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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"*

From the Elders.....

Blessings abound at South Gate!!! It is both overwhelming and humbling to reflect back over 2013. We have definitely had a very successful first year in our new South Gate facility. So much has been accomplished as we have settled in our new home because of the dedication and hard work by so many members. We encourage all members to get even more involved in doing God's work now and in the years to come.

Now that we are in our new home and look forward to many more years to come, we must work to strengthen ourselves and each other spiritually. The scriptures teach us that we are to not only encourage one another but to stir up each other to love and good works. (Hebrews 10: 24-25, *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*) Let's all be determined to grow spiritually as we never have grown before. We all have work to accomplish as we labor in God's kingdom. The Apostle Paul teaches us in I Corinthians 3: 5-7 that if we do our part, God will give the increase! Let's all work together to make that happen.

We will concentrate on our new theme for 2014 --- GOD'S F.A.M.I.L.Y., All Things in Common", Acts 2-37-47. It is our prayer that our individual families will be strengthened, and God's Family at South Gate will grow tremendously. We ask that every member "roll up their sleeves" and be even more determined to make this coming year one of the best years this congregation has ever experienced in doing God's will.

We are blessed and humbled to be your elders.

December 22, 2013

A.M. Brian Gregory Speaker

P.M. "Handling Opposition" (Nehemiah 4:1-5) Joe Macer, 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
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Nell Legg - NHC Hillview, Rm. 113
- Frances Petty
- Ned Pollard - home
- Gene Porter
- Emma Jean Ragsdale
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview 101-B
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Cody Spires - recovering from eye surgery
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates 101
- 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 - son of Ann, Dorothy Hill - aunt of Rita Skelley, Carla Ragsdale - NHC Hillview, Rm. 107, Clint Fitzgerald, father of Kim, Tony Harris, brother of Jan Thomason - Select Specialities, Mary Paul Lasater, mother of Danny, Dora Bolton, mother of James - 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 Dan & Betty Morrow, friends of John Mayberry

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to our prayer list, please notify the office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SOUTH GATE EVENTS**



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

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 21 - Linda Kuykendall
- December 24 - June Wood
- December 25 - Benny Bolton
- December 27 - Edna Hardison
- December 30 - Kelly Lusk, Cassandra Turner
- January 1 - Ashtyn Brown
- January 5 - Izek Renier, Luke Snyder, John Allen Thomas
- January 7 - Lori Tyree
- January 8 - Sarah Cross
- January 11 - Nell Legg, Rebecca Lyle, Donald White

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

**THE RECORD SPEAKS
December 15, 2013**

Morning Worship.....	291
Bible Study.....	200
Evening Worship.....	153
Wednesday Evening	154
Budget.....	\$8,000.00
Contribution.....	\$7,286.00



One Verse At A Time

By: Joe Macer

Success

Proverbs 16:3 “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.”

Everyone wants to be a success, but just what is success? When I ask my students this question in class the most common answer is to have a lot of money in order to do whatever you want, whenever you want. The dictionary defines success as the favorable or prosperous termination of attempts or endeavors, the accomplishments of one's goals. With this thought, this verse ends by saying we will accomplish our goals. What are our goals? Solomon indeed was very successful at all that he did but what did he mean by this proverb? Does he mean that we will all be as rich as he was? Will we all be as wise as he was? Will we all have the fame, influence and high position that he had? Not for an instant do I believe that this is what he was saying. This proverb was written from the viewpoint of serving God. If we want to be a faithful servant of God then God will help us achieve this goal.

From the Christian perspective, if we want to be with God in heaven for eternity then it is very much possible. Our goal will be achieved but it does depend upon our commitment to the Lord. Our decisions must be based upon what God wills rather than what we will. If our choices are based upon what God desires, then he will aid us in achieving our goal. This is why Paul can say in Romans 8 that all things work together for good to those who have been called and then that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is not a guarantee of an easy life but of a life that will be a success - the achievement of our goal of being with God eternally.



PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Pasta, Rice and Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Meats

Youth News by Jody Pritchett



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

RESPONSES

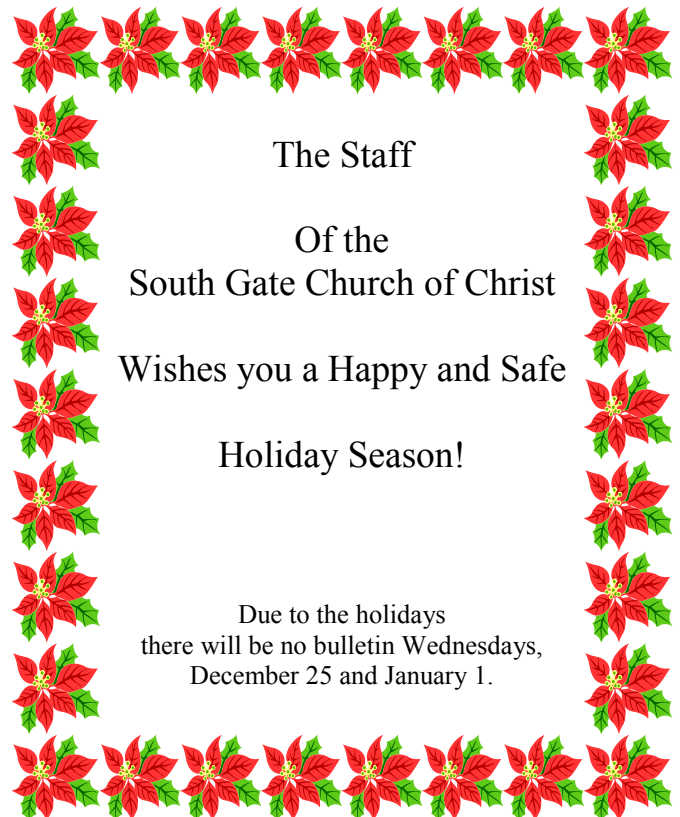
We rejoice with **Karen Mann**, who restored her life to Christ on Sunday morning and commend her for her desire to make her calling and election sure.

Allie Clark Wells, granddaughter of Benny and Alice Bolton was baptized last week by her father, Nicky. She is to be commended for committing her life to Christ in her youth.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank Kevin and Kristi Mick for hosting the Primetimer's Christmas party last week. A great time was had by all who attended.

The Primetimer's group consists of members age 55 and older. If you have never participated, we hope you will join us at our next event. It is a great way to get to know fellow members in a more personal way.



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WORSHIP LEADERS DECEMBER 22, 2013

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
Prayer.....Jerry Wilson
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Benny Bolton
Serving:
Mike Lyle Ryan Massey
Blake Daniels Cody Spires
Johnnie Johnson Chase Thomason
David White Byran Farris

Offering
ReadBobby Daniels
Sermon:.....Brian Gregory
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Blair Keeling
Prayer.....Tim Raines
Read (Nehemiah 4:1-5).....Sam Quirk
Sermon: "Handling Opposition".....Joe Macer
Lord's Supper Presiding.....John Massey
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....John Thomas

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

Ushers: Tommy Hight, Jesse Gilliam, Jim Anderson
Greeters: James & Roberta Bolton, Benny & Alice Bolton
Audio/Visual: Jim Pollard

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Iris, Samantha, Shelby Anderson
P.M.....Alice Williams, Debbie Massey, Tonya Boyd

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2013

Song LeaderJoe Macer
Prayer.....John Thomas
Announcements/Speaker.....Jim Pollard

WORSHIP LEADERS DECEMBER 29, 2013

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Alex Jones
 Serving:
 Duane Allen John Allen Thomas
 Donnie Davis Charlie Willis
 Jason Kelley James Bolton
 Terry Burgess Jesse Gilliam
 Offering
 Read (Psalm 63).....Barry Cross
 Sermon: "What If Lazarus Was At Your Gate?".....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 12:45 P.M. YOUNG MEN SERVICE

Welcome.....Alex Jones
 Two Songs.....Rhett Heflin
 Prayer.....John Allen Thomas
 Two Songs.....Drew Thornton
 Read..... Kyle Upchurch
 Sermon:Alex Jones
 Invitation Song.....Sam Quirk
 Closing Song.....Sam Quirk
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....DeWayne Hickman
 Announcements.....Richard Farris
 Closing Prayer.....David Morgan

Ushers: Dave Coleman, Charles Bassham, Tommy Skelley
 Greeters: Lorene Hickman, Linda Weaver, Nell Hood
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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Kasey Cross, Linda Kuykendall
 P.M.....Sharon & Jennifer Davis

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2014

Song LeaderGreg Lusk
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd
 Announcements/Speaker.....Brian Gregory

WORSHIP LEADERS JANUARY 5, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Tim Raines
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jim Pollard
 Serving:
 John Thomas Sonny Hargrove
 Bobby Daniels Jim Anderson
 J.W. Gilliam Jerry Barber
 David Gray Danny Lasater
 Offering
 ReadDennis Thomason
 Sermon:Brian Gregory
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Joe Macer
 Prayer.....Byran Farris
 ReadMike Lyle
 Sermon:Brian Gregory
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Benny Bolton
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Kevin Mick

Ushers: Ryan Massey, John Massey, Blair Keeling
 Greeters: Charlie & Cecelia Willis, Jason & Brecca Snyder
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones
 Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Janice Smith, Teresa Lyle
 P.M.....Kelley, Meghan & Madelyn Lusk

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2014

Song LeaderSam Quirk
 Prayer.....Mike Lyle
 Announcements/Speaker.....Joe Macer