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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

What a rough week at my house!!! It all began almost two weeks ago with Ethan breaking his arm. The next day his youngest brother caught a virus and started running a high fever all weekend. Early Saturday morning Ethan then came down with a stomach severe virus that required me to take him to the E.R. for fluids and medicine to stop further dehydration. Tuesday morning the same virus Ethan had viciously attacked me. Although it only lasted two days, it was not until this week (Monday) that I finally felt 100%. At the end of the week Alaina started a virus of her own and it was topped off Sunday morning with Austin feeling sick himself. In the end Amanda proved to be the healthy one. She never got sick and for some reason is wanting to take a vacation by herself. So, to say the least it has been a rough week at the Gregory house. Yet, through it all I have actually learned a few things I want to share with you.

Wash your hands! Ok that is obvious but seriously we need to remember this.

There are times you cannot help yourself. When they come it is ok and necessary to ask for help. Do it and let others help. So often people want to help but are never asked. One of our friends called and without being asked brought us a much needed dinner one night.

Appreciate your health. I am typically very healthy. I exercise often. I do not take medications and have no chronic illness or problems. However, being so sick made me appreciate my health that much more.

Be thankful for the little things. When you're sick it is the little things like, crackers, sprite, a comfortable bed, a warm blanket that mean so much. Be thankful for these things and all the other little things always.

Express your gratitude for the help you receive. It is not always easy to be nice when you are sick. After all, you're sick and you are not yourself. All you really want is to feel better.

When the opportunity arises let those who cared for you know how much you really appreciated it all.

Praise God. No, I did not praise God for the sickness at my house but I did praise and thank Him for the money to pay my medical bills, my insurance coverage, access to good health care, a family to care for me and so many other things.

Take time to check on the sick. Several people called and texted me when they knew I was sick and it was so encouraging to know they cared.

This was not at all the way I intended to spend last week but I do know it takes illness sometimes to put us back in our places and give us a different perspective.

Brian

October 13, 2013

A.M. Brian Gregory, Speaker  
P.M. Brian Gregory, Speaker

**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
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Nell Legg - Poplar Estates, Rm. 107
- Frances Petty
- Jimmy Quirk
- 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
- Cecelia Willis - back at worship
- Ed Johnson - recovering from surgery

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Zeb & Dara Macer & unborn child, 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, Delores Kaczmarek, mom of Diane Peterka, 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, Mary Rogers - recovering from surgery, 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 Hefington - esophageal cancer, Andrea Spears - bone cancer, Carol Archer - Diane Upchurch's cousin, Susan Horton - cancer, Karina Pierce, Chemo - 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

**Theme: What a Christian Does**  
**October Goal:**  
**A Christian is Steadfast in Trials and Tribulations.**  
**(James 1:2-3)**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
SOUTH GATE EVENTS**



**Oct. 13: Working For The Master**

Menu - sandwiches chips (bring desserts) cost \$3 ea.

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

**Theme : "Finding Contentment"**

**Speaker: April Estes**

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

**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 hot dogs, buns, chili, finger foods, desserts, etc. Drinks will be furnished. Everyone is invited! Bring family and friends!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Oct. 13 - Joyce Johnson, Cody Jones
- Oct. 14 - Ethan Gregory
- Oct. 15 - Stephen Hardison
- Oct. 16 - John Churchwell, Sr.
- Oct. 17 - Bernice Bratton
- Oct. 18 - Jerry Thornton
- Oct. 19 - Byran Farris, J.W. Rush

**THE RECORD SPEAKS**

**October 6, 2013**

(25 young people were away at camp on Sunday)

Morning Worship.....	170
Bible Study.....	122
Evening Worship.....	72
Wednesday Evening .....	130
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,709.00

**Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to our 5th Sunday Building Fund on September 29!**



## One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

### Stumbling Blocks

II Corinthians 6:3 “We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.”

What is a stumbling block? In Leviticus 19:14, the people were commanded not to put a stumbling block in front of the blind. It was literally something that the blind man would trip over. This is in no way funny but instead it is cruel. In the New Testament the phrase is used as a way to keep someone from being on the right path with God. What are some things that can cause people to stumble?

One of the most common ways to cause one to stumble is by our attitudes. When we consider ourselves better than others, we drive people away. People do not like to keep company with arrogance. Do we approach others with grace, mercy and love? A second stumbling block is hypocrisy. If we tell someone to do something and we are not willing to do it ourselves then we lose the respect of those we are trying to teach. What we do speaks louder than what we say. When we encourage others to live the Christian life, are we giving them a great example? A third way to be a stumbling block is to simply invite someone to sin. When we know something is wrong and yet call others to participate in the activity with us then we are a stumbling block. We have helped in their falling.

What is the end result of being a stumbling block? Paul understood that if he was a stumbling block then his ministry would be discredited. By helping someone to fall there is a great likelihood that they will not be interested in our words. Our words declare salvation but our actions have spoken much louder. How sad it is when someone will not consider the gospel because of the wrong influence of a Christian. Just as sad is when we drive a Christian away from the church by our wrong behavior. Are we helping people to the gates of heaven or are we causing them to stumble?



### Pantry Items Needed

Canned Meats—Vienna's, Spam & Tuna

## Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



**Oct. 13:** Area Wide at Sandy Hook, van leaves at 4:30 and returns at 8:30 p.m.

**Oct. 27:** Area Wide at Miller's Farm  
Bus leaves at 4:15 p.m. (food & drinks provided)



### CONGRATULATIONS!

**It's a Girl!** Congratulations to Josh & Cassandra Turner on the birth of Kate Olivia born Oct 3. Jack and Dean are the proud big brothers, Joe & Rosemary Macer are the proud grandparents and Clifford and Dorothy Johnson are the proud great-grandparents.

**It's a boy!** Congratulations to Blake & Jessica Daniels on the birth of Mason Wyatt born Oct. 6. Proud grandparents are Bobby and Dana Daniels and Randy and Melissa Jones. Proud great-grandparents are Bill and Peggy Jones.

### THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, and many acts of concern shown to our family during the past year. With God's help, good doctors, and your love, Donald's health has improved tremendously. In Christian Love, Donald & Dana White

Dear Elders, Ministers and Members, I have such an awesome church family. Once again I have called on you for prayers and support and again you have helped me through a difficult time. I appreciate so much the prayers during my recent surgery.

I want to thank you for the cards, calls and visits. Special thanks to the Ladies Bible Class for the basket. Hopefully, my recovery will continue to go well. I have truly been blessed and I thank you so much. In Christian Love, Cecelia Willis

### AREA EVENTS

**Oct. 13,14,15 - Gospel Meeting**  
**Hall's Chapel Church of Christ**  
Mon. 7 p.m. Speaker David Stofel  
Tues. 7 p.m. Speaker Cary Crews

**Oct. 27-30 Gospel Meeting**  
**East Hill Church of Christ, 7 p.m. nightly**  
Speaker: David Sproule

**Oct. 20 - Grief Share Support Group**  
13 Week Video and Discussion  
West 7th Church of Christ

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**WORSHIP LEADERS OCTOBER 13, 2013****SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Richard Farris  
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Kevin Mick  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Mike Lyle  
 Serving:  
     Randy Jones                      Tommy Hight  
     Cody Spires                      Johnnie Johnson  
     David White                      Ryan Massey  
     Sam Quirk                      John Allen Thomas

Offering  
 Read.....Byran Farris  
 Sermon:.....Brian Gregory  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

Ushers: Sonny Hargrove, Duane Allen, John Massey  
 Greeters: Ed & Jessica Hargrove, J.B. Hickman, Linda Rochelle  
 Audio/Visual: Jonathan Macer

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, Sara Farris  
 P.M.....Elizabeth Hargrove, Kristi Mick

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Joe Macer  
 Prayer.....Barry Cross  
 Read.....Blake Daniels  
 Sermon:.....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Alex Jones  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Gary Boyd

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2013**

Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling  
 Announcements/Speaker.....John Thomas