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FROM OUR PASTOR

Rev. David Hall

Why Study *Acts*?

I have recently begun a sermon series on the book of Acts. I will be stressing all summer long that the Church in Acts follows the continuation of the ministry of Jesus in the Gospels. Below are a few quotes that give us good reason to jump into this excellent book. Do join us, read ahead if you like, and invite a friend to worship with us. There's room!

A Lutheran commentator (Lenski) noted: "Luther regarded Acts as a beautiful mirror in which one beholds the truth: *Sola fides justificat*. The fathers, likewise admired the contents of the book, noting the great variety of subjects and the immense value of each: the great testimony in regard to the apostolic doctrine and the church; the fundamental outlining of church government, church discipline, and church organization; an arsenal full of artillery against the antichrist; a laboratory full of remedies against all soul-destroying errors of faith and offenses in conduct; . . . a treasury of learning and right doctrine."

Another commentator observed: "The Acts of the Apostles is one of the most important and influential books of all time. It forms an essential link between the four records of the ministry of Christ, and the documents which interpret that ministry to the world at large. It begins in the strange and moving afterglow of the Gospels. . . . It shows those who had known and watched that great event emerging . . . The story moves rapidly from episode to episode. It tells of [Christians] who had known horizons little wider than those of Palestine, conceiving bold projects of world evangelism, and moving out in the strength of indomitable faith to reach the nations with their story." (Blaklock, p. 11)

As G. Campbell Morgan (*The Acts of the Apostles* [Revell], p. 11) observes: When we come to the study of this book, therefore, we must understand

that it is not a merely mechanical story of the journeyings of Paul, or of the doings of Peter. It is intended to reveal to us the processes through which Christ proceeds in new power, consequent upon the things He began to do and teach, toward the ultimate and final victory, which we see symbolized in the mystic language of Revelation."

Join with our church and pray that we'll be conformed to the image of God's people in this great book.

Thank you for your Faithful Giving

No church can survive without the financial support of its members. This past year has been an especially challenging one for ours and for many churches. Thank you for giving regularly, faithfully, and generously. The summer months are always a challenge, so would you join us in praying that the Lord will provide all our needs. He always has.

Your church staff is watching expenses, and last fall a committee recommended budget changes for 2009. About 15% of the budget was trimmed at that time, and this was a prudent move. As you know we are assuming a considerable debt for the new building, and we, thus far, have not had to curtail any essential ministries. We hope those will grow; and as our church grows, we pray that we'll be able to devote even more of the Lord's money to worthy ministries.

As we approach mid-year, please remember that your local church always needs your support. As your pastor, I have no trouble renewing this commitment: you keep tithing and giving (your job), and we'll be able to keep preaching and discipling (our job). And isn't it nice to be in a church that does not use every worship service as a commercial asking for more money. Praise God with us; and we sincerely thank you for your love for God and your stewardship.

From the Pastor cont. / Assistant Pastor

A Good Use for Summer

Parents, please help us by encouraging your children and youth to be as involved as possible this summer. In these months when there is a little more free time, often the Lord uses that for growth in our children. Please call Pastors Joel Smit or Marc Harrington if you'd like information on the children's and youth ministries for the summer. It's a great time to begin your family's involvement.

CUTTING FLOOR: Charles Spurgeon commented 100 yrs ago on Acts 1:6: "I forget how many miles of books interpreting prophecy there are in the British Museum; but I believe it **amounts to miles**, all of which have been disproved by the lapse of time. Some of the writers were wonderfully definite; they knew within half-an-hour when the Lord would come. Some of them were very distinct about all the events; they had mapped them all within a few years. The men who wrote the books, happily for themselves, had mostly died before the time appointed came. ***It is always wise to pitch on a long period of prophecy, that you may be out of the way if the thing does not come off; and they mostly did so.*** There were very few of them who lived to suffer the disappointment which would certainly have come to them through having fixed the wrong date. The bulk of them were most sincere students of the Word, and herein are a lesson to us, even though they were mistaken in their calculations; but, beloved, it is not for you to know the times and the seasons."

News from your Assistant Pastor – Michael Brock

Our Wednesday Night activities resume at about 75% normal capacity June 24. This means ALL the usual Wednesday Night activities will resume EXCEPT FOR SUPPER. The kitchen will open again in September.

On a different note, back in the winter a Wednesday Night study took place that covered finances. This was a brief study covering the basics of a biblical way to manage money. Some folks have expressed an interest in forming a small group to go through some similar material yet with greater depth, detail, accountability, and prayer. If you are interested in such a group, please let me know, and I can be a gathering point for names and contact information of people that might be interested in forming into a small group.

Last, I've had an idea - and I am wondering if one of our church members would be willing to head up a little project. What if we had a list of all the Midway members and their jobs and/or hobbies? Then, if someone needed a plumber, he could look over the list and see who is a plumber; or, if someone needed computer repair, he could look over the list and see who is capable in computer repair, etc. As Midway grows it is more important than ever to help people connect with one another. Also, the potential for expansion with this sort of list is immense – see me if you are willing to work on this project.

In Christ,

Michael Brock

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Activities in June:

Music Camp

June 1-5th...Children will be trained in bells, chorus and music theory while being presented a biblical view of music and worship. We will also enjoy daily games and crafts. Drop off/pick up is around back at the drive under area at the entrance of the new sanctuary at 9:30am and 12 noon.

Theme verse: Psalm 95: 6-7

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Terrific Tuesdays

June 9th—gym activities, crafts and catechism review

June 16th—gym activities and catechism review

June 23—trip to Cagle's dairy (sign up at the children's ministry table)

June 30th—Zoo Atlanta trip (sign up at the children's ministry table)

Wed. Night Bible Study

Children K4-5th grade will begin the summer bible study on June 24th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We will be studying the character traits of the Christian.

VBS Registration and Volunteers

We need volunteers for our July 27-31st week of vacation bible school. Registration for students will begin June 1st for rising K5-5th graders.

Youth Ministry

Teens & Technology

Pastor Joel Smit

Is this a typical day in your life? The radio alarm clock wakes you up; breakfast is gulped down with the morning news; the commute to work is eased with the radio turned on; at the office you read emails, and look things up on the internet; at lunch you grab a magazine; on the way home you pick up the kids from school who turn on the DVD in the backseat; dinner is prepared with the ipod turned on; the night at home is spent watching the latest sitcom or reality show; and finally you drift off to sleep with the soft glow of the tv still on in the corner.

While this may be an exaggeration, it is not far from the truth for each one of us. Media is almost an ever-present reality wherever we go. While we are thankful for what these technological advances bring, they are not free from potential difficulties and problems. This is especially true for our children. A new report indicates that the average child spends 45 hours a week immersed in some type of media. That is far more time than is spent in the classroom or with you as a parent. So the question needs to be asked, who or what is having a bigger influence in their lives?

As parents we need to take continual (meaning daily) inventory of what our children are being exposed to via media. Here are some suggestions to help you as a parent in this area:

1) Limit the total exposure: If 45 hours a week is being spent in media, then a lot of other, more physically and spiritually helpful things are being neglected. Gauge your children's intake of media, and see if an adjustment needs to occur. Just because kids live in the 21st century does not mean that your kids "have to" take part in all of them. Media in any form should be seen as a privilege, not a right.

2) Family TV and Computer: Kids should not have their own private tv or computer. The temptation is too great, and discernment is too immature. Rather television shows and movies should be viewed as a family event, and not a private form of entertainment. This helps in monitoring content as well as build family bonds. Likewise computer usage should be done in a public place, only at specific times. There are plenty of excellent programs that can help monitor and block unwanted computer activity. (<http://internet-filter-review.toptenreviews.com/>)

3) Parents have Passwords: If your children have accounts for email or social networking, then parents should both know and frequently access these pages. Knowing the passwords to their accounts allows for full access, and allows you to parent your child through potential problems. Likewise parents should look over their children's text messages; check cell phone bills to see who they are contacting, how long, and when. This should not be seen as a violation of privacy, rather this is a parental prerogative if youth are involved with these types of media.

4) Minimize constant contacts: With unlimited phone calls, texting, and instant messaging your kids can be in constant contact with whomever, whenever. This is not good. This often makes your kids physically present, but their focus, attention, and communication are tied up somewhere else. Most things can wait to be communicated to their friends the next time they meet. When they are home your teenagers need to be interacting primarily with their parents and siblings. As "boring" as that may seem, you are their God-given family, and they need to have a primary relationship with you and not their friends.

I am not suggesting that you become the media Gestapo with your children. However I am suggesting...strongly pleading, with you to take a very active role with your kids, and do not assume that everything is okay when it comes to media exposure. These safeguards will assist you, but they *must* come with actively engaging and teaching our children. For the greatest safeguard that we can give to our children is a mind that knows how to think by discerning right from wrong according to God's truth – and 45 hours of media exposure a week will not provide that for them.

WED. NIGHT - Beginning again June 24

This Summer we will be learning about the Parables Jesus taught by using a video series called the "Modern Parables." Middle School & High School will be together for music and watching the video, and then we will separate for some teaching and small groups. Please come join us for this exciting study this summer!!!

Bible Studies for the Summer!!

Girls Bible Study – Sarah Wolff, our summer intern, will be teaching separate Middle School & High School Girls Bible Studies. The Bible Study will be "Extraordinary Women of the Bible"

-High School – Thurs. morning at 10:30AM. Starting June 2 in the Youth Room.

-Middle School – Tues. morning at 10:30AM. Starting June 4 in the Youth Room.

Boys Bible Study – Will be lead by Pastor Joel Smit. The topic of study will be, "Twelve Ordinary Men" – life and ministry of the twelve disciples.

-High School – Tues. afternoon at 3:00PM. Starting June 9 at the Daily Grind.

-Middle School – Thurs. morning at 10:30AM. Starting June 11 in Pastor Joel's Office.

YOUTH CALENDAR

- JUNE 5 (Fri.) – High School Grill Out & Sand Volleyball @ Jonathan & Becky Jackson's; 5:30p.
- JUNE 8 (Mon.)– Atlanta Braves Game. Get your tickets from Pastor Joel. \$5 per ticket.
- JUNE 10 (Wed.) – High School Game Night in Youth Room; 7PM
- JUNE 11 (Thurs.) Middle School Bowling @ Stars N Strikes. 7-9:30PM
 - Bring \$10 for bowling, lazer tag & bumper cars.
 - All rising 6th graders welcome to come!!!
- JUNE 14 (Sun.)- High School Homerun @ Jeff & Joyce Tally's
- JUNE 15-19 RYM Middle School. Leave Church at 8:30AM on Mon. June 15.
- JUNE 21 (Sun.) – Middle School after Church Get-together @ Church – 7-9PM.
- JUNE 24 (Wed.) – Youth Group Begins for the Summer. 7PM. Come with the family at 5:30PM for a Kick-off Cook out Dinner.
- JUNE 26-27 – High School Boys Camp-out. More Coming
- JUNE 28 (Sun.)– High School Homerun @ Charlie & Teresa Bursi's

Please check the Youth Calendar on the Church web page for up to date calendar info:

<http://www.midwaypca.org/youthcal.html>

Music Ministry

ORGAN DEDICATION RECITAL

Chelsea Chen, Organist

Midway Presbyterian Church

June 7, 2009

4:30 p.m.

Midway Presbyterian Church, desiring to dedicate our new A. E. Schlueter pipe organ to God's glory, will present Miss Chelsea Chen in an Organ Dedication Recital on Sunday, June 7, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. There will be a worship service at 6:00 p.m., with a reception following the service.

Originally from San Diego, California, Chelsea Chen studied piano from a young age with Jane Bastien and Lori Bastien Vickers. At fifteen she began organ lessons with Leslie Robb, and later with Monte Maxwell. She then went on to study with John Weaver and Paul Jacobs at Juilliard, receiving her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. From 2003-06 she was organist at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, and a leader of the Juilliard Christian Fellowship. In 2006-07 she composed and performed in Taiwan as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar. Currently she is in the Artist Diploma program at Yale studying with Thomas Murray.

With playing described as "stunning" and possessing "lovely lyrical grandeur" (Los Angeles Times), Ms. Chen has electrified audiences throughout the United States and Asia. "Between pieces, Ms. Chen spoke to the audience. She was as gifted in her speaking ability as she was in her musical skills, and her gracious and friendly warmth never left her for a moment. Chelsea Chen is the kind of performer who draws one in by her genuineness as a person, and then sweeps the audience away with playing that surpasses her personal magnetism." (Steve Best, Utica, NY). "She does not play the organ. She makes the organ her instrument for making music. Her every move is musical." (Journal of American Organ building, Vol. 20, Nos. 1 & 2).

The A. E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company, located in Lithonia, Georgia, is the builder of Midway's new instrument. The organ is a three manual, fifty-five rank organ, with over 3000 pipes. Both the façade and the console are constructed from mahogany, designed to blend with the mahogany pews and pulpit furniture. We are thankful to the Schlueters for their attention to detail and commitment to excellence. The result of their labors is a magnificent instrument which can aid in the worship of this congregation for many years to come. *Soli Deo Gloria.*

A DINNER RECEPTION TO HONOR ANN TIPPINS will be held Sunday evening, June 7th, following the 6:00 worship service. Ann is retiring as Midway's church organist after many years of faithful service to our congregation. Please bring a salad (vegetable or fruit) and a dessert. All else will be provided.

Nursery Ministry

Midway Nursery Ministry News:

by Jennifer Nichols, director

Alphonse Karr once said, "Some people are always grumbling that roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses!"

Thank you to all of my Nursery Team of Supervisors and Staff: Andrea Baxter, Sherri Taylor, Sandy Burton, Beth Leslie, Becky Jackson, Sally Braaksma, Patricia Hall, Kindy Moore, Rose Wichterman, Cathy Wallen, Sarah Combes, and Nikki Allen, Nancy Pritchett with her girls Phoebe and Calli Pritchett, who are my roses among the occasional thorns of directing the Nursery Ministry! Our Sunday morning Supervisors work every other month so they may worship upstairs half of the time, while maintaining a welcoming, familiar presence for our Nursery children upon arrival. Some of our Nursery Supervisors and staff are present in the Nursery only on Tuesday or Wednesday and that is, such a blessing to know the Nursery is in good hands all the time.

The Pre-teens and older youth Nursery volunteers are very helpful and needed in the Nursery Ministry. Once we train our youth and with on the job experience, they know many ways to be useful and they leave with many new ideas and skills in childcare and classroom management. Our Youth volunteers, ten years old and up, are so happy to serve because they are regarded as invaluable helpers, not just as kids.

Their role in the Midway Nursery Ministry is to show the ones, twos, and three year olds how to play with the toys, how to take turns and share, and to be good examples for the Nursery children. They serve the Lord by coming to the Nursery when scheduled, by being on time, and staying & playing in the assigned room until the Nursery children's parents come. A typical Sunday morning in the Nursery classrooms consists of a time of playing with all the toys, clean up, then the youth volunteers may help the teacher and supervisor set up the snacks, and be a good example by holding a child quietly while the bible lesson is presented. Then an art project is created by coloring a lesson page or finishing a craft. Our youth volunteers are extremely helpful by handing out crayons, writing names on each page and especially by encouraging the Nursery aged children to color pretty.

My three teens and many others have gained so much from volunteering in the Midway Nursery Ministry. The blessing of serving the Lord and having fun simultaneously is immeasurable. As they spend over seven Sundays a year helping, many tricks are learned. My daughter knows now that blowing bubbles may make even the saddest baby stop crying, even if for only a second. My oldest son, now in college, helped since he was 12 and has so many childcare skills. He prefers the babies and younger toddlers and loves to make them smile. In the past he would be hanging around the church with his youth friends and a young nursery friend

would see him and point him out to the mother. One mother came to me and was amazed that her little boy did not say many words but when he saw Paul in the hallways, he would say, "ball, ball". at first she thought he saw a ball somewhere then she saw Paul and realized her son recognized Paul from volunteering in the Nursery.

I must not leave out the wonderful Parents, Grandparents, and Young Adults that give up their time of worship or Sunday school to come, serve the Lord Jesus, and leave with many blessings by being such a blessing to the young families and our staff. We do have our paid Supervisors but with our expanded Nursery area, they cannot be everywhere at once, it is vital that we have a responsible adult volunteer in every room. Thank you so much for making it a priority in your life and serving in the Midway Nursery Ministry.

Nursery Ministry

Nursery Volunteers

JUNE 7

9:35 Bob Tango, Chris Spicer, Dina Dropp,
Melissa Klein, Carol & Catie DeMar,

10:50 Julia, Christy, & Maribeth Wichterman, Amy &
Derek Spicer, Lee Tebbens, Keira Hall,
Leslie & Taylor, Jennifer & John Nichols, Sam & Amy,
Mattie, Sam Jr, & Mallory Griffith,
Lori & Chris Cowley

5:50 Julie & Leah Knox, Barbara Kline

JUNE 14

9:35 Susan Brookins, Tom & Anna Campbell, Jeannie
Fair, Liza Hendrix, Becky Jackson

10:50 Whitney Brookins, Richard & Polly Vogh,
Heather & Anna Kate Cartwright, Leila Chumley, Sarah
& Anna Dudt, Anna & Libby Hankal, Ann Kistner,
Tammy, Noah & Nick Robertson, Katy Howell

5:50 Julie Bell, Becky Lewis

JUNE 21

9:35 Alicia Bartlett, Lisa Brock,
Mary Katherine Keel, Jean Ross, Nikki Allen

10:50 Katie & Kimberly Burton, Becca Leslie,
Bryant, Charles, Priscilla, Ragan & Tabby Brock, Em-
ma & Max Jeffries, Jocelyn Pharr, Gail Griffin, John &
Brandy Marchant, Shari & Allison Purdue, Maggie &
Sarah Eller

5:50 Katherine & Michael Matthews,
Jerry & Becky Blades

JUNE 28

9:35 Christie & Cliff Cook, Kim Matthews, Theresa &
Jeremy Fix, Julie Dykstra

10:50 Samantha Clapp, Kendall Butler,
Gabe Bostwick, Christina Rodriguez,
Jennifer, Jackson & Sophia Siewert,
Bobbi & Michelle Mitchell,

Anne & Emily Hart Herbert, Jill & Lucy Barrett,

5:50 Kimberly Smith, Sandra & Dave Westerfield

JULY 4

9:35 Sonja & Lance Cooper, Mary David, Ruth Dew-
hurst, Liza Hendrix, Caron Hobson

10:50 Julie Bell, Sarah & Elizabeth Bell, Jeffrey Bax-
ter, Rachel & Michelle Cooper, Asa & Aaron Cooper,
Chris Cowley, Ken Dewhurst, Rachel & Sarah Howard,
Larry & Mary Judy, Terri & Melody Kayler,

5:50 Nancy, Phoebe & Calli Pritchett

JULY 11

9:35 Christopher Braaksma, Susan Brookins, Katie
Edwards, Shannon Howard, Shelley Remington

10:50 Madison Braaksma, Whitney Brookins, Will
Howard, Katy Howell, Kim & George Jones & family,
Tracy & Sara Miller, Mary Burton, Luke, Will, & Mary
Grace Burton,

5:50 Laura, Austin, Tyler Joseph, Becky Lewis

JULY 18

9:35 Janice Furlong, Jennifer Pursley, Cheryl Marsh,
Dan & Karen Widner, Elizabeth Taylor

10:50 Allie & Katherine Peterson, Laura Keesee, John,
Leslie, Taylor Nichols, Katie Wichterman Grace & Gre-
ta Taylor, Chase Wallen, Jennifer Nichols, Amy & Sam
Griffith, Mattie, Mallory & Sam Jr,

5:50 Claire & Courtney Pursley, Stefanie Smit
Emily Hart Herbert, Charles & Kirt Moore

JULY 25

9:35 Doug & Dena Clapp, Carol & Catie DeMar, Dina
Dropp, Melissa Klein, Bob Tango

10:50 Jill & Lucy Barrett, Heather & Anna Kate
Cartwright, Nathan, Zach, & Drew Bohannon, Scott &
Samantha Clapp, Kimberly & Morgan Kennedy, Amy
& Derek Spicer, Maribeth, Christy & Julie Wichterman,
Jean Ross

5:50 Barbara Bokhoven, Julie & Leah Knox

Special People/Special Announcements

Happy Birthday to our Senior Saints!



JUNE

- 15 Pat Phillips
- 16 Carol Roberts

Our expectant families: Jennifer & Bernard Nolan, Linda (Bursi) & Phil Jones, Jenny (Still) & Jeremy Joiner, Paige (Richardson) and Nate Forrester, Liza and Matthew Hendrix, Krystal & Kyle Tigar, Sarah Beth (Chumley) and Matthew Wilson, Jamie & Matt Ross, Vann & Kelley Humphrey, Elizabeth (Wolff) & Justin Hecht, Mercy & Emmanuel Chebe, Stefanie & Joel Smit, Laura (Bursi) and Matt Cobb.

BABY SHOWER

All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Jamie Ross on June 13th at 10 am. She is registered at Baby's R Us and online at emibean.com.

WEEKLY PRAYER TIME FOR MISSIONS has a new location - the Berean Sunday School classroom. We meet each Sunday afternoon at 5:15 to pray through the letters from our missionaries. This a wonderful way to get to know our Midway missionaries and understand God's heart for the lost.

Reformed University Fellowship

Any college students who are interested in the Reformed University Fellowship at KSU or Southern Poly, please contact Chris Bowen at cbowen@ruf.org or 678-982-3212

LYDIA'S CIRCLE invites all women to join us this summer on the first and third weeks of each month to study God's word. We will study "The Parables" by Mary McArthur on Tuesday Morning 10-12 in the church conference room. There will be Children's activities and nursery during this time. We also meet Thursday Evenings 7-8:30 at the home of Kathy Jackson. Pick up a study guide on the WIC table. If you have any questions call Mary Katherine Keel 678-797-6289. You don't want to miss this opportunity!

Ruth Circle

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month
Location: Parlor
Nursery and ministry program for 4 and 5 year olds
Contact: Ann Tippins (770-427-3607)

Thank You!

Dear Midway Church Family,

Here in the South we have a way of blessing people when the least malady comes along – "bless your heart". It is a kind tradition. Well our hearts and souls, mind, body and spirits have been blessed by the many kindnesses shown to us since Karen's surgery and ongoing tests. The many cards, wonderful meals, and encouraging phone calls have meant so much. Most of all we appreciate your prayers for her recovery, and still as we make decisions about the ongoing treatments of the cancer.

Thank you so much for your Godly ministry and witness to us.

By His grace,
Don and Karen Barnett

REFORMATION HOPE'S ANNUAL DONOR DINNER

on Friday, June 12th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Adult admission is \$10 if you make advance reservations or you can pay at the door for \$12. Children (5 – 12) advance reservations \$5 pay at the door \$6. (We regret that we are unable to provide a nursery for this event.)

Please RSVP: Rev. Martin L. Hawley

4101 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta, GA 30066

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Checks made out to: Reformation Hope
(memo: Donor Dinner)

A Special Thank you,
I wanted to say thank you to the kind person that found my watch and turned it in to the lost and found.
Thanks,
Dot Haddox

Missions

MIDWAY-SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

Stanley and Donna Armes - MTW, South Africa
Peter and Diane Bakelaar - MTW, Japan
David and Stacy Bergmark MTW National Associate – Sweden
Roy and Kristy – Restricted, Asia
Benji & Ester Campbell
Ron and Gayle Clegg, WHM-USA/ Eastern Europe
David and Sue Cunningham - MTW, Australia
Rob and Angie Edwards - RUF, University of Georgia
Alan and Chinglien Fiol - MTW , Taiwan
Dan and Rebecca Gregoire – MTW, Slovakia
Tim and Lois Hunter - WBT Nigeria
Gary and Linda Johnson – MTW, Sweden
Scott and Tracy Ketrow - CCC, Italy
Dale and Nancy Knudson - MTW, Cambodia
Albert & Jennifer Kona – MTA, Albania
Endi and Kati Kovacs - CRM, Hungary
John and Kathy Lesondak - MTW, Slovakia
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Tim and Nicole - Restricted, Europe
David and Jill Martin - MTW, Ukraine
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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 - ABU, Uganda
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Roger and Dianne Smalling - MTW, Latin America
John and Liz - Restricted, West Africa
Jan – Restricted, Europe
Linda Summer - PEF, The Agape Puppets
Jim and Catalina Tate - MTW, Ecuador
Johan and Stephanie Van Der Westhuizen, MTW
Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher - MTW, South Africa
Becky White - MTW, Taiwan
Linda Wixon - MTW, Japan
Steve and Kathy Womack – WBT, Waxhaw / Africa
Pat Wood - PEF, Freedom Ministries

Mission Organizations supported by Midway

ABU -- African Bible University
CCC -- Campus Crusade for Christ
CO -- Campus Outreach
CRM-- Church Resource Ministries
MTW -- Mission To the World
MIA - Missions to Albania
NAV - The Navigators
PEF - Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship
Restricted – due to sensitive ministry
RUF - Reformed University Fellowship
SIM - Serving in Mission
WBT -- Wycliffe Bible Translators

Midway Missions News

A few weeks ago in Pastor Hall's first sermon from the book of Acts we heard about Jesus charge to His disciples in Acts 1:8 to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. In addition to personal evangelism, we at Midway have been privileged to participate in that ministry on a worldwide basis through our Midway supported missionaries and our Midway sponsored mission's teams.

Slovakia Report

John Lesondak, MTW team leader in the Slovak Republic, reports that big changes are happening with the work there. The Gregoire's, whom Midway supports, will remain in Trnava as part of the effort to nurture the church plant that has been established there. The Lesondak's, along with several other team members, will relocate to a city (yet to be determined) in Slovakia to establish another church plant. As part of these changes, "The Building" ministry center will be closed at the end of August. Please pray for this team as they implement these major changes.

Africa

A Midway missionary working in a sensitive country has reported on the successful conclusion of a theological training conference for Pastors on the doctrine of Man and Sin. The course was completed without any problems. The missionary thanks us for our prayers for this course and asks us to pray for future courses to be taught in this country.

Puppet Team

Please pray for Linda Summer and the team as they work in several countries this summer. Linda's reports of God's opening of doors for the gospel are both exciting and challenging.

Midway Members

Please pray for Laura Klein this summer as she works in Slovakia as a two month MTW intern.
Ruth Dewhurst will be returning to Slovakia this summer to help with English camps.

Missions Dates to Remember

Reformation Hope Donor Dinner: Friday, June 12th in the Fellowship Hall. See the bulletin for details
Annual Missions Conference: November 6–8, 2009

Jim Wolff for the Missions Committee.

Midway Covenant Christian School

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

“May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you?” – Psalm 33:22

This year MCCA organized an afternoon to observe the National Day of Prayer which took place on Thursday, May 7th. It was a chance for MCCA staff, students and parents to gather and worship, pray and have fun corporately.. Taking a stance for Christ.

The afternoon started with a chapel to celebrate God’s faithfulness and goodness. We laughed and cried as we heard testimony how God answers prayers. Mrs. Canter opened the afternoon in prayer and shared her story how God planted a seed that their family was to adopt a child from China. God answered in His time. Mrs. Coleman shared her “heart” as we laughed and cried at our everyday sins, but God forgives. He answered her prayer of fear by wrapping a rainbow around a plane. Mrs. Kington shared a few of the many prayers that God has answered during their journey with Kennedy Grace. God not only has given them a peace, but has taken care of details and brought kindred hearts together from a far.

After hearing the testimonies how God answers prayers we rejoiced in song as Bill Tanner and band led us in praise and worship! Whew, God can move mountains!!! Do you have a mountain to be moved? Has God planted a seed in your heart? Thank you Mr. Tanner for the wonderful music and leading us in celebration. It was powerful!

Next, the kids were off to the prayer walk, which consisted of 8 stations. This year the national day of prayer had 7 specific areas to pray for, Gov’t, Military, Church, Business, Family, Education and Media. There was a station for each of these topics in which the kids had a verse, prayer time and activity.

In the Government Room, kids heard from Anna Hankel telling of the recent 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. She shared bible verses that are found throughout our nation’s capital. Then kids prayed for our leaders. The Military room had a fun obstacle course for kids to go through, and then they dropped to their knees and said a prayer for people serving in the military.

The kids got to play tug-a-war at the Family Station, as a reminder that we may not always get along with our family, but we are a team and have to stand together. Also at the field, kids had to balance an egg during a relay race. This was in the Business station as a reminder how difficult it can be to balance work, family and activities. There was prayer for our economy and business struggling.

At the Media station, kids made sunglasses with the verse Philippians 4:8 to remind them to guard their eyes and ears for what they see and hear. The Church Room discussed many missionaries throughout the world.

They were able to write a note to the missionaries and pray for specific needs for each of the missionaries. The Education station had an opportunity to learn a few new things about the teachers and staff at MCCA. If you do not know who “Mrs. Connecticut “is, ask your child. A lot of fun facts were revealed! Kids also took time to lift teachers and staff up in prayer. Finally, kids sat back to enjoy a snack and watch a skit performed by our own FCA group! It was titled “What idol do you have in your life?”. Is it the sport you play, show you watch, music you play or is it Jesus? Thank you Mrs. Fortney and FCA players. We hope to see more skits next year!

At 2:30 the horn blew one final time and we all gathered on the field together forming a circle of unity. Marc Harrington, youth pastor for Midway, closed our afternoon in prayer. As he prayed the sun shined brightly, the flag rose to show our freedom as a nation and freedom in Christ and the plane flew over to take pictures. God does answer prayers! The sun was so warm on our faces. Did you feel His presence?

Our wish is you continue to pray for these 7 areas throughout the summer months. Use the bookmarkers as a reminder of May 7th and pray!

Thank you volunteers who gave of their time and talents. Thank you 8th graders for helping out in each of the rooms and Thank you Prayer team... without you and your intercessory prayer for this event well

National Day of Prayer may have been just another day.

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ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE:

SUNDAY

- 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
- 5:15 p.m. - Prayer time for Missionaries
- 6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service (Nursery ages 0-3)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 a.m. - Men's Early Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. - Adult Study, Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study