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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*

What do atheists look like? Do they have tattoos and piercings? Do they look rough and rebellious? Do they drive cars with ACLU bumper stickers? Or do they have a look of smug arrogance and intellectual superiority? What if I told you that many atheists look just like people sitting in church pews? What if I told you that many atheists are frequently seen with folded hands, praying or with open Bibles, reading? Yes, it's true. Now allow me to explain.

Probably most of us could quote Ps. 14:1- "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" We keep that verse handy as an apt description of atheists. However, I would like for you to take a closer look at this familiar passage. A while back it was brought to my attention, the words "there is" in this passage, is not in the Hebrew text and is an addition by the translators. Several Bible translations will italicize those words, denoting they were added by the translators. The significance is that instead of saying "the fool has said in his heart there is no God," it could be saying, "the fool has said in his heart, 'no, God.'"

I would call this "practical atheism" (i.e., believing in God but living like He does not exist). While of course it is foolish not to believe in the existence of God, it is also foolish to believe in God, but to say "no" to him. In what practical or functional sense does this differ from atheism? So maybe we had better reevaluate the way we have applied Ps. 14:1. Could it be that this passage isn't about "them," but about "us?" Do believers ever say, "no" to God?

- What do we say when God calls upon us to make deep sacrifices? Do we ever say, "no, God?"
- What do we do when God calls us to pursue peace and unity within the church? Do we ever say, "no, God?"
- What do we do when God calls us to discipline the impenitent brother in Christ? Do we ever say, "no, God?"
- What do we do when God calls us to forgive one who has sinned against us? Do we ever say, "no, God?"
- What do we do when God calls us to speak up and be heard, to stand against our culture, and the tide of public opinion? Do we ever say, "no, God?"
- What do we do when God calls us to seek him and his kingdom ahead of our own lives and family? Do we ever say, "no, God?"

Maybe Ps. 14:1 has as much to say to us as it does to the atheist. Give it some thought!

April 13, 2014

A.M. - "Into The Presence of God" (Psalm 15) John Thomas - Speaker

P.M. - "The Roaring Lord" (Amos 1:1-2) Brian Gregory - Speaker

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

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
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- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
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- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview 101-B
- Albert Spears
- Ethel Spears - NHC Columbia, Rm137-A
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:**

Faye McFarland Comp, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Robert Baker - brother/Lorene Hickman, Cathy Garner, friend of Sharon Davis, Todd & Hiliary Rector & unborn child, Tommy Hayes, Eddie Jellenc - friend/Smiths - improved, 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 Hefington - cancer, Karina Pierce - mother/ Robin Weaver, Brent Hendrickson - cancer, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Joan VanHooser - cancer, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, 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  
April 27: Working For the Master**

**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 16 - Kaye Beard

April 17 - Andee Kelley, David Upchurch, Jr.

**ADDRESS CHANGES**

**James and Melba Pollard**

**1109 Whitney Drive, Columbia, TN 38401**

**Blake, Jessica and Mason Daniels**

**1603 Greasy Branch Road, Columbia, TN 38401**

**SOUTH GATE HOMECOMING  
61ST ANNIVERSARY  
MAY 18**

**Stephen Lusk - Speaker  
Honor Elmer Lusk and Family**

**HOLD THIS DATE OPEN  
INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

**THE RECORD SPEAKS**

**April 6, 2014**

Morning Worship.....	279
Bible Study.....	181
Evening Worship.....	159
Wednesday Evening .....	125
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,458.61



## One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

### Running to Win

I Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

When you play a game, do you play to win? I played cards, checkers, chess, pool, badminton as well as other games with my children. I played to win. They did also. The time did come when they finally did beat dear ole dad and on a regular basis. Do you have a desire to do your best in all you do? Paul used the example of a race. All runners line up to win the race. In the race, only one person would win but all were to give their very best effort.

The race that Paul wanted the Corinthians to consider was not a game but the Christian life. This is not a simple form of entertainment with no consequences but rather a very serious form of life with eternal consequences. Thankfully this race does not just end with one winner. Each person can run this race and win the race and receive the crown of life - eternal life. Are we giving God our very best effort? Our efforts will not bring about salvation but it is important to do our best. Athletes are always trying to improve their performance. Likewise we should be looking to improve our service to God in every way imaginable. We are allowed to live the Christian life because of the sacrifice of Jesus. He gave his all and this is what we should strive to do as well. It will be tragic if we lose this race. Let's all strive to end our life having run faithfully.



*Thank you for the birthday cards.  
In Christian Love, Mike Andrews*

*Thank you for all the calls, cards and visits while I was  
in the hospital with pneumonia. —Edra Clymore*

## Youth News by Jody Pritchett



### April 13: North View Area Wide Devo

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

### April 27, 4 p.m.: City of Children Meeting

Van leaves at 3:30, Paperwork & \$300 Deposit Due

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

### ATTENTION GRADUATES!

If you are graduating from high school or college this spring, please complete one of the Graduate Forms located in the foyer and return it to Jody by May 4. Graduates will be honored on May 11th.

*The South Gate Youth Area Wide will be May 4, starting at 5 p.m. Stan Butt, Jr. will be our guest speaker. The theme is "Forgiven". The cost of skating after the service is \$5 per skater. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you would like to help with food.*

*The South Gate Girls Day will be May 10, starting at 9 a.m. Sheila Butt will be the guest speaker. The theme is "Princesses of Christ". There will also be classes for adult ladies. If you can be here and would like to help see Natalie. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you would like to help with food.*



### April 19, 3-5: Easter Egg Hunt 2nd grade & 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.

**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 13, 2014**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Randy Jones  
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Kevin Mick  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Joe Macer  
 Serving:  
     Charlie Willis                      Tommy Skelley  
     Alex Jones                          Johnny Smith  
     Sam Quirk                          Kyle Upchurch  
     Benny Bolton                        James Bolton  
 Read (Psalm 15).....Tim Raines  
 Sermon: "Into The Presence of God".....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason  
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd  
 Read (Amos 1:1-2).....Blair Keeling  
 Sermon: "The Roaring Lord".....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Jim Pollard  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Tyler Brown

Ushers: Larry Nicholson, Dewayne Hickman, Danny Lasater  
 Greeters: John, Debbie, Angie Massey, Tim Raines  
 Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason

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**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 16, 2014**

A.M.....Sharon Davis, Jennifer Davis	Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
P.M.....Aubrey Brown, Teresa Lyle	Prayer.....Joe Macer
	Announcements/Speaker.....Richard Farris