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FROM OUR PASTOR

Rev. David Hall

Sermon Series

Summer flew by, and now that it is officially fall (and we survived the Deluge of 2009), I want to take a moment to update you on our Sermon series. In the morning worship services, I am preaching through the **Book of Acts**, focusing on how Christ continues his work after his resurrection the same as he did before his resurrection. It is an exciting and fascinating story to see how the Lord continues to work in, fill, and guide his church. Our prayer is that God will mold us more and more to reflect the imagery we see in Acts. We are in the middle of Acts 9, so join us.

And the last Sunday evening of September will see us launch into an 8-week study through the **Book of Judges**. If it's been a while since you and your families studied that challenging book, please join us. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Let's fill our minds together with his ways.

Reformation Heritage Conference at Midway, Oct. 30-31: It's Free!

Our church has a special opportunity to host a great conference, led by Dr. Paul Jones of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia: "Music, Singing & the Protestant Reformation." Held on the weekend that celebrates the Protestant Reformation, this conference will not only feature addresses by Dr. Jones (see schedule below) but also will provide a time for all of us to sing and learn some new songs. What a joy it will be to assemble with many others for the purpose of singing God's high praises!! *Plan to set these dates aside and join us.*

On Saturday October 31, we'll also combine our Reformation Party for Children, have a dinner together, and celebrate the Reformation. Times and details are in the church bulletin, and this is another fine time to invite neighbors to your church. Other friends and congregations from around the presbytery are invited.

SCHEDULE

Session 1: Friday, October 30, 7:30 pm
"Music, Singing & the Protestant Reformation"

Session 2: Saturday, October 31, 10:00 am
"Martin Luther & Reformation Hymnody"

Session 3: Saturday, October 31, 11:15 am
"John Calvin & the Recovery of Psalm Singing"

Session 4: Saturday, October 31, 5:00 – 9:00 pm
Conference Fellowship Dinner followed by Reformation Hymns Festival, a celebration of music and congregational singing of Reformation Hymns old and new along with the accompaniment of full choir, brass, soloists, organ, etc. During this time there will be a Reformation Day children's program for children of all ages led by Rev. Marc Harrington, the director of children's ministry at Midway, PCA.

Not only is this an incredible and outstanding opportunity, but for Midway members and attenders, you'll be admitted free. All you have to do is tell folks at the registration table that you are with the Midway group. Please plan to join with us for this excellent opportunity.

For more on the brochures, see the website of our sister church in Douglasville at:

<http://www.grace-pca.net/GenericPage/DisplayPage.aspx?guid=22B49CAE-635C-4970-A2B6-F37F9CFB31B3>

From the Pastor cont. / Missions

Todd Allen Scholarship Fund

Did you know that at present 6 men from our church are taking seminary classes? Perhaps not, because we are not seeking to claim excellence in that area, but in our own quiet way, we are contributing to the next generation of pastoral leadership. Please remember to pray for the following members who are taking classes at Reformed Theological Seminary-Atlanta: Brett Edwards, Paul Allen, Justin David, Tom Campbell, Rod Bell, and Steve Way. We are thankful to all these who are studying to prepare themselves for ministry.

Our Session announced on August 16th that we were honoring the Rev. Todd Allen with a Scholarship Fund for men called to the pastoral ministry. Your Session has developed guidelines for this, and we plan to have an initial three-year capital drive to raise funds for this work. Gifts may be made at anytime, and some may wish to earmark memorial funds for this. We invite your support of this work, which will be used to assist our own members in the preparation for gospel ministry.

If you wish more information, please contact Elder Jeff Talley. We plan to have regular reports about this fund for you.

CUTTING FLOOR

Pastor John Hamby in a sermon on Judges 1, warning against compromise with the world, summarized as follows, and this applies to all ages:

“So what are the steps that lead to compromise? Sherman and Hendricks have identified a seven-step process that, if left unrecognized, could lead to moral compromise:

1. A failure to commit ahead of time to do the right thing.
2. Underestimating evil and flirting with dangerous temptations, thus being exposed to far more powerful evils.
3. A failure to recognize the numerous forms of compromise lurking at every corner of life.
4. A failure to recognize the smooth flatteries and enticing fantasies of temptations. For example, overstating expenses on your expense report. After all, you company has a large budget and you've been a loyal employee who works overtime.
5. Succumbing to slick rationalizations.
6. A sudden, deliberate choice to give in to sin.
7. A failure to consider the costly consequences of sin.

If as Christians today we decide to walk the tightrope of compromise and partial obedience we will know will not know spiritual victory and God's blessings. We will know defeat and frustration in our Christian lives. The most miserable people in the world are professing Christians who refuse to commit themselves completely to the Lord Jesus. They do not have the best of both worlds but the worst.

When it seems either too dangerous or too difficult to do otherwise, we make choices to compromise. We choose to do less than God is calling us to do. We pad an expense account. We live with prayer lives that are mediocre, intermittent, and shallow rather than learning to pray in any depth. We experience thought lives that have all sorts of inappropriate fantasies in them, and we never attempt to judge them or turn to God for help. We let our temper explode and overwhelm us and assume there is no help for this temper problem that we never seem to be able to get over. We don't do the hard work of going back and confronting what needs to be confronted and being freed from it.”

REPORT FROM THE FIELD OF HAITI

There are four church plant ministries that our Northwest Georgia Presbytery is involved with, one of which is the Haitian ministry of Reverend Jean Paul, who is ordained as an evangelist from our presbytery. His ministry is supported by an oversight board with representation from four of our churches on this board. Midway's David Westall has been on this board and I, Wes Richardson, also serve as a consultant. Usually twice a year a trip is made to Haiti for various predetermined goals. I had wanted to personally make the trip since first being exposed to the ministry. Because of some new grandchild responsibilities I did not plan to go this time. In God's plan, the baby came on time and at the last minute David Westall could not go and I was able to take his place.

Four of us left Atlanta the morning of Sept. 10. Each of us had two carry-on pieces of luggage and then there were fourteen duffel bags FULL of backpacks, school supplies, canned meat, candy and clothes for the orphans and the school opening. (\$700 cost for extra luggage which the Smyrna church had raised money to cover.) After a delayed arrival in Port au Prince on Thursday evening the work began on Friday morning. Rev. Martin Hawley from Hope Presbyterian and Rev. Allen Lutz from Cherokee Presbyterian conducted a seminar for the pastors and students who are under Jean Paul's care and instruction. This occurred on the orphanage compound which is still under construction. The seminar, all having to be translated from English to French or Creole, was a two day course on the Person and work of Christ. Friday, was on the Pre-existence, Incarnation, Exaltation, and Deity of Christ. The students were sent home with a homework assignment to write a sermon on Ephesians 4 or if not a pastor they were to write a Sunday school lesson. Saturday, the seminar concluded with the work of Christ, looking at active and passive, propitiation and expiation, particular redemption and Christ's return. Those who completed the course and turned in their homework received a diploma. Over 100 persons attended and about 60 diplomas were given out.

While the seminar was going on, Rev. Gef Ganey from Smyrna Presbyterian and I were charged with getting updated pictures of the orphans and as much information as possible for the orphan supporter brochure. These children were very sweet and loving. They were such a joy that Gef threatened to put a couple of them in a duffel bag to bring home. Compared to so many other children in the area that we observed, Jean Paul is really providing a home and safe haven for them. Jean has nine adults helping with the 56 orphans. To my surprise, these are orphans caused by political unrest, not because of

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HIV which is so prevalent in Haiti. We witnessed him telling two boys that were begging him to take them to the orphanage that he just could not. This just broke our hearts. Jean explained that he could not take any sick children for the sake of the others and that his orphans were bright children that could potentially help in the future with the transition of Haiti. Those at the orphanage get two decent meals a day and a clean, safe environment that now has a formal school for both them and other community children. All schooling in Haiti is a luxury, for even kids attending the government schools must pay for their education. Jean is teaching children and adults English because that is the language of commerce throughout the world. The Haitian's native language is Creole which is similar to Louisiana's Creole and for those with some education, French is read and spoken.

Sunday was a great day of worship with the attendance at Jean Paul's church of 500-600 people of all ages. They can certainly pack a lot of people in a small space. With songs and choruses in Creole and French, all I could do was pray and enjoy the worship of our Lord and Savior! Gef Ganey delivered the Sunday message from Galatians 4 with Jean Paul interpreting for him. After the 90 minute church service, Jean took us to the foundation site of a house that has been given to the ministry. Everywhere you see partially built houses and buildings. Buildings are not completed because the people only build as much as can be afforded at a time and also because completed buildings must then pay taxes. Lord willing, this site will become a center for all the Reformed Ministries going on in Haiti. Next Jean took us to the rental house that the board is now providing for him so that his wife can join him in Haiti and feel reasonably safe and secure. After a good lunch at his home, we pressed on to a church about 10 to 15 miles out in the country. This is the church of one of Jean's students at the seminary. He is an older man who is a successful contractor who preaches and teaches in the church that he built as a church plant from his fathers church some 15 years ago. Jean Raphael Ceone on a visit with Jean Paul to the Smyrna Church had received a promise from Gef Ganey to preach in that church when he came to Haiti so Gef delivered the evening sermon at that church. This service was an hour late starting because we were late arriving. When we got there, there were only a handful of people present but before we left there the place was packed. There were 5 people sitting with me in a double desk...two were children sitting on top of the desk. There were 3 choirs that sang at least 3 songs each. The volume on the speakers, like in the morning service, was high enough for all of the community to hear but they confided to us that they had actually cut the volume for our benefit. Jean Paul asked Gef to cut the sermon short because he was concerned for the safety of us white people being out after dark...there is a embassy curfew for whites.

On the way back, we were in the 15 passenger van that Smyrna had given the ministry a couple of years ago, in the dark with no electricity or lights on the country road that would be hard to really call a road. We came upon a large group...200-300 people... walking in a mass in the same direction that we were going. They were very agitated that they were being forced off the muddy path of a road into the bushes along the edges. Jean explained that this was a congregation of voodoo worshipers walking to meet their priest at a temple and cross that we eventually passed about a mile on down the road. This situation made us somewhat uneasy, but

we knew that this time prayers for our safety were indeed answered.

Monday was a wonderful day for the Haitian ministry. David Petro from Hope Presbyterian had flown in on Sat. for the opening of the new school at the orphanage compound. David has been very generous in providing funds for the ministry and as a way of honoring his contributions for the Lord's work, the school is the David Petro Covenant Christian Academy. The Haitian and American flags were displayed at the doorway and the huge banner created by our Midway youth was displayed behind the staging area. The national anthems of Haiti and America were played, speeches and exhortations from each of us from Northwest Georgia Presbytery were given and the school was officially opened. Then, there was singing and dancing performed mostly by the orphans and some of the teachers. One particularly touching song was composed and "rapped" by three middle school aged boys that basically said "we have no mother, we have no father, but God sent you to teach and guide us." Then the children were given the backpacks filled with school supplies and they were extremely appreciative. We realized that these packs were probably the only thing that these children could say were personally theirs. The clothes that many of you generously collected and gave were given to Jean for dispersing to those children as needed. There is a constant need for clothes as they are hand scrubbed and of course kids grow so many of the clothes are handed down and/or worn out in a short time.

On Monday we were able to get pictures of several more orphans that had come to the school opening. About 20 of these 56 children live with church families because the Haitian government has concerns about having too many children in one location. In all we were able to get good pictures of 48 of the children. This was important because of the prayer and financial support given by individuals, Sunday school classes and Christian school classrooms in our presbytery. These children pray for us. Lord willing we will pray for them and their many needs.

I can now personally attest to this worthy ministry and the work that God is doing there. Change is taking place but it will be one child or one adult at a time. It probably will not be complete in our lifetime but change is occurring. Spiritual and physical growth was observed by our brothers, Martin and Allen, who were on their third trip to Haiti.

Jean Paul is uniquely gifted and called by God to return to his native Haiti and spread the gospel light to a dark and deeply impoverished country. He carries the burden of Pastor, professor, doctor, business manager, father and husband. He is teaching a number of "Timothys." They are a huge help but they are not ready to take the reins for any length of time. Among other needs, he needs our prayers for God's continued strength and guidance. His expressed purpose for this ministry is to drive Satan and voodoo out of Haiti. Only the gospel of Christ will bring about this change.

As the Holy Spirit leads you to pray and have an interest in this ministry, the web site is: www.reformationhope.org and the facebook group name is Reformation Hope for Haiti. With God's leading and our help, many lives will be changed and used for His glory for now and for future generations.

Reporting Fresh from Haiti and for God's Glory
Your servant, Wes Richardson

Missions cont.

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
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
Steve and Ann Lutz – SIM
Tim and Nicole - Restricted, 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 - ABU, Uganda
Guillermo and Jeannie Salinas - PEF, Mexico
Chuck and Wyema - Restricted, Europe
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
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

Weather extremes make the news and get our attention. Following a week of rain, Georgia has gone from years of drought to floods. It was amusing to be studying Noah's walk with God for Tuesday Bible study the week of all the rain. Dealing with the flood debris was not as amusing.

We are thankful our house is mostly high and dry but our little creek became a rushing river when our neighbor's pond above us overflowed its dam. As the waters have gone back down and into the creek again our plant material is mostly still there. The plants may be swept sideways by the currents and some are covered with sand or mulch but their roots held.

A life lesson is to be deeply rooted. Paul writes in Colossians 2:6 and 7, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." We are so blessed in this country to have access to God's word. We are doubly blessed at Midway to have biblical teaching and preaching. So many countries still have to worship in secret from the government or lack personal bibles or trained pastors. Because of this need Midway supports missionaries around the world.

When we aren't dealing with floods, autumn brings thoughts of harvest, state fairs, the reformation party and I hope you also remember that it is time for **Midway's Annual Missions Conference**. Harvest time on the farm was in mind when the plowing, planting, and weeding took place earlier in the year. Likewise hearing reports of God's harvest around the world is on our mind when we first begin supporting a missionary. To that end we pray for God to give them fruit for their labors.

The dates for this year's conference are **November 6 – 8, 2009**. Our keynote speaker will be **Rev. Carl Robbins**; pastor of Woodruff Road PCA near Greenville, SC. **Linda Summer** and **The Agape Puppets** will be here to report to us and to provide a world missions challenge to our children. Other conference guests include, **Gary and Linda Johnson** church planters with MTW in Sweden; **Steve and Kathy Womack** with Wycliffe Bible Translators; and **Sebastian Heck** MTW Church planter in Heidelberg Germany. Activities begin Friday night with a catered dinner and run through the Sunday evening sandwich supper.

The activities are planned for YOU the members and friends of Midway PCA to come and get to know your missionaries. It is an important time for our missionaries to report back to us on their ministry, which is God's work around the world. It is equally important for us to use this time to show them our love, support, and concern by attending the conference. It is easier to pray faithfully for someone we have actually seen and heard in person. Remember when our missionaries are overseas we only have the opportunity to hear from them every three or four years.

Don't let a flood of activities and busyness keep you from attending. Come, you will be blessed.

Becky Blades, for the Missions Committee

Announcements

*Ladies of all ages are invited to a
Bridal Shower Brunch
for
Jessie Kuipers
Saturday morning, October 10th
10:00
Midway Fellowship Hall*

*Jessie and Sam are registered
at Target and Belk*

To access their registry, it is helpful to know the wedding will take place in South Carolina in December.



Dear Friends in Christ:

Words spoken or written cannot adequately express the comfort and blessings we received from our Midway family during our time of grief. We are deeply thankful and grateful for your Christian love and concern. We shall always remember your kindness and expressions of sympathy on behalf of Mother. II Cor. 1 says God is the source of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Thank you for your comforting words, thoughts and prayers.

In His Everlasting Care,
John and Carolyn Garmon

SENIOR SAINTS LUNCHEON

The annual Senior Saints Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 27 at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Please mark your calendars for this special event. Further details will be forthcoming.

REFORMATION DAY SCHEDULE

Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Marc Harrington.

SCHEDULE;

- 5:00 – 7:00** Games in the gym, and a hot dog dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15. (drop in anytime before 7:00 p.m.)
- 7:00 – 8:15** Paul Jones Conference in the Sanctuary; children's program in the children's assembly room. (*Brad Winstead of Children's International will be leading the children's program*) Children may dress up as their favorite Bible or Reformation character.

Thank You!

To our Midway Family,

Matt and I are forever grateful for the outpouring of love shown by our Midway family.

Thank you for the meals, flowers, and cards you have sent. Thank you also for the prayers lifted up on our behalf.

We are encouraged as God continues to provide His grace and mercy to us through the pain of our loss.

We are reminded that,

“When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and serves the crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:17-18

Love,
Matt & Jamie Ross



UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

Upward Registration for ages K5-5th grade --To register your child for the Upward basketball and cheerleading season, please fill out a registration form located on the children's ministry table or Sherry's desk and place it in the church mailbox or office of Marc Harrington (located inside left door as you enter the sanctuary).

Youth / Report from the Diaconate

Modesty Heart Check

In my study of relevant material for my girls Sunday School Class on modesty, I came across a very good chapter on the subject. It comes from a book entitled *Worldliness*, and the chapter particularly is "God, My Heart, and Clothes" by C.J. Mahaney. I will share with you a portion of this chapter that I find extremely insightful and helpful.

Any biblical discussion of modesty begins by addressing the heart, not the hemline. We must start with the attitude of the modest woman.

This emphasis on the heart is front and center in 1 Timothy 2:9. Note the phrase "with modesty and self-control." All respectable apparel is the result of a godly heart, where modesty and self-control originate. Your wardrobe is a public statement of personal and private motivation. And if you profess godliness, you should be concerned with cultivating these twin virtues, modesty and self-control.

Modesty means propriety. It means avoiding clothes and adornment that are extravagant or sexually enticing. Modesty is humility expressed in dress. It's a desire to serve others, particularly men, by not promoting or provoking sensuality.

Immodesty, then, is much more than wearing a short skirt or low-cut top; it's the act of drawing undue attention to yourself. It's pride, on display by what you wear.

Self-control is, in a word, restraint. Restraint for the purpose of purity; restraint for the purpose of exalting God and not ourselves. Together, these attitudes of modesty and self-control should be the hallmark of the godly woman's dress.

-C.J. Mahaney, ed. *Worldliness: Resisting the Seduction of a Fallen World* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2008), 119,120.

CALENDAR OF YOUTH FALL EVENTS:

Weekly Events

-Sun. School – 9:45AM

-High School in Youth Assembly
-Middle School in Gym Room

-Wed. Night -7:00 PM

Monthly

Oct. 3 (Sat) -Youth Service Day

Oct. 9 (Fri.) -MS Movie Night
-7PM at Church

Oct. 11 (Sun.) -MS "Grand Slam"

Oct.23-25 -HS Fall Retreat
-Meet at Church at 4PM.

Nov. 2 (Tues.) -MS Trip to the Corn Maze
-Meet at Church; 12PM.

Nov. 8 (Sun.) -MS "Grand Slam"

Nov. 14 (Sat.) -HS Bon-fire

Nov. 21 (Sat.) -Youth Service Day

Nov. 22 (Sun.) -"Homerun" @ Peterson's

Dec. 16 (Wed.) -MS Christmas Party

Dec. 19 (Sat.) -HS Progressive Christmas
Dinner

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

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

DIACONATE REPORT

	August-09	Year to Date
Undesignated Receipts	\$118,018.00	\$911,116.14
Over / (Under) Budget	(\$12,433.48)	(\$132,495.66)
Missions over and above	\$1,173.00	\$12,484.17
Ministries & Misc.	\$548.00	\$44,310.00
Expenses	\$99,955.55	\$1,058,862.62
(Over) / Under Budget	\$15,351.51	(\$42,539.65)
Cash on Hand	\$64,192.56	
Building Fund	\$16,727.00	\$211,754.60
Building Fund Since Inception	\$6,979,393.32	
Daughter Church	\$0.00	\$140.00
Daughter Church (Since April 2003)		\$13,380.00

Music Ministry / MCCS

From the Music Director -

MCCS Hymn of the Month

Each year, Midway Covenant Christian School features a Hymn of the Month, which is taught in all of our school's music classes. The hymn for September was "How Firm a Foundation", #94 in our Trinity Hymnal.

The author of the text and the composer of the music to "How Firm a Foundation" are both anonymous. The tune is an excellent example of the sturdy quality of early American hymn tunes. It has a folk-like quality, and is somewhat angular in its melodic shape. The harmonization is also typical of early American sacred music, containing limited harmonies which would be accessible to accompanists with little formal training, or who played by ear. The hymn, by all accounts, was very popular. The most famous inclusion (text only) was in Rippon's Selection of Hymns, published in 1787.

According to Kenneth Osbeck, in his book *101 Hymn Stories*, "this text is really a sermon in verse. In the first stanza the sure foundation of the Christian faith is established as being the Word of God. This challenging question is posed: what more can God do than provide His very Word as a completed revelation of Himself to man? The succeeding verses personalize the precious promises from His Word:

Verse Two – Isaiah 41:10 'Fear thou not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed,
for I am thy God. . .'

Verse Three – Isaiah 43:2 'When thou passes through the waters, I will be
with thee. . .'

Verse Four – 2 Corinthians 12:9 'My grace is sufficient for thee; For my strength
is made perfect in weakness. . .'

Verse Five – Hebrews 13:5 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. . .'"

"How Firm a Foundation" continues to be a favorite hymn at Midway PCA. This hymn was also a favorite of several famous American leaders, such as Theodore Roosevelt, Andrew Jackson and Robert E. Lee. Andrew Jackson requested that it be sung at his bedside shortly before he died at the Hermitage, and Robert E Lee requested this hymn for his funeral, "as an expression of his full trust in the ways of the Heavenly Father (Osbeck 97)."

Each month, Pastor Hall endeavors to include the MCCS Hymn of the Month in one of our services. I encourage you to sing this beautiful hymn at home with your family in preparation for singing in worship. Following is a list of the remaining MCCS Hymns for the school year 2007-2008:

October	#92	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
November	#98	Now Thank We All Our God
December	#218	Angels From the Realms of Glory
January	#32	Great is Thy Faithfulness
February	#642	Be thou My Vision
March	#261	What Wondrous Love is This
April	#252	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
May	#134	God Will Take Care of You

MIDWAY COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10

This passage in Romans forms the theme for the 2009/2010 school term. We pray that the hearts of our students, staff and their families will be impacted as we learn to think outwardly and heavenward. Perspective makes all the difference. It is difficult to be selfish when you are focused on others. If our focus is on what God has called us to do we are less likely to dwell on that which does not matter. It is a privilege to be able to teach from a Biblical worldview.

Another historic year has begun and we are working hard to make it one that counts for eternity. God has blessed us with 4 new staff members:

Suzanne Yarborough 4th grade
Heather Kington 5th grade
Rebecca Jackson 7th and 8th grade science
Paul Struwe PE teacher/Athletic Director/ Basketball coach

The team that God has put together a sweet covenant community.

Cross country is off and running (pun intended). Our runners are swift and full of enthusiasm thanks to Coach Plummer. Look for their progress posted on the website.

It is delightful to have trailers gone and all classes under one roof. We rejoice in God's provision as we have been able to clean carpet, paint walls and enlarge areas. All of us look forward to a larger space for the library.

Continue to pray for your school and the students that God has brought to us.

Soli Deo Gloria.

Notes of Thanks



To all our Midway family,

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...”Phil. 1:3-5

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all you've done & are continuing to do during John's long battle with cancer & in his death. You have individually & collectively been sources of great strength, comfort, encouragement & love. My god has supplied all of my needs thru you. John received so many cards of encouragement during his treatments, so many during his stay at home, and so many during hospice and death. They were all read by him or to him and every word appreciated. Never think cards are not a ministry. We were brought food so many times (because of hospitalizations) that I was given a refrigerator to hold excess food. Your bounty was overwhelming & spoke volumes to my 3 girls & their families. John was a much loved man and I'm thankful he knew that.

There were many visits from church friends, office friends, etc. but sometimes he didn't feel like visiting or talking. I hope everyone understood when I turned down visits. Many sat with John so I could come to church, to go doctor's appointments. or just go have lunch with friends. Everything was accepted & appreciated as coming from the hand of God. In Philippians 4:18 & 19, Paul is speaking of a gift Epaphroditus brought him & he said “they are a fragrant offering, and acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” I love all of you and pray God's blessings on you for your kindness to John and me.

Love in Christ,
Kris Ross



My Dearest Church Family....

As we enter into the one year anniversary date of the beginning of my 'Breast Cancer Journey' I feel so compelled to share my tremendous feelings of gratefulness, thanks and deepest appreciation to you as my church family for all the love, support and prayers you have given me over the past year. I have been overwhelmed by the sincere love shown to me and my family as we walked this path....we never felt alone....we always felt the strength from your prayers...we so deeply appreciate all of the time each of you took to lift us up in prayers and we thank you so very, very much!!! Thank you so much for everything, the meals, the gifts, the financial support...the love and support shown to us by the Midway Church family was absolutely amazing....we knew from the moment we joined this incredible church that this was exactly where God wanted us to be....we have felt loved and accepted in a way that we never felt before...we thank you all so very much for this incredible gift of friendship and love you have given. You are a most precious group of people whom we are extremely blessed to have in our lives!!!

The past year has been a journey I hope that no one else ever has to walk; but, I know that will not be the case....I ask you all as I come to (almost) the close of my journey and healing that you please continue to pray for the next woman who will be walking behind me.....

I love Midway Presbyterian Church and everyone in it!

My deepest and most sincere thanks!

always,

eileen tebbens

Nursery Ministry

Nursery Ministry News:

Parents please make Nursery reservations as you plan to attend the upcoming Reformation Heritage Conference and November Missions Conference by email: Nursery@MidwayPCA.org or by calling the Nursery Office: 770 422-4974 ext 1114

Nursery Ministry Thanks

Thank you Nursery Volunteers! You are so appreciated as you sacrifice your time, worship and learning to provide a caring, loving and very welcoming place for our youngest covenant children. I know the parents are very appreciative when their precious ones are enthusiastic to come, as well as disappointed to leave, the Nursery Ministry.

Our small Nursery Staff is very appreciative of the Nursery Volunteers because it takes over 35 volunteers every Sunday to provide the proper care for each child as they join us.

Nursery Volunteers, as we enter the Holiday Seasons, (fall, football, Thanksgiving & Christmas) please be especially aware of when you are scheduled to serve in the Nursery Ministry. You will see an email of the monthly volunteer list and a weekly reminder but if you know you will be out of town please plan to swap Sundays with another volunteer on the list. Finding a friend to switch Sundays with is usually pretty easy, just a phone call or an email is all it takes. After your plans have been finalized, please call or email the Nursery office and leave a message letting us know who will take your place and when you will serve instead.

We are very thankful to the Lord for calling you to serving Him and grateful to each person that helps us in the Nursery Ministry.

Jennifer Nichols



OUR EXPECTANT FAMILIES: Sarah Beth (Chumley) and Matthew Wilson, Stefanie & Joel Smit, Laura (Bursi) & Matt Cobb, Catie and James DeMar, Amber & David Stout, Shelley & Evanda Remington, Emily (Jordan) & David Vreken, Anna & Tom Campbell, Allison (Walker) & Jonathan Ferro, Rebekah (Tippins) & Billy Resh, Nikki & Paul Allen

Nursery Volunteers

Midway Nursery Ministry

OCT 4

9:35 Cliff & Christie Cook, Ruth Dewhurst, Theresa & Jeremy Fix, Jonathan Jackson

10:50 Lindsay Moss, Jeffrey & Sophia Siewert, Anne & Emily Hart Herbert, Lori & Chris Cowley, Kendall Butler, Gabe Bostwick,
Max & Emma Jeffries, Terri & Melody Kayler, Ken Dewhurst

5:50 Kimberly Smith, Charles & Kirt Moore

OCT 11

9:35 Susan Brookins, Lance & Sonja Cooper, Mary David, Julie Dykstra, Caron Hobson

10:50 Larry & Mary Judy, Whitney Brookins, Kimberly Burton, Emily Keesee, Leila Chumley, Rebekah & Michelle, Asa & Aaron Cooper, Becca Leslie, Jennifer & Jackson Siewert, Connor & Kate Worley, Julie, Elizabeth & Joseph Bell

5:50 Jerry & Becky Blades, Becky Lewis

OCT 18

9:35 Shelley Remington, Joel & Sandy Kroese, Katie Edwards, Christopher Braaksma

10:50 Rachel & Sarah Howard, Katy & Ryan Howell, Jennifer Nolan, Jean Ross, Allie & Katherine Peterson, Charles & Kirt Moore, Sara & Tracy Miller, Madison Braaksma, Michael & Katherine Matthews

5:50 Dave & Sandra Westerfield, Breanna Robinson

OCT 25

9:35 Celise Bell, Cheryl Marsh, Kelly Stout, Elizabeth Taylor, John & Jennifer Nichols

10:50 Amy & Sam Griffith, Mattie, Mallory, Samuel Griffith, Leslie & Taylor Nichols, Samantha Clapp, George, Kim & Emily Jones, Laura & Lexi Keesee, Christina Rodriguez, Grace & Greta Taylor

5:50 Nancy, Phoebe & Calli Pritchett

NOV 1

9:35 Mary David, Carol & Catie DeMar, Dina Dropp, Janice Furlong, Melissa Klein

10:50 Jill & Lucy Barrett, Jeffrey Baxter, Mary & Mary Grace Burton, Luke & Will Burton, Heather & Anna Kate Cartwright, Lori & Chris Cowley, Sue & Jessica Dudt, Lindsay Moss

5:50 Laura, Austin & Tyler Joseph

NOV 8

9:35 Dan & Karen Widner, Mary Katherine Keel Bob Tango, Chris Spicer, Susan Brookins

10:50 Katie & Maribeth Wichterman, Christy & Julia Wichterman, Lee Tebbens, Whitney Brookins Amy & Derek Spicer, Tammy, Nick & Noah Robertson, Claire & Courtney Pursley Jocelyn Pharr

5:50 Stefanie Smit, Becky Lewis

NOV 15

9:35 , Gail Griffin, Tom & Anna Campbell Alicia Bartlett, Jeannie Fair, Kim Matthews

10:50 Richard & Polly Vogh, Brandy & John Marchant, Ann Kistner, Anna & Libby Hankal, Keira Hall, Gayle, Lauren & Anna McLean, Erin Fair, Shari & Allison Purdue, Emily Keesee Nathan, Zach & Drew Bohannon

5:50 Michael & Katherine Matthews, Barbara Bokhoven

NOV 22

9:35 Lisa Brock, Theresa & Jeremy Fix, Ruth Dewhurst, Doug & Dena Clapp

10:50 Leila Chumley, Bryant & Charles Brock, Tabby & Priscilla Brock, Bobbi & Michelle Mitchell, Samantha Clapp, Sarah & Maggie Eller, Sarah & Anna Dudt, Terri & Melody Kayler, Ken Dewhurst Anne & Emily Hart Herbert

5:50 Paula Wilson, Barbara Kline

NOV 29

9:35 Cliff & Christie Cook, Lance & Sonja Cooper Mary David, Julie Dykstra, Caron Hobson

10:50 Julie, Elizabeth & Joseph Bell, Christina Rodriguez, Kimberly Burton, Kendall Butler, Gabe Bostwick, Rebekah & Michelle Cooper, Asa & Aaron Cooper, Max & Emma Jeffries, Larry & Mary Judy, Jeffrey & Sophia Siewert, Kate & Connor Worley

5:50 Julie & Leah Knox, Kimberly Smith

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