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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

This past week we have seen a lot of crazy weather. There was lots of rain over the weekend with some mild flooding. Slightly further north some areas were blanketed in snow. The cold air and moisture combo missed us. Early this week lots of rain turned to ice and led to a snow day. My kids were a bit confused about it being called a snow day and the lack of snow but I think they quickly got over it.

I recalled living through two major ice storms in my life. The first I am sure many of you remember, came in 1994. It led to massive damage and power outages for weeks in some places. The last one was when I was living in Kentucky in January of 2009. The previous September we had been hit by a major windstorm which brought hurricane force winds (90mph. recorded at Louisville's airport) and as you can imagine lots of damage. Just when most of the area had barely recovered from that the ice storm came. There were two consecutive nights of freezing rain. We lost power the second night. When it was over there was about an inch or more of ice everywhere. But the saving grace was after the second night about four inches of snow fell and made it possible to travel cautiously. At that time Ethan and Austin were five and two and Amanda was almost nine months pregnant with Logan. When the power went out we were stuck very unprepared. We had only one or two flashlights, a few small candles, no phone service, electricity or heat. I was so afraid we would have to deliver a baby at home. By the next afternoon when it was obvious the power was not coming on anytime soon, we headed south to stay with my in-laws in Lewisburg. We went home a few days later with a generator in tow and the power came back on in within a few days. Now what did I learn from all of this?

- Be prepared. Life has a way of catching us unprepared. While we were never in any life threatening danger, we easily could have been. We never know what tomorrow will bring (Jm. 4:13-17) so we especially need to be prepared toward God (Amos 4:12).
- Life is uncontrollable. There was nothing I could do to prevent or stop this ice storm, it was totally beyond anyone's control. We all like to think we are in control of our lives, so we plan and do accordingly but we all know this is not the case. With this knowledge and acceptance of it in mind, trusting God and His will for our lives is even more important.

God works in our lives in some incredible ways. Looking back there are several times I can see God's hand at work. The snow made it possible to leave. We did not have a baby at home. Our safety was never compromised, just to name a few.

Brian

December 15, 2013

A.M. "Serving Others" (Psalms 67) Joe Macer, Speaker

P.M. Brian Gregory, Speaker

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

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 203
- 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
- Clyde Farris
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 136A
- Tim Hardison - recovering f/surgery - home
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Nell Legg - NHC Hillview, Rm. 113
- Mike Lyle
- 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 - NHC Hillview, Rm. 107, 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, Frances Brown-lung cancer, Doris McKennon - sister of Edna Hardison, Melissa Peterka, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister of Kaye Beard, Travis Jett, 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, Billy Don & Betty Morrow

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SOUTH GATE EVENTS**



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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed December 23-25 and December 30-January 1.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 16 - Kasen White
December 21 - Linda Kuykendall

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

**THE RECORD SPEAKS
December 8, 2013**

Morning Worship.....	228
Bible Study.....	200
Evening Worship.....	125
Wednesday Evening	143
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$6,422.00



One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer
My Words

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Since the days in which the New Testament was being written and combined into the form we know it as today, it has been attacked.

In 303 A. D. the emperor Diocletian issued a royal decree that every Bible should be destroyed. Diocletian went on to say that if one had a copy of the Scriptures and did not surrender it to be burned, if it were discovered, he would be killed. Furthermore, if any other should know of one who had a copy of the Scriptures, and did not report it, he also would be killed. As a result many Bibles were burned and many Christians were executed. After this edict had been in force for two years, Diocletian boasted, "I have completely exterminated the Christian writings from the face of the earth!" He had in fact not exterminated Scriptures. The Bible has had many enemies. Even those that professed on some occasions to be its friends under other circumstances turned enemy to it.

During the middle ages, for example, the Roman Catholic Church burned thousands of copies of the Bible. They did not want the common man to read it. But in spite of it, the Bible lives on.

Voltaire, the noted French infidel, who died in 1778, made his attempt to destroy the Bible. He boldly made the prediction that within one hundred years the Bible and Christianity would have been swept from existence into oblivion. But Voltaire's efforts and his bold prophecy failed as miserably as did those of his unbelieving predecessors. In fact, within 100 years, the very printing press upon which Voltaire had printed his infidel literature, was being used to print copies of the Bible. And afterward, the very house in which the boasting Voltaire had lived, was literally stacked with Bibles prepared by the Geneva Bible Society. Voltaire and all his cohorts had miserably failed.

Still today nations are trying to remove Scripture from within their borders but they likewise will fail. God's word will last longer than this world. This world will come to an end but God's word will never end.

Youth News by Jody Pritchett



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

December 22: Teen Christmas Party and Progressive Dinner— Signup sheet in Student Center



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.



*Dear Church Family,
Thank you all for the prayers, flowers, cards, food and visits that my family has received from each of you. Words cannot explain how much this has meant to us. I am so thankful to be a member of South Gate and am blessed to have you as friends. In Christian Love, Libby Moss*

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Gary Boyd and his family on the death of his aunt, Gayle Eubanks, who was killed in an auto accident last week.

Sympathy is extended to the David Upchurch family on the death of his brother, Gary Upchurch, who passed away last week.

Sympathy is extended to Dave Coleman on the death of his aunt, Josie Cammuse, who passed away last week.

Sympathy is extended to Kevin Mick and family on the death of his sister who passed away Sunday in Pennsylvania.



Contributions have been made to the Play Ground Fund in memory of Bobby Ayers and Gary Moss by Tommy and Jadonna Hight.

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WORSHIP LEADERS DECEMBER 15, 2013

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Boyd Wood
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....DeWayne Hickman
 Serving:
 Jonathan Macer Dave Coleman
 Johnny Smith Ronnie Skelley
 Barrow Brown Tommy Skelley
 Kyle Upchurch Jerry Williams
 Offering
 Read (Psalms 67).....Donnie Davis
 Sermon: "Serving Others".....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd
 Read.....Barry Cross
 Sermon:.....Brian Gregory
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Duane Allen
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

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

Ushers: Bobby Daniels, Sonny Hargrove, Johnnie Johnson
 Greeters: Dave & JoAnn Coleman, Charles & Doris Bassham
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

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)
 Or go to Our Website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information**

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Cheryl Thornton, Natalie Thomas
 P.M.....Diane White, Connie White

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2013

Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Richard Farris
 Announcements/Speaker.....Alex Jones