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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.

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*

It has nearly been four months now since we have moved into our new building. We have hit the ground running in so many ways. There have been several responses to the gospel and new people wanting to be part of our congregation. There have been former members seeking to return. We have had growing involvement in our youth group and encouraging participation in those activities. Our annual ladies retreat was a success. In the near future we are planning our upcoming VBS for the last week of June and Mission trip to Mexico. Also our annual Summer Series will be held on Tuesdays beginning in June. Not to mention we have had a steady stream of first time and repeat visitors each week. These are exciting times among the church here.

Along with each of these great and encouraging things, also comes an increased responsibility among our congregation. Things are very different here as far as our future is concerned. We have lots of work to do and lots more we want to do for God and His Kingdom. As part of this we have an obligation as members to ensure it is all properly funded. This is not an attempt to make anyone feel guilty or single out anyone. Nor is it an attempt to raise money for a specific project. However, it is an attempt to remind everyone (including myself) of the necessity of meeting our personal commitments to the Lord and His church. Due to the growing nature of our work our elders have determined it is necessary to raise our weekly budget as was announced at the beginning of this year. It is not due solely to the responsibility of paying for this building, but it is due to a continued desire to increase our works and thus the impact we have upon the world through them. When I first met with this eldership to interview for the preaching position, I was informed not one dollar was being cut from funding anything they were currently doing to pay for a new building. Instead they actually increased and expanded the budget for mission works and other related ministries. I am proud to say, to this day over three years later they have kept their word and proven most responsible with the Lord's money. Because of these new horizons and opportunities before us it is all the more necessary each of us do what we can to ensure we are doing our part. On an individual/ family level, it comes out to be a little as \$5-10 per week consistently. I know some cannot give anymore because of limited income but I also know others can give more than this. The truth is when everyone does a little, it helps a lot.

Brian

Date March 10, 2013

A.M. "When There Is Joy In Heaven" (Luke 15:4-7) Brian Gregory, Speaker

P.M. "The Sower Went Out To Sow" (Mark 4:3-9) Brian Gregory, Speaker

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

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm.107
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy 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 - home
- Beverly Dawson
- Ila Goodman
- Mathis Hight (recovering from surgery)
- Doris Inman - NHC Hillview 217-B
- Margaret Johnson
- Molly Kelley
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215 (back problems)
- Nell Legg - Morning Pointe 119
- Mike Lyle - outpatient procedure 2/19
- 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
- Diane Upchurch
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

- Imogene Tatum (aunt of Edith Burgess)
- Karen Lockridge - cancer
- Patricia Luther - cancer
- Celia Owens-cancer
- Paul Kennedy - Donelson Place, 2733 McCampbell Ave.,  
Rm. 124B, Nashville, TN 37214-2913
- 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
- Brandon Hubbard -Serviceman  
(Clayton & Myrna Jett's grandson)

**If anyone needs to be taken off or added to our prayer list, please notify the office.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



**March 23 - Primetimers** trip to the Fabulous Fifties Show in Fayetteville, March 23rd. The bus leaving at 11 a.m. and the show starting at 1 p.m. We will have dinner before returning.

**Happy Birthday**

- March 10 - Tal Gray, Sonny Hargrove,  
Alice Williams
- March 12 - Brenda Miller
- March 13 - Danny Lasater
- March 16 - Gary Boyd

**ADDITIONAL SICK**

- Henry Harris - knee replacement, Williamson Med. Ctr.  
Rm. 433, 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 of Larry Nicholson)
- David Heffington - esophageal cancer
- Mary Elizabeth Vick
- Emily King - cystic fibrosis
- Andrea Spears - bone cancer
- Oscar & Jean Dillehay - NHC Columbia, Rm. 141
- Lydia Powell, daughter of Vera Mae Daniels, chemo treatments
- Helen Lusk
- Ashley Littleton's newborn twins
- 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
- Mary Rogers
- David Faught

**THE RECORD SPEAKS**

**March 3, 2013**

Morning Worship.....	296
Bible Study.....	195
Evening Worship.....	181
Wednesday Evening .....	159
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$7,954.00



**WORKING FOR THE MASTER**

Next Meeting—March 10th  
**Menu: Spaghetti, salad and bread**  
**Bring desserts if you would like.**  
**Cost - \$3.00**



## One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

Making It Clear

Nehemiah 8:8 They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read.

A high priority for Christians is to read and study the Word of God. Through study we develop an understanding of what God desires for us in our daily lives and his expectations concerning salvation. Scriptures confirm that our faith is built up and grows by spending time in God's word. Learning about God and how he has dealt with people is a blessed privilege. In Nehemiah, the Jewish people have nearly forgotten all that the Law taught. Ezra simply begins by reading God's word from daybreak until noon. This was a moving day since they just did not know what God had wanted any longer. Mourning and weeping occurred as the word was read. The audience was told to rejoice because they had heard God's word.

In Nehemiah's time as well as today the purpose of a religious speaker is to make God's word clear. Some in Ezra's audience did not understand everything and Ezra along with some Levites explained the meaning. This is the work of today's preacher as well. Another thing that Christians can do is to read good books and commentaries. We must never forget that these are written by men and are not inspired but they may benefit our understanding. I research many resources each time that I present a lesson. I encourage you to take advantage of our library found in room C-9. A special thank you goes out to Greg for building the shelving. Some of our ladies organized and placed the books on the shelves. Take advantage of this opportunity to study any one of the many books, commentaries or themes presented in these books within our library. Just recently a few books were added by Mike and Wanda Andrews. From time to time, to commemorate a special occasion individuals add books to our library. All these gifts are appreciated. Let's strive to understand God's word to the best of our ability.

## Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



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

**Adopt a Missionary!** Seven of our South Gate teens will be going to a foreign mission field in a few weeks. They are Sammie Anderson, Savannah Buchanon, Baylie Farris, Rhett Heflin, Alexis Hurley, Zac Savankham and Drew Thornton. To adopt one of these teens, you need to pray for them, send a note of encouragement, give candy or gum for the trip, etc. See Jody if you would like to adopt one of these teen missionaries.

Colored Pencils and water proof markers are needed for the trip to the City of Children on March 23. **Please place items in the drop off box in the foyer by March 17.**

**April 12th – 15th** - South Gate/Northview Retreat at Hillmont in White Bluff, TN. Cost is \$50. Applications can be downloaded.

**March 23** - Easter Egg Hunt (2nd grade and under) from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the church building. Food and drinks will be provided with the Easter Egg Hunt to follow. Please bring one bag of candy (No hard candy or nuts) by Wed. March 20 and place in the box provided in the foyer or give to Rachel Farris.



### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Corrine Goetz and her family in the death of her brother, Raymond Oliver, whose funeral was Monday.

### THANK YOU

We wish to thank each and every one of you for the calls, cards, visits, prayers and all the concern shown to me and Dana during the last few months. I look forward to being back at worship soon.

In Christian Love, Donald White



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**2013 Theme: What a Christian Does**  
**March Goal: A Christian Loves the Lost**  
**(James 5:19-20)**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIMES BEGINS**  
Sunday, March 10, 2013

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**WORSHIP LEADERS MARCH 10, 2013****SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason  
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Richard Farris  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....DeWayne Hickman  
 Serving:

Barry Cross	Bobby Daniels
Byran Farris	Chase Thomason
Gary Boyd	James Bolton
Barrow Brown	Dave Coleman

Offering  
 Read (Luke 15:4-7).....Jason Kelley  
 Sermon: "When There Is Joy In Heaven".....Brian Gregory  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....John Woodason  
 Prayer.....Tom Miller  
 Read Mark 4:3-9).....Blake Daniels  
 Sermon: "The Sower Went Out To Sow".....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....J.D. Davis

Ushers: Danny Lasater, Johnnie Johnson, Ed Hargrove  
 Greeters: Jimmy, Anna & Sam Quirk, Lorene Hickman  
 Audio/Visual Room: Jonathan Macer

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.....Brecca Snyder, Laura Spires  
 P.M.....Kelley, Allie, Meghan, Madelyn Lusk

**WEDNESDAY March 13, 2013**

Song Leader .....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....Richard Farris  
 Announcements/Speaker.....John Woodason