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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"*

How I See It. By Brian Gregory

The following was recently shared on a blog I read with the theme of the month being, "I'm Thankful For. . ."

Recently, my wife Jenny asked me to describe where I thought we are on the grand scale of life. As our children are married, and we have entered the grandparent phase, blessings just seem to eclipse any potential summarization I might be able to make apart from them. In the end, my conclusion was that we are living in the dividend years.

Dividends are rewards based on investments. Investment planners use the word every day to describe what comes to you when you invest your money wisely. Principally however, the meaning can apply to every area of life where blessings are seen. When discussed, emphasis is always placed on the investment. If you want big dividends, you have to invest more, and the earlier you start the more you will receive in the end.

For my life, the dividends began coming in a long time before I started personally contributing. God began His overflow of blessings before I was born, and my life has experienced a constant stream of payoffs, many of which I never personally invested. His love has made investing on my part more of an inclination than a challenge. While the word "millionaire" is something I still struggle to spell, much less having experienced, I must admit that I often feel like the man in Matthew 25 who was said to have reaped where he had not sown, and gathered where he had not scattered seed.

Perhaps, what makes blessings, dividends, or whatever you choose to call them, so intensely profound is not so much the experience of them, but the recognition of what they are when they happen. God is so good! With the way things are now, I anticipate that no matter what happens, life is going to continue to get better and better. —Scott Harp

The Blessings in life really are dividends being paid out as a result of what we have invested. The question is, what are we investing most in?

November 17, 2013

A.M. "What If? (II Thessalonians 1:6-10) Joe Macer, 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
- Clyde Farris
- 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
- Ned Pollard - Skyline Medical Ctr.
- Emma Jean Ragsdale
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview 101-B
- Christie Skelley - back at worship
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates 101
- Brenda Warf - therapy
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Clint Fitzgerald, father of Kim - pacemaker surgery, Tony Harris, brother of Jan Thomason - Vanderbilt Hospital, Mary Paul Lasater, mother of Danny, Dora Bolton, mother of James, recovering f/ shoulder surgery, 201 3rd Ave., Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474, Faye Fox, friend/Barbara McNeese, Zeb & Dara Macer & unborn child, Richard Bell - home, 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, 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, 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, - mother of Robin Weaver, Katherine Jones, mother of Alice Bolton, Wayne Lankford - friend of Brian Gregory, Brent Hendrickson, Paul Jackson-father of Rhonda Farris, Stormy Lyle - mother of Mike Lyle, Joan VanHooser - cancer

**Theme: What a Christian Does
November Goal:
A Christian Is Thankful
(James 1:17)**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SOUTH GATE EVENTS**



Nov. 18: Primetimers Trip

Lipscomb University, Sounds of America Concert
Sign-up and more information on table in foyer.
Leave South Gate at 4:45 p.m.

**Dec. 1: Annual Elders, Deacons, Preachers,
Treasurers Meeting**

**Dec. 4-7: Second Annual Foundation of Faith
Reading thru the Bible**

Different classes and groups will be assigned times to read the Bible. Sign-up sheets to participate are in the foyer.

**Dec. 29: 5th Sunday and New Comers' Luncheon
March 7, 2014: Ladies Retreat Marriott/Cool Springs**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- November 18 - Mathis Hight
- November 19 - Teri Hill
- November 21 - Rita Skelley
- November 23 - Cora Mae Duff



We have received a gift from the Estate of Retha Slaughter Jett in the amount of \$10,000 in memory of her parents, Robert and Marie Slaughter. Retha loved this congregation and we are blessed to receive this gift.



Our first annual Ladies Day at South Gate was a great success with over 100 in attendance. Thanks to all the ladies of the congregation for their participation in decorating, preparing food, working in the kitchen, clean up and inviting friends and family. Thanks to Linda Lasater and her team for planning the day.

**THE RECORD SPEAKS
November 10, 2013**

Morning Worship.....	264
Bible Study.....	200
Evening Worship.....	148
Wednesday Evening	173
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,660.00



One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

They Accused Him

Luke 23:2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king."

We continue to look at various reactions to Jesus from the time of his arrest, through his trials, and up until he was placed upon the cross. Judas betrayed him with a kiss; Peter denied knowing him and the guards mocked him. This Scripture shows the reaction of the leaders of the Jews. The council of the elders, both chief priests and the teachers of the law met for the purpose of destroying Jesus. They did not care how it was done; they just wanted him gone. They thought of anything and everything they had heard him say and looked for a way to slant it from their perspective. They made accusations that were not true. Jesus was not subverting the nation. Jesus told people to pay their taxes to Caesar. He did claim to be a king but pointed out that he was from another place therefore Caesar had nothing to be concerned about. These men told lies to destroy the influence of Jesus and they wanted him dead.

Men will go to any lengths today to try to dethrone Jesus. Even to this day books are written that are lies. Men desire to destroy Christianity. The easiest way to accomplish this is to destroy the faith of people by getting them to doubt that Jesus is who he claimed to be. Lies have been told about his death. Lies have been created about his relationship with women - particularly Mary Magdalene. Lies about sinful behavior are presented as fact. Even well meaning people can sometimes present Jesus in a manner inconsistent with Scriptures. If we do not acknowledge the Jesus of the Scriptures, then we are presenting an imposter. May we never make false accusations against the Son of God. Let's strive to present him in an accurate way and with truth.



PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Rice, Pasta, Instant Potatoes, Spaghetti Sauce

Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



Volunteers are need to help the teens prepare the Thanksgiving dinner for the shut-ins on Nov. 26 & 27. See Jody if you can help with cooking, delivering food and clean up.

May 10, 2014: Girls Day - Sheila Butt Speaker

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE & UNDER Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 7: 8:30 - 11:30 Fellowship Hall
Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer for those who plan to attend as well as for those who want to bring food. See Byran or Rachel Farris for any questions or details.

ATTENTION TWEENS AND PARENTS OF Tween's Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 7: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 Fellowship Hall
A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for those who plan to attend. Food and drinks will be provided

***THERE WILL BE NO TWEEN'S DEVOTIONAL
DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.***

THANK YOU

Dear South Gate Family, Thank you for all the prayers, visits, calls, cards and food that you sent on my behalf during my recent illness. Every act of kindness was greatly appreciated. Jimmy Quirk

WELCOME

We are pleased to announce that Steven and Lori Nixon have placed membership with us. They have two daughters, Ella and Avery. Their address is 103 Avalone Dr., Columbia, TN 38401.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Linda Lasater and her family in the death of her father , Bobby Ayers, whose funeral was Wednesday in Lawrenceburg. However, the entire family rejoices in the fact that he was baptized on Thursday last week and made his calling and election sure.

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WORSHIP LEADERS NOVEMBER 17, 2013**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Randy Jones
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jody Pritchett
 Serving:
 Blake Daniels Ryan Massey
 Chase Thomason Cody Spires
 Johnnie Johnson David White
 Gary Boyd Bobby Daniels

Offering
 Read (II Thessalonians 1:6-10).....Jason Kelley
 Sermon: "What If?".....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Alex Jones
 Read:.....David Morgan
 Sermon:Brian Gregory
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Charlie Willis

Ushers: Larry Nicholson, Johnny Smith, Jerry Barber
 Greeters: John, Debbie, Angie Massey, John Thomas
 Audio/Visual: Jason Snyder

Security Team: A.M. Greg Lusk, Corey Massey 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.....Melba Lee, Mary Beth Duff
 P.M.....Paula Gilliam, Rachel Farris

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2013

Song LeaderSam Quirk
 Prayer.....John Allen Thomas
 Announcements/Speaker.....Brian Gregory