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# Informer

## *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*

What a wonderful Sunday this past week. We had a great number in attendance. I know it was Easter Sunday but still 339 is always good. It was also a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and we had a record contribution collected. We more than tripled our budget all of which now goes to our debt retirement fund. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays we have this year are June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 29<sup>th</sup> and December 29<sup>th</sup>. As always, continue to pray and plan for those occasions.

Also several of our members made it safely home from their mission trip to the City of Children orphanage in Ensenada, Mexico. We are grateful for their return and also happy to have Jody Pritchett as our youth minister. He organized and led this group which totaled 49 people. Jody does a lot of work with a lot of teens behind the scenes that never gets noticed. I assure you, he works hard and has really grown and developed our youth program in the last four years.

This Tuesday night is the second week of the "Fishers of Men" class. It started with 24 in attendance the first week and will last until June 4<sup>th</sup>. This class is offering a lot of great opportunities for the church to grow. Pray for and encourage everyone involved in these classes. I am personally excited about the number of people that will become Christians as a direct result of these efforts.

Let's not forget the continuing "Youth for Christ" program. We will begin the sermon preparation part of this program this Sunday night. Several of our young men will be speaking, some for the first time. It is important that we allow these boys the opportunity to improve those skills early on. They will be presenting their lessons in May. Programs like this help to develop the future leaders of the church. How many of these men will become, elders, deacons, preachers because of this program? Hopefully all of the children involved will become faithful and productive Christians.

There is much to do and opportunities are abounding here at South Gate. Let's all make the most of the time allotted to us and do what we can for Christ.

Brian

April 7, 2013

A.M. "Drawing Near To God" (James 4:8) Brian Gregory, Speaker

P.M. "To Be Announced" John Thomas, 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

- Katherine Davis - sister of Lorene Hickman - MRMC 555
- Young Carson Vitrano - to have bone marrow transplant in 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
- 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
- Doris McKennon - sister of Edna Hardison undergoing chemo
- Travis Jett - father-in-law of Cynthia Porter Jett
- Henry Harris - father of Jan Thomason

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



### **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)**

*Child Care is needed for those participating in this class. Please sign up in the foyer if you can help.*

### **ADDITIONAL SICK**

Carol Archer - Diane Upchurch's cousin - aggressive leukemia  
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  
June Bills - home - Cindy Hickman's mother  
Brandon Hubbard -Serviceman (Clayton & Myrna Jett's grandson)

### **SYMPATHY**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Faye Pollard** and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, **Ted Lindsey**, whose funeral was Saturday. Sympathy is also extended to **Alice Williams** in the death of her friend, **Claire Winchester Riggins** whose funeral was earlier this week.

### **THE RECORD SPEAKS**

**March 31, 2013**

Morning Worship.....	339
Bible Study.....	198
Evening Worship.....	146
Wednesday Evening .....	156
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$27,194.34

### **WORKING FOR THE MASTER**

**Next Meeting April 14, 2013**



## One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

### The Shrewd Manager

Luke 16:10 “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with very much and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”

One of the strangest parables in the gospels is the one with the dishonest manager. His employer accused him of wasting his possessions and let him know that he was about to lose his job. He reasoned within himself that he was not strong enough to dig and too ashamed to beg. What could he do in order to survive? He decided to make people appreciate him once he was relieved of his job. As the debtors came to him one by one, he reduced the amount that they owed his manager. The bill was reduced as much as one-half for some of the debtors. They became indebted to the manager and were a friend to him for life.

What is the meaning of this parable? Is Jesus commending the dishonest behavior of this man? There are two thoughts that this parable intended to convey. First, the manager thought about his future. He made plans through these debtors in order to survive. Jesus intends for us to think of our future. This world is not all about the plans for today. Yes, we must eat and drink today. We must work to provide the income needed to survive on a daily basis but we are also to live each day planning for our eternity. Eternity is coming! Will we be ready?

Secondly, if we are to be trustworthy in handling true riches, we must show that we are trustworthy in handling worldly wealth. Jesus is warning us to use our worldly wealth properly so that we will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Are you using your worldly wealth wisely? Let's show ourselves faithful and trustworthy stewards who are planning for our eternal future with the Lord

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### RESPONSE

Congratulations to **Addison Duff**, who was baptized on Monday, March 25th.

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**Theme: What a Christian Does**

**April Goal: A Christian Draws Near To God  
(James 4:8)**

## Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



Wow! What a great week we had last week! Seven 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!

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

**April 7** - North View Area Wide Devo - worship 5:00 p.m., meal 6:00 p.m., devo 7:00 p.m.

**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.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 7 - Leigh Anna Pollard

April 9 - Margaret Johnson

April 10 - Charles Bassham

April 11 - Brennon White



Dear South Gate Friends, Your acts of kindness (cards, prayers, flowers) are very much appreciated. The loss of a sister is great. May the Holy Comforter be with us all.

Cliff, Kay Johnson and Family

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*Special thanks to the congregation for the contribution of \$27,194.34 towards our building fund made on the 5th Sunday, March 31. You are to be commended for your love of the Lord's work here at South Gate.*

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**WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 7, 2013****SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Richard Farris  
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Kevin Mick  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Johnnie Johnson  
 Serving:  
 John Woodason                      John Massey  
 Ryan Massey                         Larry Nicholson  
 Tommy Skelley                     John Allen Thomas  
 James Bolton                        Barrow Brown

Offering  
 Read (James 4:8).....Dennis Thomason  
 Sermon: "Drawing Near To God".....Brian Gregory  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Joe Macer  
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd  
 Read .....J.D. Davis  
 Sermon: .....John Thomas  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Barry Cross  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Tom Miller

Ushers: Byran Farris, Jason Kelley, DeWayne Hickman  
 Greeters: Blake, Jessica and Dana Daniels, Myrna Jett  
 Audio/Visual Room: Jason Snyder

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).**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Katherine Nicholson &  
 Leigh Anna Pollard

P.M.....Anna Quirk, Connie White

**WEDNESDAY April 10, 2013**

Song Leader .....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....J.D. Davis  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Joe Macer