food and monetary help to someone in dire circumstances. The right thing may be to teach someone how to budget their money. No two circumstances will be entirely the same but we as Christians are to help people to become more responsible and closer to God. Just as the Lord was asked how many times to forgive someone, the same could be said from today's verse. Seven times of forgiving an offender may seem very generous but the Lord said to forgive seventy times seven. Never tire of doing what is right.

### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Barbara McNeese, who passed away on Tuesday morning. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the printing of the bulletin.



### PANTY ITEMS NEEDED

Spam, Vienna's, Instant Potatoes, Dried Beans

## Youth News by Jody Pritchett



**April 6: Youth For Christ Speaking Class**

**April 13: North View Area Wide Devo**

5:00 Worship 6:00 Supper 7:00 Devotional

**Maury Christian Camp Applications are available in the foyer.**

**Horizons Applications are available in the Student Center.**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> and place in box in the foyer.



What a great week we had last week! If you could use one word to describe the week it would be "HAPPY". Five of our South Gate teens returned to the U.S. last Friday from our mission trip to the City of Children. We had the most remarkable and blessed experiences of our lives. We all gained so much from our experiences, which included feeding the poor, doing service projects, and working with the children at the City of Children. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who made this trip possible. We cannot thank you enough for your generous donations, as well as all of your prayers and support. You helped make our mission that much more powerful and possible! In this way, you too are a missionary. God bless you and thank you again for your generosity and support! Plans are well underway at this time for another trip this summer with seventeen South Gate members going!

—Jody

We can never begin to thank you for all of the blessings that this church has heaped upon us during this difficult time. From gift baskets, cards, a very large surprise of money and most importantly the prayers of all of the saints at South Gate, we are truly honored and feel so loved and blessed. Thank you for loving our son and helping him to get better in so many ways. We will never forget your kindness and we ask that you continue to pray for Gatlin as our journey continues.

In Him, Zeb, Dara and Gatlin Macer

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

**March - April**

**Accountability:  
To God**

**To The Church**

**To One Another**

**To Our Authorities**

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**WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 6, 2014**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason  
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Charlie Willis  
 Serving:

Ed Johnson	John Thomas
Tyler Brown	Boyd Wood
Larry Nicholson	Blake Daniels
Johnnie Johnson	Ronnie Skelley

Read (I Thessalonians 5:12-13).....Sam Quirk  
 Sermon: "Supporting Our Elders".....Brian Gregory  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight  
 Read (Daniel 3:12-18).....Dewayne Hickman  
 Sermon: "When Is Civil Disobedience Proper?".....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Alex Jones  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

Ushers: Duane Allen, Chase Thomason, Jerry Barber  
 Greeters: Mike & Teresa Lyle, John Thomas  
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

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)  
 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Alice Williams, Debbie Massey  
 P.M.....Kasey Cross, Linda Kuykendall

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2014**

Song Leader .....Blair Keeling  
 Prayer.....John Allen Thomas  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Tim Raines