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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*

MOSCOW, Idaho — Longtime church-goer Gert Rizzoli was so devoted to her spot in the pew at Featherside Congregational church that when she passed away last month, her family received permission to bronze her body and set it in the pew. Now, to the consternation of some church members, her body is permanently located in the aisle seat she occupied every Sunday for forty years.

"She loved gazing at the pastor from that spot, being the first in her row to receive Communion, having quick access to the bathroom," says daughter Sofia. "It gave her a sense of deep, spiritual comfort." But fellow church-goers also remember Gert's stiff response to anyone who tried to take her place. One man was shooed away by Gert on several occasions when he arrived early and inadvertently took her spot, he says. Now the bronze statue serves as an irritating reminder of the encounter. "It's like she's still there defending her seat," he says.

When church members enter the sanctuary now, they can't help but catch the glare of light off of Gert's bronzed pate. Visitors find it inconvenient to climb over her, and children have stubbed their toes on her hardened shins. "She was a Christ-like lady, except when it came to giving up that spot," says a family friend. "She had a real sense of her turf. To her, it was like the Israelites: Once you get land, you don't give it up."

Pastor Len Kerralt, who agreed to the odd memorial, looks upon Gert's frozen smile each Sunday from the pulpit. "It's nice to know at least one person is enjoying the sermon," he quips. But others still mumble about the nuisance. "What if more people request the same thing?" one woman asks. "Pretty soon the church will be filled.

We all like to sit where we do for one reason or another. But the greatest tribute to our devotion to God should never be enshrined in a seat for others to marvel at. Instead, it should be enshrined upon the hearts and lives of those who whom we touched while trying to live like Jesus.

Brian

P.S. This story is not true.

December 8, 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
- David R. Bolton, son of James & Roberta - knee surgery
- Ann Brady
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- Darlene Church - NHC Hillview 202-B
- John & Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 136A
- Tim Hardison - recovering f/surgery - home
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Nell Legg - NHC Hillview, Rm. 113
- Frances Petty
- Ned Pollard - recovering f/surgery
- Gene Porter
- Emma Jean Ragsdale
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview 101-B
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Cody Spires - eye injury - recovering f/surgery
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates 101
- William Warf - back at worship
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim & Martha Wilson

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

David Bolton, son of James & Roberta, Earline Hensley - sister of JoAnn Coleman - melanoma, Jimmy Johnson - cousin of Libby Moss - cancer, Stephen Altobell - cancer, Neal Brady - heart surgery soon, Dorothy Hill - aunt of Rita Skelley, Carla Ragsdale - MRMC, Rm. 353, Clint Fitzgerald, father of Kim - home, Tony Harris, brother of Jan Thomason - Select Specialities, 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, 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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
SOUTH GATE EVENTS**



**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. 14, 5-7: Primetimers Christmas Party**  
Fellowship Hall  
Food Sign-up List in the foyer  
Bring \$1.00 Dirty Santa Gift

**Dec. 29: 5th Sunday Building Fund Contribution  
Potluck Luncheon Honoring Newcomers  
12:45 Afternoon Worship**

**HOLIDAY MID-WEEK SERVICES**

**Due to the holidays falling on Wednesday evenings,  
we will meet on Thursdays, December 26 and  
January 2.**

**Area Events:**

Gospel Singing at Antioch Church of Christ , Dec. 6th  
at 7 p.m.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

December 8 - Martha Wilson  
December 9 - JoAnn Coleman  
December 11 - Jim Pollard  
December 13 - John Thomas  
December 14 - Dorothy Johnson

**Theme: What a Christian Does  
December Goal:  
A Christian Serves Others  
(James 1:27)**

**THE RECORD SPEAKS  
December 1, 2013**

Morning Worship.....	274
Bible Study.....	200
Evening Worship.....	141
Wednesday Evening .....	125
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$8,058.00



## One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

### Remember My Chains

Colossians 4:18 "I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you."

The Apostle Paul was in prison when he wrote the letter to the church at Colosse. He wrote about proper Christians conduct, the freedom found in Christ and false doctrine that was showing up in the church. This was all penned from his prison cell. He had not given up and in every way imaginable he continued to share the message of the gospel. Not knowing what his future held - freedom or death - he made wise use of his time. As he concluded Colossians, his request was to remember his chains. How do we do such a thing?

In Hebrews 13:3, we are told, "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Think as if it were you in prison. Put yourself in the other person's shoes. How would you feel if it were you? What changes would being in prison bring to you and to your family? When you really consider this, then go to God in prayer on behalf of the person in prison. Pour your heart out in asking God to act on behalf of the prisoner.

In the United States, few if any are imprisoned because of their Christian beliefs. Around the world, many Christians are imprisoned simply due to their faith. Remember them in your prayers. Thank God for our freedoms in this nation and ask him to continue to give us these freedoms. Never forget the suffering of God's people.

### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Libby Moss and her family in the death of her husband Gary last week, whose funeral was on Saturday.

### STOCKING DRIVE



We are again filling stockings for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Stockings and a list of items needed are in the foyer. December 15th is the deadline to fill and return them to us for delivery.

## Youth News

by Jody Pritchett



**CYC 2014 - February 21-23:** Applications can be downloaded at [www.teenscape.org/applications](http://www.teenscape.org/applications). They are due December 18th.

**Dec. 8th**— Area Wide at West 7th from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### 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

### TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME "Change for Children" Coin Drive 2013-14

Thank you so much for your prayers and support of TCH through the years! Cans are available to be picked up in the foyer. Please take a can and bring the filled can back to South Gate in May, 2014. Thanks again and God Bless.—Glenn Richardson



Thanks you for all the calls, visits and especially the prayers when our son David had his surgery. Thank you to the Ladies Bible Class for the basket.

Love, David, Roberta and James Bolton

Thank you so much for all that has been done for me since I have been sick. Your prayers, cards, visits, and basket from the Ladies Class means so much to me. In Christian Love, Vera Daniels

Thanks so much for the lunch and especially the prayers for me and my son. God Bless You. In Christian Love, Ann Brady

Thank you for the beautiful plant that was sent to the funeral home at the time of my daddy's death. Your thoughtfulness in reaching out to my family and me at this difficult time means so much. Sincerely, Linda Lasater

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**WORSHIP LEADERS DECEMBER 8, 2013****SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson  
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Dennis Thomason  
 Serving:  
     Benny Bolton                      Jim Anderson  
     John Massey                      Jerry Barber  
     Tom Miller                         David Gray  
     Danny Lasater                     Larry Nicholson

Offering  
 Read .....Ryan Massey  
 Sermon: .....Brian Gregory  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight  
 Read .....Jesse Gilliam  
 Sermon: .....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Mike Lyle  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

**5th Sunday  
 Contribution  
 December 29  
 Goal - \$24,000**

Ushers: Alex Jones, J.W. Gilliam, Terry Burgess  
 Greeters: Peggy Wilson, Alice Williams, Jerry & Judy Barber  
 Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason  
 Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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.....Melissa Jones, Linda Lasater  
 P.M.....Lori Lee, Linda Weaver

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2013**

Song Leader .....Blair Keeling  
 Prayer.....Tim Raines  
 Announcements/Speaker.....John Thomas