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FROM OUR PASTOR

Holy Week

I recently shared with our Session that this coming few weeks are some of the most joyous and exciting for a preacher of God’s Word. To have the privilege of proclaiming the suffering, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is a blessing beyond measure. I want to ask you to join me in prayer for our Holy Week services. As one who admires the Puritans, not only is there nothing wrong with setting aside a week to focus on Christ’s atoning work, it is positively wonderful. This year, I want to ask you to join me in prayer-preparation for our Holy Week services as never before. Would you, please, pray for each of these services below daily and also seek to invite an unchurched friend to be your guest at one or more.

Palm Sunday is April 1. At both morning services, I’ll be preaching on the passion of Christ. His humiliation is necessary for a proud culture. Let us pray that this theme will focus our minds this year. In the evening, we will begin a sermon series on Exodus.

Maudy Thursday Communion is April 5 @ 7:00 PM. This moving service of reflection and reverence is rapidly becoming a favorite for many. I know of few services that are so Christ-centered and helpful to believers. We and others need to remember Christ, specifically in his loving sacrifice.

Easter is April 8 this year. What a glorious and triumphant day! If there’s a more opportune day to bring a guest to worship, I don’t know what it is. I’d rather have folks visit our worship on Easter, if this is the only time they attend over the course of a year, than attend zero times a year. Pray specifically that Christ will be lifted up in the power of the Spirit in our midst. And let us pray that the Lord will draw some of our own friends and family to himself.

Please, as the earliest disciples did, pray and bring folks to see Jesus. And as we’ve been learning in Ephe-

sians, it is not wrong to ask God to do “exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or imagine” in these prayers. Pray boldly, invite broadly, and worship bountifully.

The Cult of Casualness

The Rev. Al Baker and his wife Winnie were once associated with Midway. He’s now ministering in New England. I thought his devotional was so excellent that I wanted to pass it on to you in its entirety.

“Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way.” Psalm 2:12.

The Cult of Casualness

I vividly remember, some twenty years ago, businessmen in my church telling me that their companies had begun a new practice, what they called “casual Friday,” where employees were free to wear casual attire instead of suits and ties that one day per week. The practice, of course, has generally moved to business casual everyday of the week. The cult of casualness has invaded every aspect of our culture, including the worship service on Sunday morning. We now have casual dress where anything goes- shorts, flip flops, whatever. We now have casual worship, yielding an aura of laxity and informality. We also have casual preaching- hand in the pocket, golf shirt, conversational style of preaching, a desire to not get too worked up, to pretty much come across like a talking head on one of the cable news networks. Then there is casual holiness, people so taken with what theologians call the indicatives (the declarations of all we have in Christ) that they neglect the imperatives (be holy, as God is holy, put to death the deeds of the body, do homage to the Son, lest He become angry and you perish in the way).

Can you think of any time in the Bible when God commends a casual approach to worship, preaching, or holiness?

From the Pastor cont.

Agag, king of the Amalekites, approached Samuel in a casual way, long after he thought judgment has passed, but Samuel cut him to pieces with a sword. David was casual, lounging around his palace when he should have been at war, entering into a casual relationship with Bathsheba which brought terrible consequences to his kingdom and family. And Samson was casual in wanting a young woman of the Philistines. He was casual in his relationship with Delilah. He was casual in his pursuit of holiness, and we know what these cost him.

There are times when formality is extremely important. Funerals come immediately to mind. The funeral procession of President John F. Kennedy is firmly planted in my mind- the single riderless horse that followed the caisson with the reversed stirrups. This is called the caparisoned horse, a tradition begun at the time of Genghis Khan when a horse was sacrificed to serve the fallen warrior in the next world. It later came to symbolize the warrior who would ride no more. It now serves as a way to honor Army or Marine Corps officers, colonel or above, and Presidents, as our Commander in Chief at the time of death.

Then think of Ronald Reagan's funeral procession, his flag draped casket. The blue field of the flag was placed at the head of the casket, over his left shoulder. The custom began in the Napoleonic Wars when a flag was used to cover the dead as they were taken from the field of battle by a caisson. The twenty-one gun salute at his graveside included three volleys by seven service members. The three volleys came from an old battlefield custom. The two warring sides would cease hostilities to clear their dead from the field. The firing of three volleys meant the dead had been properly cared for and the side was ready to resume the battle. There was order, dignity, purpose, respect.

And note the formality of the funeral services for soldiers killed in Iraq. Why are these formalities so important? Psychologically, families who are reeling from the devastation of losing a loved one, people whose lives are in utter chaos, find great comfort from formality, tradition, and order. It tells them that though they feel utterly lost, there remains order in their world. It tells them that people care, that great respect is being shown toward one who gave his life for his country. It communicates the importance of the deceased and his cause.

Research psychologist Jeffrey L. Magee says, "Continually relaxed dress leads to relaxed manners, relaxed morals, and relaxed productivity. . .and relaxed dress led to an increase in litigation, a decrease in company loyalty, and increases in tardiness." Letitia Baldrige says that when not in a suit and tie, the American male often adopts the *bathrobe attitude*, defined

thus, 'I am comfy, and that is all that counts.'" Another study shows that casual workplace attire can lead to a decline in ethics and productivity. "There is a fear that casual dress makes employees too comfortable and not professional enough. . .When you wear the more casual attire, human nature says you will act a little bit more casual."

If these things are true, then why would we not take public worship more seriously? Could it be that our view of God has shrunk? I am not suggesting that mere formality means someone loves Jesus more than someone else, but certainly the heaviness of the issue at hand, communing with almighty God, ought to evoke reverence and awe? Surely the preacher standing to deliver the precious word of God knows that he stands before the transcendent holy One, and will give account for his preaching. He must decide whether he will be a comedian, motivational speaker, or preacher in the pulpit. And surely, if we take to heart the many admonitions, warnings, and exhortations to walk in a manner worthy of our calling, then we will be dead earnest about obeying God.

Casual dress on Saturdays, while at a ball game, or out with friends or family on Friday night is expected and anything else would look odd. But can we not rethink our casual dress on Sunday morning in the worship of the God who is a consuming fire? Can we not rethink the exalted profession of standing to deliver a "Thus says the Lord," to our congregations? And can we not rethink the frivolity and casualness which too often marks our Christian walk?

SOURCE: FORGET NONE OF HIS BENEFITS, *volume 6, number 11, March 15, 2007* (a weekly devotional by Reverend Al Baker, pastor of Christ Community Presbyterian Church in West Hartford, Connecticut)

Cutting Floor

Several of the quotes below were very helpful to me as I've been preparing sermons on Ephesians 3-4. You might enjoy hearing some other voices on these passages.

Geoff Thomas noted on the prayer from Eph. 3: "The pastoral prayer is one of the central features of our worship. In it the minister leads the congregation in their longings, fears, confession of sin and love for God. In all the religious services featured on religious television such praying is never featured. TV simply cannot come to terms with it, and into the vacuum which its absence provides yet more smart-suited 'personalities' and histrionic singing are poured. Everything is out of balance because of that devotional void at the heart of those services.

From the Pastor cont. / Youth



Midway Youth Ministry

Rev. Greg Doty

While there is scarcely an example of the early church singing recorded anywhere in the New Testament there are references to and examples of its praying everywhere. Paul's adoring wonder of God flamed up to heaven, and in his epistles we see a boundless yearning for the Lord – "O that I might know him" - and his total satisfaction in God.

John Piper commented: "If the church is the theater in which the principalities and powers of the universe are to see the glory of God's manifold wisdom, then Jesus Christ is the embodiment of that wisdom and the main character in the drama played out in the theater of the church. The way the church glorifies God is by simply providing an arena in which the work of Jesus Christ can take effect." He also added: "Or we can change the picture and see the church as a hospital established by God and where his Son Jesus Christ is the only physician. And so God gets glory in the hospital by all the people getting well through the surgery of his Son. Ephesians 3:21, then, would be translated: 'Glory to God in the church, his hospital, and in his Son, the surgeon Jesus Christ.'"

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones wrote on the unity of the church in Ephesians 4: "It is not a question of fingers being stuck on hands, and hands to forearms, and so on. It is all one. All the parts come out of an original cell, as it were an original germ of life, and they are all extensions and manifestations of that. The unity in the church is like that, and whether we like it or not, we have to face that fact."

E.K. Simpson's opening paragraph on Ephesians 4:1-10 reads: "Hitherto, under Paul's trusty guidance, his crusaders have been threading the loftiest passes of revelation, absorbed in the panorama of a massive mountain-chain of Christian doctrine, outspread around their line of march. Now it is time for them to descend from these craggy altitudes, intersected by many a cross-track opening into regions yet unexplored and cloud-capped, to the lower levels of everyday duty and demeanour; from the credenda, in short, to the agenda; for all doctrine truly held prompts to corresponding practice. If faith be the candle, works are the light; take away one and you cannot keep the other (Selden). Our belief fixes the trend of our footsteps. We are, in fact, what we believe."

Finally, note what G. K Chesterton said in his classic work, *Orthodoxy*: "What we suffer from today is humility in the wrong place. Modesty has moved from the organ of ambition. Modesty has settled upon the organ of conviction; where it was never meant to be. A man was meant to be doubtful about himself, but undoubting about the truth; this has been exactly reversed. Nowadays the part of a man that a man does assert is exactly the part he ought not to assert--himself. The part he doubts is exactly the part he ought not to doubt--the Divine Reason."

"Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus." Luke 5:18-19

When we read this passage, we are often amazed at the faith of this man who was lowered through the roof in order that Jesus might heal him of his paralysis. What we seldom consider in this whole extraordinary episode are the friends of the paralytic who carry their friend on a mat, then take apart a roof in order for their friend to come before Christ. These men who carried this friend serve as a great example to us, for God's word says, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) This verse sets before us a challenging call which is to love those around us so much, that we would go to extraordinary efforts to bring them before Christ. Would you join me, and others, as we carry the youth of our church before Christ? Let us not let the crowds and business of the world keep us from setting one another before our savior, and in this, we fulfill the command that we love one another.

Youth Calendar for April:

Youth Group: April 11, 18, 25
Discipleship Group: April 8, 15, 22, 29
Middle school party: April 13
High school event: April 27
High school service project: April 28
Youth Sunday: May 20

Special People/Special Announcements

Happy Birthday Senior Saints



APRIL

5 Robbie Penrod
8 Carolyn Kemp
14 Buck Kemp
22 Gay Ottinger

MAY

16 Ellen VonStein
29 Billy Penrod



PRAY FOR OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Havilah Kline	Clare Richardson
Amy Blalack	Robin Curtis
Linda Vawter Harris	
Paige Richardson Forrester	
Missy Crew	Camille Jackson
Shelley Remington	Sara Beth Chumley
Kelli Shipman	Jennifer Nolan

Thank You!

Bernard and Jennifer Nolan would like to extend a sincere thank you to the pastors, pastors wives, deacons, elders and entire congregation of Midway Presbyterian Church. All of the love that overflowed onto our family during the past few months was more than we knew existed. Thank you all for caring about Leah and making her short life so special.

Much love and gratitude,
Bernard, Jennifer and Henry Nolan

Ladies, mark your calendars for our Spring WIC Event which will be held on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us for this special evening!

AMERICAN VISION

Gary DeMar hosts a daily radio show in Atlanta, live from the American Vision office, every weekday from 3 - 4 P.M. It will air on WNIV, 970 and 1400 AM.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

Gary DeMar will begin a 5 week study on Bible Prophecy in Perspective, on April 11th at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT FROM THE DIACONATE

Receipts for February 2007	\$132,701
Ahead of budget for February	\$19,960
Building Fund to Date	\$3,969,675
Over and above Missions giving YTD	\$2,435
Future Daughter Church Fund to Date (Since April 2003)	\$10,780
Future Daughter Church Planting Receipts YTD 2007	\$680

For the Diaconate
In His Service
Reggie Harris

Missions

MIDWAY-SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

Stanley and Donna Arnes - MTW, South Africa
Peter and Diane Bakelaar - MTW, Japan
David and Stacy Bergmark - MTW, Sweden
Ron and Gayle Clegg, World Harvest Mission- - Hungary
David and Sue Cunningham - MTW, Australia
Jack and Kim Cunningham - MTW, Thailand
Rob and Angie Edwards - RUF, University of Georgia
Alan and Chinglien Fiol - MTW, Taiwan
Dan and Rebecca Gregoire - MTW, Slovakia
Ester Hunter - WBT, Chad, Africa
Tim and Lois Hunter - WBT Orlando/Africa
Scott and Tracy Ketrow - CCC, Italy
Dale and Nancy Knudson - MTW, Philippines
Endi and Kati Kovacs, CRM, Hungary
John and Kathy Lesondak - MTW, Slovakia
Steve and Ann Lutz - SIM, Niger, Africa
Tim and Nicole - MTW, Europe
David and Jill Martin - MTW, Ukraine
Demetrios Marmaras - PEF, Greece
Mike and Robin McMahan - MTW, Ecuador
Bob and Patty Meredith - NAV, Kenya
Harry and Julie Miller - PEF, Atlanta/Bulgaria
Wayne and Amy Newsome - MTW, Japan
Young and Soon Park - MTW, South Korea
Andy and Sue Peck - WBT, Orlando
Clay and Darlene Quarterman - MTW, Ukraine
Palmer and Joanna Robertson - ABC, Uganda
Mike and Sheryl - MTW, Atlanta area
Gullermo and Jeannie Salinas - PEF, Mexico
Jonathan Sawtelle - CO, Samford University
Chuch and Wyema - MTW, Europe
Roger and Dianne Smalling - MTW, Latin America
John and Liz - MTW, West Africa
Jan - MTW, Europe
Linda Summer PEF The Agape Puppets
Jim and Catalina Tate - MTW, Ecuador
Johan and Stephanie Van Der Westhuizen, MTW, Chile
Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher - MTW, South Africa
Becky White - MTW, Taiwan
Linda Wixon - MTW, Japan
Steve and Kathy Womack - WBT, Kenya
Pat Wood - PEF, Freedom Ministries

Mission Organizations supported by Midway

ABC -- African Bible College
CCC -- Campus Crusade for Christ
CO -- Campus Outreach
CRM-- Church Resource Ministries
MTW -- Mission To the World
NAV - The Navigators
PEF - Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship
RUF - Reformed University Fellowship
SIM - Serving in Mission
WBT -- Wycliffe Bible Translators

Grandchildren are such fun. With our three-year old Rebecca there are no secrets or surprises. The fact that her mommy was making me earrings and a necklace for my birthday just bubbled out of her mouth on the phone. She also sings her way through the day with a steady flow of whatever pops into her stream of conscience. As we get older some of us learn to think before we speak.

All around us spring flowers are popping out to glorify their Creator. They also don't put any thought into their actions and scatter their seeds freely. Some extra plants just become unwanted weeds while others are treasures to be shared. Which they are may be just a matter of perspective for we serve an amazing God. He has a way of using even the not so good things in our lives for our good and His glory. Nothing is lost in God's economy.

When our missionaries visit they often give us a physical gift that is representative of the culture or country where they minister. It might be coffee, paprika, or a picture. Roger Smalling gave us one of the books he authored in Spanish on reformed theology. It sat on display on the missions table until the Combes family lit the advent candles one December. When Paco chose to read the scripture from his Spanish Bible I realized that he might enjoy Roger's book. As president of Hapdong Theological Seminary in Korea, Young Park has also written a number of books, which he gave to Midway. These little Korean books sat on our mission table for over a year. Recently Bobbi Mitchell asked if Diane could borrow them. Diane is an international student living with them while she attends Dominion Christian High School. There are a large number of internationals at Dominion with over 30 from Korea. Diane is going to share them with other students. Ruth Dewhurst suggested that they be added to the school library. While these students speak fluent English, their Bibles are in their mother tongue. It is exciting to see these excellent books used and not just sitting on display.

As I write this our medical mission team is in Honduras using their skill at doctoring and dentistry to draw people to the church sponsored clinic. I can hardly wait to hear how God used Ryan, Huck and Mac. There is a youth sponsored trip to the Gulf Coast doing construction over Spring break. Then in June a group will spend their vacation time in Mexico working with our Midway missionaries Guillermo and Jeannie Salinas doing some painting, VBS and evangelism. The end of July another group will head to London to work with a team who are reaching out to emigrant populations.

Fundraisers for the summer teams will be the annual Missions Dinner to be held on Saturday, April 28. And new this year will be a plant sale at the church during the day of the 28th. Plants will include flowering perennials, hardy ferns, flowering shrubs and trees. A list will be available before the sale.

Upcoming Missions dates:

Saturday, April 28 - Plant sale fundraiser
Saturday, April 28 - Annual Missions Dinner
Sunday Evening April 29 - Rob Edwards
October 5 - 7, 2007 - Missions Conference

We need to be intentional in our witnessing - kind of like thinking before speaking.
Use what you have been given - flowers, book, time, etc - to open a spirit led conversation.

Becky Blades, for the Missions Committee

Music Ministry / Children's Ministry

Music Ministry *by Judy Dodd*

What does the phrase “the passion of Christ” mean? Last year, a movie was released bearing this very title. Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary defines the passion of Christ as “the sufferings of Christ between the night of the Last Supper and his death.” The story of the passion is found in all four gospels (Mark 14-15, Matthew 26-27, Luke 22-23, and John 18-19). In musical terms, the *Passion* has a history which dates back to the 5th century, when Pope Leo the Great ruled that the St. Matthew Passion should be part of the Palm Sunday service, and the St. John Passion should be presented on Good Friday. Later, it became the custom to present the different Passion texts at different times, all during the time between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

The text of the Passion was originally chanted by the Priest in a dramatic way, with the reader representing the different voices in the story: the Evangelist as Narrator, the voice of Christ, Pontius Pilate and Peter. Sometimes the words of Christ were chanted while the rest were spoken. This somewhat dramatic presentation quite naturally led to what is known as the Passion Play, the oldest of which dates from the 12th century.

Many composers over the centuries have set the Passion to music. The most notable Passion settings are those of Johann Sebastian Bach. His setting of St. Matthew’s Passion is known as the Great Passion, due to its great length. He also composed St. Mark’s Passion (which was lost) and St. John’s Passion. Possibly the greatest setting of the Passion is by Georg Frederick Handel, in his composition *Messiah*. This Maundy Thursday, our choir will be singing “Behold the Lamb of God” which is the first chorus in the Passion section of the *Messiah*. It is a short but beautiful chorus, whose entire text is “Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.” May it be a blessing to you as it has been to us as we prepare to worship together this coming Holy Week.

Children's Ministry by Richie Hunt

A long time ago, soon after I started working at Midway, tragedy struck one of the families here. The family had children in the Children’s Ministry. I remember being at their house, trying to support and comfort those kids, but I didn’t know them very well yet. It was at that point I decided that this would not happen again. When the kids at Midway need me, I’m going to be there for them. And not just be there physically, but really be there for them – and that meant knowing them and having a relationship with them. Since then, I’ve incorporated into the Children’s Ministry times when we play and hang out. On Wednesday nights, a big part of our program is going down to the gym and playing games. This isn’t just to fill time, but it’s an important element where I get to play with the kids and that has made us better friends. On Sunday nights, I’ve shortened my lesson by a little, so that we have time to play games and put together puzzles while we are waiting for the kids to get picked up. I have thoroughly enjoyed sitting on the floor with Noah Keel and Jake Worley the last couple of weeks making stuff. Soon, I’m going to be planning the Children’s Ministry Summer Calendar. On Tuesday mornings, we are going to have Bible studies and then activities for the Pre-school age, the Elementary girls, and the Elementary boys. Also, I am planning a weekly activity where I can take the kids somewhere for most of the day. Please consider giving me the opportunity to hang out with and get to know your children better. I’m very committed to strong doctrinal teaching and Scripture memorization, and I’m also very committed to knowing each child at Midway individually. So I hope you will include in your summer schedule the children’s activities at Midway.

Mark your calendars for these dates!

F.U.N. Week (Fellowship Until Noon) – July 16 – 20
Camp Westminster – July 22 – 28

Nursery Ministry

What is being taught in the twos' and threes' classrooms?

Show Me Jesus Curriculum from Great Commission Publications is what we use in the classes for our two's and three's. The Nursery Children are learning many of Jesus' Words. "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." for example. As they attend and learn to listen to each Bible Lesson the Nursery children are learning many main bible truths.

We use the Bible: To help them know that God's Word is true and we are not just telling them stories, our Nursery Teachers keep the Bible close by and use it to show the children where the Bible Lesson is found. Many times I will say to a class that I teach, "When you ask your Mom or Dad for a bedtime story, ask them to find today's bible story in their Bible, and they can read it to you." I include the location of the Book, Chapter and Verse in my lesson, just in case they actually remember and tell their parents where today's lesson can be found in the bible.

We clarify meanings: When teaching twos and threes, it is important to look for meanings of words they may not understand or may misinterpret. I would definitely talk about "fishers of men" and explain that we are telling people about God. I say, "You can tell your neighborhood friends about the Bible Lesson we learned today."

We make it interesting: When I teach, my class knows that you never know what "Mrs. Jennifer" is going to do. While giving the lesson, I have been found helpless on the floor portraying the beaten man in the Good Samaritan Lesson just waiting for someone to come and help; and occasionally one of the children can't take it anymore and will try to help me up. To make learning Bible Verses easier we usually sing them to a nursery rhyme song. Speaking of singing, our Tuesday Morning Nursery children are learning the first verse of "Holy, Holy, Holy".

We use repetition: We repeat the same lesson the previous or next hour for Nursery Church. We have a new color page and we tell the Bible lesson with a new visual or a different craft that highlights the story again.

We Review: The Show Me Jesus curriculum includes First Catechism Questions for the children to review. While they are very young, we begin the process of reviewing these questions and answers every Sunday.

Summary: Midway Nursery Ministry is a very busy place, not just playing hard but learning how to "do" class. Learning when to listen, when to obey, when to talk, when to play but best of all each moment is not wasted but instead used to plant seeds of faith in their sweet little hearts while they are so open to God's Plan.

Jennifer Nichols

SPRING QUARTER

SUNDAY STAFF

Infant Areas:

8:30 & 9:45 Andrea Baxter 11:00 Bonnie Scott

Nursery Desk:

8:30 Rose Wichterman

9:45 & 11:00 Sally Braaksma

Evening Nursery:

Sandy Burton, Beth Leslie (April) Kindy Moore (May)

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday School Teachers:

Rainbow Room 3's: Bob & Rose Wichterman

Lion's Den 2's: Phil & Patti Schrock

Jeremy & Theresa Fix

APRIL 1

8:30 Jerry & Becky Blades, Jennifer Acree, Michael & Jeffrey Baxter, Anna & Sarah Dudd, Katie & Maribeth Wichterman, John Roberts

9:45 Sarah Combes, Shelley Remington, Doug & Dena Clapp, Chris Jackson

11:00 Joseph & James Boggs, Chris Cowley, Anna Hankal, Bernard & Jennifer Nolan, Jeff O'Hara Family, Richard & Polly Vogh, Sarah Beth Chumley, Matt Wilson

6:00 Sherri Taylor, Barbara Kline

APRIL 8

8:30 Susan & Whitney Brookins, Keira Hall, George & Kim Jones, Emily & Tyler Jones, Charles Joseph, Mickie Roberts

9:45 Christopher Braaksma, Paul & Mary Katherine Keel, Larry Eller, Becky Jackson, Kim & Paul Meyer

11:00 Leila & Marshall Chumley, Gene & Bobby Cork, Sarah & Maggie Eller, Sarah & Rachel Howard, Diane Joung, Ann & Sara or Emily Kistner

6:00 Thomas Chumley, Dave & Sandra Westerfield

APRIL 15

8:30 Sandy, Katie & Kim Burton, Lauren Crumbley, Julie, Bryan & Cole Dykstra, Taylor Johnson, Nicole Neumeier

9:45 Heather Cartwright, Amanda Caden, Ruth Dewhurst, Melissa Klein, Chris Spicer

11:00 Karen Burnsed, Ken Dewhurst, Derek Spicer, Mike Snider, Kim, Dean, & Alex Wardlaw, Bobbi & Michelle Mitchell, Jeff & Jean Ross

6:00 Zack Wagoner, Barbara Bokhoven, Kay Johnson

APRIL 22

8:30 Alicia Bartlett, Robby & Dana Langston, Charles Moore, Jeffrey & Paige Siewert, Tina Cantwell

9:45 Richard & Beth Ann Bowers, Joel & Sandy Kroese, Jodine Poole, Shelley Spratlin, Elizabeth Taylor, Liz Vawter

11:00 Dina Dropp, Lauren Kirschner, John & Brandi Marchant, Evodia Fonji, Kevin Kahle, Zack, Grace & Greta Taylor, Kim Washington, Ruth Ann Knight

6:00 The Pritchett Family

APRIL 29

8:30 Jennifer Acree, Jessica Kuipers, Paul & Leslie Nichols, Shari Purdue, Halie Siewert, Rachel Zimmerman

9:45 Debbie Zimmerman, Mary Burton, Chuck & Linda Duneheew, Mark & Connie Jennings Lynn Wagoner

11:00 Jill & Lucy Barrett, Luke Burton, Olivia Burdine, Larry & Mary Judy, Bob, Debi & Austin Tango, Samantha Clapp, Morgan Kennedy

6:00 Dan & Karen Widner

Nursery Ministry cont.

MAY VOLUNTEERS

MAY Sunday School Teachers:

Rainbow Room 3's: Bob & Rose Wichterman
Lion's Den 2's: John & Cindy Tartal

MAY 6

8:30 Jennifer Acree, Jerry & Becky Blades, Jeffrey Baxter, Alicia Bartlett, Taylor Brittingham, Carol DeMar

9:45 Shelley Remington, Kip & Shannon Howard, Kelly Stout, Cheryl Marsh, Cynthia Brittingham, Cliff & Christie Cook

11:00 Chris & Lori Cowley, Kelsey Hutson, Joe & Denise Monroe, Lori, Allie, & Katherine Peterson, Megan Martin

6:00 Sherri Taylor, Laura, Tyler & Austin Joseph

MAY 13

8:30 Lance & Sonja Cooper, Susan & Whitney Brookins, Michelle, Asa, & Aaron Cooper, Taylor & Leslie Nichols

9:45 Todd & Tricia Ver Steeg, Jennifer Pursley, Doug & Dena Clapp, Greg Kistner, Mary Katherine Keel

11:00 Rachel & Rebecca Wilson, Susan Chewning, Samantha Clapp, Diane Joung, Terri & Melody Kayler, Laura, Evan & Lexi Keese

6:00 James & Joy Scott, Mac Hunt

MAY 20

8:30 Katie & Maribeth Wichterman, Lauren Crumbley, Nicole Neumeier, Anna & Sarah Dudt

9:45 Paco & Sarah Combes, John & Jeannie Fair, Janice Furlong, Chris Jackson

11:00 Kim, Katherine, & Michael Matthews, Richard & Polly Vogh, Jeff & Sandra O'Hara Family, Bernard & Jennifer Nolan, James & Joseph Boggs

6:00 Allen, Susan, & Andrew Scott, Zack Wagoner

MAY 27

8:30 John Roberts, Dylan Crumbley, Tina Cantwell, Keira Hall, George & Kim Jones & Tyler & Emily Jones

9:45 Christopher Braaksma, Jodine Poole, Kim & Paul Meyer, Larry & Abby Jane Eller, Becky Jackson

11:00 Bobby & Gene Cork, Anna Hankal, Sarah & Maggie Eller, Evodia Fonji, Morgan Kennedy, Ann & Sara or Emily Kistner

6:00 Barbara Kline, Paula Wilson



We join John and Andrea Simmons in praising God on the birth of their son Mason James Simmons who was born on February 27, 2007.

We join Eric and Amy Bonner (Bartlett) in praising God on the birth of their daughter Katherine Elizabeth Bonner who was born on March 5, 2007. Katherine Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Greg and Alicia Bartlett and great granddaughter of Katherine Morris.

We join Brian and Kim Washington in praising God for the birth of their son George Kimble Washington who was born on March 20, 2007.

We join Peter and Lori Trottier in praising God for the birth of their daughter Chloe Abigail Trottier who was born on March 20, 2007.

First Sunday in May.

Midway to celebrate 94th Annual Memorial Day “The First Sunday in May” May 6, 2007

According to Webster, a memorial is something that keeps remembrance alive. For 94 consecutive years, Midway has set aside a day for that specific purpose – a day to keep alive the remembrance of those who have led us to faith in Christ and who have now passed on to Glory.

What does it involve?

- An opening exercise at **10:00** in the sanctuary. All Sunday School classes are invited to participate in this opening exercise. It will be followed by . . .
- The placement of flowers on each grave in our cemetery.
- Eleven o'clock worship
- Lunch brought from home and shared with others in the fellowship hall
- A 1:30 p.m. service and short business meeting of the Midway Cemetery Association where an update is given on the care, upkeep, and financial status of the cemetery. This year's afternoon program will feature a bit of history through the biographical sketches of some of those buried in our cemetery.

Who participates in these activities?

All who presently worship at Midway as well as others who trace their roots back to this church and to the Lost Mountain Community.

What should I do to prepare for this day?

- **First, know that this is not an ordinary Sunday. We will vary a bit from regular routine to celebrate this event which has been observed annually for 90+ years at Midway.**
- If you have flowers growing in your yard, cut and bring some to the church on Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. Ladies from the community enjoy being together as they tie the flowers in small bunches to be used to decorate the cemetery the following morning. All are invited to come and help prepare the flowers even if you don't have any to share.
- Plan to bring food & beverage for your family and stay for lunch on Sunday. Also bring plates, forks, napkins, etc. -- whatever your family would need if you were going on a picnic. All the food will be spread on long tables in the fellowship hall. Everyone is free to amble around, visiting and trying an-

other's specialty dish. Some prefer to take their plates and eat outside if the weather is nice.

- Prepare your children for this event. They should understand “cemetery etiquette and safety”. It is dangerous for children to run through the cemetery or climb on markers. This is a wonderful teaching opportunity – a time when families can be together remembering and showing respect for those in former generations who have passed the faith along to us.
- Participate and enjoy the day's events!

Cemetery upkeep is not paid for with regular tithes and offerings.

It would be easy to assume that upkeep of the cemetery is a budgeted church expense. It is not. The Midway Cemetery Association pays for upkeep and needs your financial support. This association is a non-profit organization founded in the early 1960's with the goal of acquiring sufficient funds so that interest on invested money would eventually pay for perpetual care. The Midway Cemetery Association has no paid staff. Allen Scott has been appointed by the Session to provide voluntary service as manager of the cemetery to oversee the sale and deeding of lots, to stake out burial sites, etc. Our goal of perpetual care can be realized only when interest is equal to expenses. An investment goal of \$500,000 has been set; we currently are nearing half of that amount. . **To reach our goal, your financial support is needed; all donations are tax deductible and should be made payable to Midway Cemetery Association.** There will be an opportunity to give following the morning services on May 6.

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ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE:

SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. - Early Morning Worship (Nursery ages 0 – 3)
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Nursery ages 0-3)
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship (Nursery for ages 0 – 3)
- 4:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. - Middle School Discipleship
- 5:15 p.m. - Prayer time for Missionaries in the parlor
- 6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service (Nursery ages 0-3)
- 7:00 p.m. - High School Discipleship

TUESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 a.m. - Men's Early Prayer, Gene Hunt's office
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper
- 7:00 p.m. - Youth Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. - Children's Program
- 7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. - Adult Study, Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

- 7:30 p.m. - Young Adults in the Fish House