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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 past week one of our dear sisters-in-Christ and long time member at South Gate, Nell Legg passed away from this life into eternity. I had the privilege of visiting with her several times through the years I have known her and was also privileged to speak, along with Joe Macer, at her funeral. Nell who was 87 and in failing health the past several months died peacefully early Friday morning. At her funeral one of her grandsons spoke on behalf of his family regarding several memories they had. No doubt there was no shortage of good things to say about her and no one had to stretch the truth either. In light of these events over the past few days I want to share a few thoughts on my mind.

First, lets reframe the funeral. Yes, it is a time of mourning and way to gain closure with our loss. Some funerals are far more tragic and heartbreaking than others such as when a child, young person or young parent dies. However, when we gather to honor their memory we are also honoring and celebrating the fact they lived. Let's see them more as a celebration of someone's life.

Second, we often want to find something nice to remember and share about the deceased. This is always appropriate and very comforting especially for the family. It is great to know someone that meant so much to you was loved by so many others. Let's not wait until someone has died to talk about how much we appreciate and love them. Instead let's make sure they know that right now. It may not always be easy to say and sometimes it is long overdue but find a way and take the time to do it. You will be glad you did.

Third, we all write our own funeral sermon. We all hope people will say good things about us when we die. It is true there are bad things to say about all of us. However, what people will say and how you will be remembered is all up to you. What kind of life do you and will you live? Are you filled with jealousy, anger, arrogance, hate, drunkenness, etc. . . Or are you filled with love, kindness, self-control, etc. . . .

Fourth, death is an appointment each of us will keep (Heb. 9:27). There is no getting around this dreadful fact. It is always difficult to see a loved one die, but it is so much easier to handle when they have prepared for eternity by living a life for Christ.

Brian

February 16, 2014

A.M. - "Faithful Until Death" (Rev. 2: 8-13) Joe Macer - Speaker

P.M. - Brian Gregory - Speaker

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

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 203
- Sue Ayers - NHC Hillview, Rm. 108
- Kay Beard - recovering from fall
- Ann Brady
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- Darlene Church - NHC Hillview, Rm. 202-B
- O.G. Church - NHC Hillview, Rm. 120
- John & Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox - MRMC, Rm. 105
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 136A
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty
- Jimmy Quirk - recovering from surgery
- Emma Jean Ragsdale
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview 101-B
- Albert Spears
- Ethel Spears - NHC Columbia 137-A
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead - fell recently & broke some ribs
- Jim & Martha Wilson

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Ray Kuykendall, Lynn Pollard, Bob Logan, Beth Chumbley, Virginia Robinson - aunt of Jadonna Hight, Jennie Evans, sister of Karen Mann, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Jim Macer - brother of Joe, Imogene Purdom & Charles Fike, brother & sister of Helen Lusk, Dorothy Rea, sister of Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister of JoAnn Coleman - melanoma, Evelyn Felker, sister of Benny Bolton, Jimmy Johnson - cousin of Libby Moss - cancer, Carla Ragsdale, Clint Fitzgerald, father of Kim, Mary Paul Lasater, mother of Danny, Faye Fox, friend/Barbara McNeese, Little Gatlin Macer - home, Lorene Doggett, Karen Lockridge - cancer, Patricia Luther, Jennifer Fetters (friend of the Lasater's), Sharon Riley, Frances Brown - cancer, Doris McKennon - sister of Edna Hardison, Melissa Peterka, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister of Kaye Beard, Travis Jett, Sherry Nicholson - sister-in-law of Larry Nicholson, Alice Lovett - aunt of Cheyenne McNeese, Kathy Kelley, aunt of Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller - breast cancer, Beverly Dawson, Susan Horton - cancer, Jack & Daisy White, David Heffington - cancer, Andrea Spears - bone cancer, Carol Archer MRMC Rm.388 - Diane Upchurch's cousin, Susan Horton - cancer, Karina Pierce - mother of Robin Weaver, Wayne Lankford - friend of Brian Gregory, Brent Hendrickson, Paul Jackson - father of Rhonda Farris, Joan VanHooser - cancer, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Geraldine Wise - hip replacement - sister of Linda Luna, Jessica Phillips - recovering from surgery.

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SOUTH GATE EVENTS**



Feb. 15, 5 - 7 p.m.: Primitimers Banquet

Happy Birthday

Feb. 16 - David Morgan, Sam Quirk

Feb. 17 - Kate Cross

Feb. 19 - Shelby Lentz, Charlie Willis



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Benjamin and Kellie Bolton on the birth of Samuel Loyd born on Thursday, Feb. 6, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. Benny and Alice Bolton are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations to Blair and Lacey Keeling on the birth of Blakely Anne, born on Feb. 8, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. Proud big brother is Lawson. Proud big sisters are Phynlee and Aubrey.

RESPONSE

We commend Heather Jones who came forward asking for prayers and strength on Sunday.

WELCOME

We are delighted that Michael and Nichole James & daughter Sarah, placed membership with our congregation on Sunday. Their address is 205 Sunnyside Lane, Columbia, TN 38401.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Nell Legg, whose funeral was Monday. Ms. Legg was a long-time member of our congregation and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Sympathy is extended to Athaleen Cox and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, Elmer Kelley, whose funeral was last week.

THE RECORD SPEAKS

February 9, 2014

Morning Worship.....	291
Bible Study.....	174
Evening Worship.....	148
Wednesday Evening	142
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,963.29



One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

Who Are You Praying For?

Romans 10:1 "Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved."

Paul was born and raised as a Jew. He was of the tribe of Benjamin and was of the Pharisee sect. Educated in Jewish law and history by one of the most noted Jewish teacher - Gamaliel, Paul was rising in the ranks of those of Jewish influence. All of this changed after his conversion to Christianity. His past was not changed but he went from being one who persecuted Christians to proclaiming Christianity to the masses. Paul never forgot his people. On his missionary journeys, he located the Jewish people in each city and offered them salvation through Jesus Christ. He cared deeply about the Jewish people. With great love for them he stated, "For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel." His regular prayer was for the salvation of Israelites.

Do we have a list of people that we are praying will find salvation? It may be friends, family members, a spouse or neighbors that have not made a commitment to follow the Lord. Is our heart's desire for their salvation? Do we have a cold and indifferent view of the lost or do we have a genuine, heartfelt compassion for those that are lost? With either a physical or a mental list, let's call the name of those who we know are lost before the Lord. Let's give them a holy and righteous example. Let's also ask God to lead us to those are seeking him. May the lost be on our minds and in our prayers each day and may there be great rejoicing at their obedience both here and in heaven.

Colored pencils and washable markers are needed for the mission trip to the City of Children on March 22. Please place items in the drop off box in the foyer by March 16th.



PANTRY NEEDS
Peanut Butter, Crackers, Jelly
Canned Meats and Pasta

Youth News by Jody Pritchett



Feb 21 - 23: CYC

We still have a couple of spots open

March 1: Predators Game

Sign up in Student Center

Limited tickets - cost \$30 each



Our Second Annual Chili and Soup Cook-off was a great success! Congratulations to Sara Farris and Audrey Claire Michael (Ray and Elaine Rummage's granddaughter) for walking away with first place and bragging rights for the "Best Chili and Soup at South Gate." It was a great night with lots of good fellowship and food! A huge thank you to everyone for their hard work in setting up the fellowship hall, serving drinks and helping out in so many ways.

Donations to the Scholarship Program can be made at any time. See Jody for more information.

THANK YOU

I was at Mama's and Daddy's one afternoon when the young group came by with food, they have a good example to follow. It really did make my heart swell, and gave me a much needed lift.

Thanks to each and everyone of you. All of you are truly a light in someone's life everyday. My mother has certainly been blessed.

Thank you for the food, visits, gifts, many cards and prayers, most of all for making her feel that someone cares. She is back at NHC and we are hopeful she will be home soon.

Thank you for your kindness.

Shirley Harrison, Daughter of Ethel Spears

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

January - February

Faith:
Converted to the family
Lifetime commitment to your faith
Why we believe
Faith equals action

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WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 16, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Johnnie Johnson
 Serving:
 J.W. Gilliam Danny Lasater
 David Gray Barrow Brown
 Sonny Hargrove Dave Coleman
 Barry Cross Tommy Hight
 Read (Rev. 2: 8-13).....David Morgan
 Sermon: "Faithful Until Death".....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Richard Farris
 Read.....John Massey
 Sermon:.....Brian Gregory
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Charlie Willis
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Ryan Massey

Ushers: Mike Lyle, Tom Miller, Terry Burgess
 Greeters: Clyde & Sara Farris, Libby Moss, Linda Mabry
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton

**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.....Anna Quirk, Christie Skelley
 P.M.....JoAnn Coleman, Rita Skelley

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2014

Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
 Prayer.....Randy Jones
 Announcements/Speaker.....Alex Jones