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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)

**2013 Theme**  
*"But be doers of the word and not hearers only"*  
James 1:22

## *How I See It. By Brian Gregory*

On Monday U.S. Congressman, Tim Griffin, a member of the House of Representatives from Arkansas, announced he would not seek re-election in 2014. This would have been his third term if reelected. He was in the process of raising money for his campaign and had won the previous elections handily. His voting record was consistent and his constituents appeared happy with his service. So, why would a man doing well in a prominent seat of political power and prestige suddenly decide to step down at the end of his current term? Was it another sex scandal? Was it an arrest for a D.U.I or assault charges? Was it an accusation of apparent unethical conduct? Was it something publically disgraceful? The answer is none of the above. U.S. Representative, Tim Griffin, decided to end his congressional career to focus upon raising his family. Due to the age of his young children and the distance from Arkansas to Washington D.C., his family was unable to move to D.C. and thus he is away from home a lot. After much prayer and contemplation, he decided it is best for him to serve at home as the head of his household.

How refreshing and inspiring it is to hear about a congressman stepping down not because of disgrace and scandal but because he chose time with his family. I think we can all learn a lesson from his decision. First, we can learn money, power and prestige are great but they are not worth losing your family over. Rep. Griffin never stated his family or marriage were in trouble but he knew in the long run they could be damaged by his absence. Second, we all need to take a look at what is most important in life. I don't know this man's religious background but I do know he is a man of faith. With that said he stated he was choosing to be a better father to his children and husband to his wife. In turn, he was placing his priorities where God said they should be. Third, we learn there are still people of faith, morals and integrity left in the world and even serving in the U.S. Congress. If someone can walk away from a career like this and keep their faith, morals and integrity in tact, I think we all can do the same.

Despite the demands and prestige of our careers or the things we pursue most in life, the relationship God has entrusted to us as the parents of our children are where we can influence the world the most for Christ and should always be a top priority in life.

Brian

October 27, 2013

A.M. Brian Gregory, Speaker

P.M. "Superior To The Angels" (Hebrews 1:1-4) Joe Macer, Speaker

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS SOUTH GATE EVENTS



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

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 203
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- Darlene Church - NHC Hillview 202-B
- John & Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Daniels - home
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 136A
- Doris Inman - NHC Hillview 217-B
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Nell Legg - Poplar Estates, Rm. 107
- Frances Petty
- Jimmy Quirk - recovering f/surgery
- Emma Jean Ragsdale
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview 101-B
- Christie Skelley - recovering from surgery
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates 101
- Brenda Warf - therapy
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson

## **FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Dora Bolton, mother of James, recovering f/shoulder surgery, 201 3rd Ave., Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474, Jimmy Hickman, 1694 Blue Moon Ln., Zeb & Dara Macer & unborn child, Richard Bell - Hillview, Rm. 118, Bobby Ayers, father/Linda Lasater - NHC Scott, Lawrenceburg, Lorene Doggett, Karen Lockridge - cancer, Patricia Luther - cancer, Jennifer Fetters - cancer (friend of the Lasater's), Sharon Riley-eye cancer, Jeff Denton-cancer, Frances Brown-lung cancer, Doris McKennon - sister of Edna Hardison, Melissa Peterka, JoAnn Anderson, Heidi Mabry - Linda Mabry's daughter-in-law, Paula Baker - sister of Kaye Beard, Travis Jett, William Parsley-brother of Nell Hood, Delinda Anthony - sister of Abigail, Sherry Nicholson - sister-in-law of Larry Nicholson, Tony Harris-brother/Jan Thomason - Baptist Select Hosp., 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 - esophageal cancer, Andrea Spears - bone cancer, Carol Archer - Diane Upchurch's cousin, Susan Horton - cancer, Karina Pierce, MRMC, Rm. 100 - mother of Robin Weaver, Katherine Jones, mother of Alice Bolton - The Bridge, Rm. 236, Wayne Lankford - friend of Brian Gregory, Sara Norton Gaines-aunt of Danny Lasater, Brent Hendrickson, Paul Jackson-father of Rhonda Farris

### **Nov. 9: South Gate Ladies Day**

**Theme : "Finding Contentment"**

**Speaker: April Estes**

**Sign-Up Sheet in foyer for workers and recipes**

### **Nov. 10: Veterans Recognized**

**Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer if you served in the military.**

### **Dec. 4-7: Bible Read Thru**

Objective: Fix our mind on the importance of reading and following God's word in prayer.

Different classes and groups will be assigned times to read the Bible. More information will follow later.



**Oct. 26th: Fall Family Get Together at home of Randy and Melissa Jones. Games begin at 3, potluck meal around 5.**

**Costume presentation by children, bonfire, hayride and trunk or treat. Bring chili, finger foods, deserts, etc. Drinks, hotdogs and buns will be provided. Everyone is invited! Bring family and friends!**

**Directions: Go about 5 miles out Highway 50 past Shoneys, turn left at the Glendale exit 373. Jones home is on the left (about 3/4 mile) at 1599 Culleoka Highway.**



## **THE RECORD SPEAKS**

**October 20, 2013**

Morning Worship.....	261
Bible Study.....	188
Evening Worship.....	152
Wednesday Evening .....	152
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,938.00

**Theme: What a Christian Does**

**October Goal:**

**A Christian is Steadfast in Trials and Tribulations.**

**(James 1:2-3)**



## One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

### Betrayal

Luke 22:48 but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

From the time of Jesus' arrest until his crucifixion various reactions were displayed towards him. Perhaps none were more hurtful than what Judas Iscariot did. Judas had spent quite some time in training with the Lord. Day in and day out he saw the miracles performed by the Lord; he heard the teachings of love and compassion. Judas knew and believed Jesus' claim of being the Son of God. Even though he lived with the Lord around three years, he made the decision to turn him over to the authorities for thirty pieces of silver. Judas betrayed the Lord and even more insulting was that he did it with a kiss.

A kiss is a sign of affection or love to us. In that time, a kiss meant something similar to a hand shake today. We don't extend our hand to our enemies. We shake hands with those we have some type of a relationship with or are just being introduced in order to start a relationship. It would not cross our minds to shake someone's hand in order to set them up for an execution but this is what Judas did. Judas acted as a friend but he was an enemy. The question for each of us as a Christian is, "Are we acting as a friend to the Lord but in reality betraying him?" We may do this with our speech or with our actions. Jesus does expect total dedication. Let's examine our actions and see if any of them are a sign of betrayal. We will look at some other reactions to Jesus at this critical time in his life the next few weeks.

### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Edna Hardison in the death of her brother-in-law, Jerry Primm, whose funeral was last week.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Kane Ragsdale, a young man who was recently killed in an automobile accident. He was related to the Hickmans.

Sympathy is extended to Diane Perterka in the recent death of her mother Dolores Kaczmarek.

## Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



**Oct. 27: "Awakening"** Area Wide at Miller's Farm. Bus leaves South Gate at 4:15 p.m. Devo at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$15. This includes food, drinks and haunted woods.

**Nov. 3:** Youth Area Wide at Main Street Church of Christ at 5:00 p.m. Van will leave at 4:30 and return at 8:30.

### AREA EVENTS

**Oct. 27-30 Gospel Meeting**  
**East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN**  
**7 p.m. nightly**

**Speaker: David Sproule**

**Nov. 3 - Nov. 6 - Gospel Meeting**  
**Pulaski St. Church of Christ, Lawrenceburg, TN**  
**7 p.m. nightly. Speaker: Jerrie Barber**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 27 - Kay Allen

Oct. 28 - Kasey Cross, Shirley Hui

Oct. 30 - Savannah Buchanan

Nov. 1 - Tommy Skelley

Nov. 2 - Allie Lusk

### THE DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

The South Gate Pictorial Directories are located in the foyer. We ask that you get only one per family. Please place an initial beside your name when you pick up your book so that we will have a record of who has received theirs. Special thanks to Barry Cross for all the hard work he did in putting this book together.

### Pantry Items Needed

Pasta, Instant Potatoes, Rice, Spaghetti Sauce

**LADIES**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**MARCH 7, 2014**  
**Annual Ladies Retreat**  
**Marriott in Cool Springs**

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**WORSHIP LEADERS OCTOBER 27, 2013****SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason  
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Barry Cross  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Duane Allen  
 Serving:  
     Kevin Mick                      Tom Miller  
     Mike Lyle                        Benny Bolton  
     John Thomas                    James Bolton  
     Terry Burgess                 John Massey

Offering  
 Read.....Boyd Wood  
 Sermon:.....Brian Gregory  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling  
 Read (Hebrews 1:1-4).....Richard Farris  
 Sermon: "Superior To The Angels".....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Jerry Wilson  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie Davis

Ushers: Tommy Skelley, Chase Thomason, Charles Bassham  
 Greeters: Bill & Peggy Jones, Randy & Melissa Jones  
 Audio/Visual: 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..... Jan & Emily Thomason, Libby Moss  
 P.M..... Katherine Nicholson, Leigh Ann Pollard

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30, 2013**

Song Leader .....Joe Macer  
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jim Pollard