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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

This Sunday many churches will have one of their biggest crowds of the entire year. As Easter Sunday rolls around again, millions of people (who would not otherwise) will decide they should attend church that day. While I am always encouraged to see a large crowd and I am thankful people are thinking about Jesus and His resurrection, it is evident by the attendance (or lack thereof) the next Sunday many people miss the point or appeal of the resurrection. So what is so important about the Resurrection? Well first let me give the disclaimer, this is not an exhaustive list, but here are several reasons why the Resurrection matters.

- It is the central fact of Christianity (1 Cor. 15:12-19). Without it Jesus is just another man, just a poor soul who died believing He was someone special when He was not. The resurrection changes all of this.
- It was Christ's greatest miracle. It proved beyond the shadow of a doubt who He was and validated all of His claims and more (Rm. 1:4). His death proves nothing and is worthless without the resurrection.
- It proved Christ's power to forgive sin. (1 Cor. 15:17). By His Resurrection, Jesus proved His ability to destroy the power of sin and assure us of forgiveness.
- It proved Christ's power over death (Rm. 6:9). The resurrection also ensured our victory over death as well (Eph. 2:6).
- It defeated Satan. Satan has fought viciously to overthrow the kingdom of God (Mt. 4). Once he entered Judas and betrayed Jesus to His death, surely Satan thought he had won. The Cross was a triumph and the resurrection a defeat for Satan because the power of sin was destroyed.

The resurrection means so much more than candy, colored, eggs and new dresses. It is more than a special day to remember once a year. The resurrection is intended to be a way of life for those who believe (Rm. 6; Gal. 2:20).

April 20, 2014

A.M. - "His Blood That Flowed" (John 19:31-37) Joe Macer - Speaker
P.M. - "Final Exams" (Matthew 25:31-46) 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
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- Darlene Church - NHC Hillview, Rm. 202-B
- John & Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox - home
- Vera Daniels
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 123-B
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - Sterling House, Rm. 403
- Emma Jean Ragsdale - Hillview, Rm. 114-B
- 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. 100, 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 27: Working For the Master

**Menu: Ham and Vegetables - Cost \$3 each
Bring Desserts If You Wish**

April 27, 3:30-5: Bridal Tea for Alexandria Hughes, bride elect of Ben Hargrove. Registered at Ye Peddler, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target

**SOUTH GATE HOMECOMING
61ST ANNIVERSARY
MAY 18 - WORSHIP 9 A.M.**

**Potluck Luncheon Following Bible Class
Afternoon Worship 12:30**

**Stephen Lusk - Speaker
Greg Lusk - Song Leader
Honor Elmer Lusk and Family**

May 16, 6 p.m. Fish Fry at Shelter

**HOLD THESE DATES OPEN
INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- April 20 - Sarah Churchwell
- April 21 - Azalyn Hickman, Tammy Johnson, Linda Porter
- April 22 - Jeraldean Churchwell
- April 23 - Peggy Jones, Ella Nixon
- April 24 - Charlotte Attkisson, Charline Gossett

**THE RECORD SPEAKS
April 13, 2014**

Morning Worship.....	282
Bible Study.....	202
Evening Worship.....	145
Wednesday Evening	152
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$7,393.75



One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

Forgive Them

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Have you considered how evil the people were who crucified Jesus? Numerous men played a role that day that our Lord died. From Jewish leaders, to governmental leaders to the actual men who drove the nails through his body, they were evil. They were also ignorant. The soldiers that drove the nails were following a command and did not know who Jesus was. They simply believed they were executing a criminal but in reality it was the Son of God. The governmental leaders simply thought he was a trouble maker and that for the good of the people the one should die. The Jewish people did not recognize him as the Messiah but rather as an imposter and a blasphemer. Jesus was placed on the cross due to the actions of these people and yet he said, "Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." What an amazing statement. His strength, energy, blood and life were leaving his body and yet his thoughts were on his murderers. He wanted his Father to forgive them.

Perhaps as you read this today, you have not accepted Jesus as the Son of God. Perhaps you think of him only as a historical individual instead of the sinless Lamb of God. Jesus stands ready to forgive. He died on the cross to save us from our sins and to give us eternal life with his Father. Even in this year 2014, Jesus is requesting his Father to forgive because we do not know what we are doing. Let's all strive to learn as much about Jesus as we can. When we come to learn who he is, then let's obey him. Understand that his death on the cross shows how strongly he wants to forgive. O how great was his love and sacrifice!



Thank you for the food and flowers sent for Mary Paul's funeral. Also, the calls, cards and visits were greatly appreciated. Most of all, thank you for your prayers which will also be needed in the days ahead.

—Wendell, Danny and Tom

Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



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.

ATTENTION TWEENS AND PARENTS OF:

We will have the Tweens monthly devotional at the home of Brian and Amanda Gregory on Sunday night, April 27, after evening service. The van will leave the building immediately after service and return to the church building at approximately 8:15 p.m. If you have any questions, see Byran Farris.

April 19, 3-5: Easter Egg Hunt 2nd grade & Under
Food and drinks provided.

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 APRIL 20, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Donnie Davis
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Tommy Hight
 Serving:
 Terry Burgess Jerry Williams
 Cody Spires Duane Allen
 David White Jim Anderson
 Jerry Barber Byran Farris
 Read (John 19:31-37).....Kevin Mick
 Sermon: " His Blood That Flowed".....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Tim Raines
 Read (Matthew 25:31-46).....Dennis Thomason
 Sermon: "Final Exams".....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Randy Jones
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Gary Boyd

Ushers: Tyler Brown, Johnny Smith, Benny Bolton
 Greeters: Alice Williams, Jerry & Judy Barber, Peggy Wilson
 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.....Kelley, Meghan, Madelyn Lusk, Kristi Mick
 P.M.....Janice Smith, Sara Farris

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23, 2014

Song LeaderJoe Macer
 Prayer.....Jerry Wilson
 Announcements/Speaker.....John Thomas