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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.

### Tuesday

Summer Series  
June 4-July 23  
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*

From the first time the Apostle Paul first encountered the resurrected Lord (Acts 9) he was a changed man. Paul would never have the same goals or plans in life. From then on his all consuming goal in life was to know Jesus and become more like Him (Phi. 3:10-12). He knew that he would never arrive at that goal in the fullest sense but he was willing to always strive to be more and more like him. It goes without saying this too should be our goal as Christians. While we know this to be true it is not always so in practice. Let's be honest it is not always easy to like Jesus. While there are many obstacles, we can often become our own worst enemies. Over the next few weeks I want to share with you all some ways we can make Paul's goal our own.

It starts with leaving the past behind. Christians are people with a past. Everyone of us has lived a life of sin. We have all done things we do not want others to know about. While some are far worse than others, there is no sliding scale with God. Sin is sin and all sin leads to death (Rm. 6:23). Far too often, many Christians cannot put the past behind them. They let it paralyze them and keep this from moving forward. Eventually, this becomes an excuse and crutch for them to not do more and be more than they can and should be. Paul lets us know where we should leave the past. "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phi. 3:14-15). This requires us to leave sin behind. No, we can never leave it behind in the absolute sense, but we stop the deliberate practice of it and change our lives to do better. We can never become all God wants us to be if we continue living in sin (Rm. 6:11-15). We also need to leave the guilt of sin behind. When we don't, we let the guilt overwhelm us, we question our salvation. We do not feel forgiven. But God assures us we are. Take the time to read for yourself the language God uses to describe His forgiveness (Is. 38:17, 1:18; Mic. 7:19; Ps. 103:12).

In addition, to leave the past behind, we cannot dwell upon our past accomplishments or the good of others. We cannot say, "I used to be more involved". "I used to attend each week". "My parents were such faithful people." Paul certainly gave up his past accomplishments (Phi. 3:4-6) in light of following Christ, he was willing to count them as a loss if it meant knowing Him more (Phi. 3:7-8).

Are you leaving the past behind?

June 30 2013

A.M. "Busy Here and There" (I Kings 20:37-43) Joe Macer, Speaker

P.M. "Think About Such Things" (Philippians 4:4-9)

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

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm.204
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress
- Mary Chumbley
- Darlene Church - NHC Hillview 202-B
- John & Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 136A
- Doris Inman - NHC Hillview 217-B
- Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Nell Legg - Morning Pointe, Rm. 119
- Frances Petty
- Emma Jean Ragsdale
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview 101-B
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead - recovering from leg injury
- Jim & Martha Wilson

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

- Beverly Dawson - MRMC, Rm. 102
- Lorene Doggett - NHC Hillview, Rm. 204
- Karen Lockridge - cancer
- Patricia Luther - cancer
- Jennifer Fetters - cancer (friend of the Lasater's)
- Celia Owens-cancer
- Paul Kennedy - brother of Cecelia Willis
- Sharon Riley-eye cancer
- Ariana Rojas-2nd grader ( cancer)
- Jeff Denton-cancer
- Frances Brown-lung cancer, 134 N. Laurel Circle
- Little Gabbi Cook-treatments
- Hazel Holder
- Carol Archer - Diane Upchurch's cousin
- Susan Horton - cancer
- Doris McKennon - sister of Edna Hardison undergoing chemo
- Travis Jett - father-in-law of Cynthia Porter Jett

**Theme: What a Christian Does**  
**June Goal: A Christian Seeks Wisdom From God.**  
**(James 3:17)**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
SOUTH GATE EVENTS**



**TUESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES**

**July 2 Speaker: Jerry Barber**  
**“The New Self:”**

**Working for the Master**  
**Next Meeting - July 7th**  
**Menu: Pizza & Salad**  
**Bring Desserts if you would like**  
**Cost \$3.00 each**

**ADDITIONAL SICK**

- Jone Lewis - grandmother of Blair Keeling,
- Georgia Cook - NHC Columbia, Rm. 133
- Gladys Burgess - aunt of Terry Burgess
- James & Norma Clark - aunt & uncle of Mike Lyle
- Jenny Miller - breast cancer
- Jack & Daisy White
- Delinda Anthony - sister of Abigail Anthony
- David Heffington - esophageal cancer
- Andrea Spears - bone cancer
- Wanda Nix - Debbie Massey's sister
- Karen Pierce (Chemo treatments) - mother of Robin Weaver
- Katherine Jones - home of Alice Bolton



Brandon Hubbard -Serviceman  
 (Clayton & Myrna Jett's grandson)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**June 30 - Kim Fitzgerald**  
**July 1 - Blake Daniels**  
**July 2 - Mary Beth Duff, Chris Hargrove**  
**July 5 - Zack Anthony**

**THE RECORD SPEAKS**  
**June 23, 2013**

Morning Worship.....	247
Bible Study.....	179
Evening Worship.....	238
Wednesday Evening .....	138
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,798.00



## One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

### Are Your Treasures Worth It?

Proverbs 10:2 "Ill-gotten treasures are of no value, but righteousness delivers from death."

We live in a society that believes that wealth has great advantages. With this line of reasoning, many decide to do what is unlawful and immoral in order to gain this wealth. This line of thinking is evil and not well thought out. If a man were to steal a Picasso painting from a museum, where would he display it? If a woman were to take a beautiful diamond necklace belonging to another, where would she wear it? Men often plot how to take money from companies, clients or an individual. They may have the money and think they enjoy the money but what is on their mind when they lay their heads on their pillow at night? Ill-gotten treasures do not provide any security. These possessions very rarely bring any happiness. In each of these illustrations the individual is looking over their shoulder looking for the authorities to come. One more question should be considered as well. What if I come to the end of my life and no man has figured out what I have done? I will die with this item still in my possession and I must face God with this theft on my life's record. I recently read of a hunter that in the 1960's poached three elk. Just weeks ago he called a game warden to ask what the penalty was for this act. His answer was \$250 per animal in the 1960's but today it was \$2000. He was shocked to receive a check in the mail for \$6000. For over 50 years this man was haunted by his lawbreaking.

Righteousness delivers from death. If we have earned our possessions, we will not have the reactions found in the previous paragraph. We may not have many possessions but we have a clear conscience and we will not have to answer to God for taking what does not belong to us. Righteousness is the path to life and peace and we would be wise to seek it in all that we do.



### Pantry Items Needed

Canned Beans (pinto, white, pork & beans), Canned Meats (chicken, spam, Vienna's), Instant Potatoes, and Pasta

## Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



**July 31: Deadline for Scholarship Applications.** Applications must be turned in by the student - not the parent.

**July 7-12: Horizons**

**September 7: Bible Bowl** (I Corinthians and Galations) If you are willing to help make practice questions, see John Thomas. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer if you would like to participate in Bible Bowl.

Five of our South Gate teens returned to the U.S. last Friday from our mission trip to Mexico! They were Rachel Cross, Mackenzie Rubert, Maddi Lusk, Kyle Upchurch and Jeremy Shires. What a great week we had and we gained so much from our experiences 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! In this way, you too are a missionary. God bless you and thank you again for your generosity and support! —Jody



### THANK YOU

I appreciate the cards and calls and visits from each of you. Hope to be able to come to church soon.

In Christian Love, Maetta King

Thank you so much for your support to be able to be a part of the mission trip in Mexico at the City of Children. It means so much to me that you helped me out so much. I am really glad that I got to go do the Lord's work. The trip had a huge impact on my life. I hope to go again next year.

Sincerely, Drew Thornton

Thanks to all for your prayers and for every act of kindness shown to Robert and me. We love you all. Thanks also, to Joe and Brian for the beautiful service.

With Love, Ruth Childress and family



### *South Gate Building Fund Contributions In Loving Memory of Robert Childress*

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**WORSHIP LEADERS JUNE 30, 2013**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Richard Farris  
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Alex Jones  
 Serving:  
     John Allen Thomas      Jerry Barber  
     Jonathan Macer          James Bolton  
     Boyd Wood                Terry Burgess  
     DeWayne Hickman        Ronnie Skelley

Offering  
 Read (I Kings 20:37-43).....Jesse Gilliam  
 Sermon: "Busy Here and There".....Joe Macer  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....Barry Cross  
 Read (Philippians 4:4-9).....Tom Miller  
 Sermon: "Think About Such Things".....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....John Massey  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Gary Boyd

**5th Sunday  
 Contribution  
 June 30  
 Goal - \$24,000**

Ushers: Corey Massey, J.W. Gilliam, Bill Jones  
 Greeters: Tom & Brenda Miller, Savannah & Kim Buchanan  
 Audio/Visual Room: Jim Pollard

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).

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Laura Spires, Teresa Lyle  
 P.M.....Angie Massey, Marisa Massey

**TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013**

Song Leader .....Dennis Thomason  
 Prayer.....Joe Macer  
 Announcements.....Brian Gregory  
 Speaker.....Jerry Barber