

# MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# MESSENGER

*“Every member a STUDENT, a SERVANT, a SOWER, and a STEWARD”*

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

### **Honoring Gene Hunt**

A Night to honor and celebrate the ministry of Pastor Gene Hunt will be held at Midway on Sunday evening, Oct. 28, 2007. We invite all to attend and join together to express your love to a man and his family who have served so faithfully and well among us. The Session is planning many ways to honor the Rev. Gene Hunt at that time.

A worship service will begin as normal at 6:00 PM on Oct. 28, with the Rev. Todd Allen preaching. Testimonials will be given, and a reception will follow. James Scott is chairing our committee (along with Reggie Harris and Lynn Wagoner) to honor Gene Hunt for his many years of service.

Ann and I wish to add our congratulations to Gene upon his retirement. And we wish to thank Gene and Susan Hunt publicly for the many ways they have encouraged us. We join with the entire congregation in stating our love and appreciation for them. We know you will want to join us for this special occasion.

Our sincere prayer for the Hunts is that God will enrich their retirement, give them great joy, and use them “exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or imagine” in the years ahead. Together with you, we ask God’s richest blessings to follow them always.

### **Cutting Floor:**

John Stott has remarked that the Christian’s chief occupational hazards are depression or discouragement. He describes Satan’s chief tool:

It was advertised that the devil was going to put his tools up for sale. On the date of the sale, the tools were placed for public inspection, each being marked with its sale price. There were a treacherous lot of implements: Hatred, envy, Jealousy, Deceit, Lying, Pride, and so on, comprised the outfit. Laid apart from the rest was a harmless-looking tool, well-worn, and priced very high.

“What is the name of this tool?” asked one of the purchasers, pointing to it.

“That is Discouragement,” the devil replied tersely.

“Why have you priced it so high?”

“Because it is more useful to me than the others.

I can pry open and get inside a man’s heart with that, when I cannot get near him with the other tools. Once I get inside, I can make him do what I choose. It is badly worn, because I use it on almost everyone, since few people know it belongs to me.”

“The devil’s price for Discouragement was so high that it was never sold. Discouragement is still the devil’s tool, and he is using it today on God’s own people.

In the *Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis describes Satan’s strategy: He gets Christians to become preoccupied with their failures; from then on, his battle is won. M. Lloyd Jones: “The devil is the adversary of our souls ... [who loves to] allow our temperament [or whatever] to control and govern us... The devil’s one object is so to depress God’s people that he can go to the man of the world and say: Look at God’s people. Do you want to be like them?”

Change one letter in disappointments (d to h) and you have his appointments. This makes a world of difference.

# ***From the Pastor cont.***

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## **Session-Approved Master Calendar**

We want all of you to be as fully involved in our church and its many ministries as possible. Below is the approved calendar for the coming year. It is also posted on our website at: <http://www.midwaypca.org/>; from there just click on the Calendar tab anytime for information about our ministries.

## **Session Approved Calendar Sept 1, 2007 – Aug 31, 2008**

*Note: All of these ministries or programs stand approved by the Session and can be altered only by the Session.*

### **Worship**

8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 6:00 PM      Weekly

**Baptism**      at requested times in worship

**Communion** Oct 7 (AM)

Nov 4 (PM)

Dec 24 (5:30 PM)

Jan 6, 2008 (AM)

Feb 3, 2008 (PM)

Mar 20, 2008 (Maundy Thursday Communion)

Apr 6, 2008 (AM)

May 11, 2008 (PM: postponed one week due to First Sun in May)

July 6, 2008 (AM)

Aug 3, 2008 (PM)

### **Stated Meetings**

Christian Education Committee, First Monday (7:00 PM) of the month

Board of Deacons (the Diaconate), Second Monday (7:00 PM) of the month

Board of Elders (the Session) Third Monday (7:30 PM) of the month

Missions Committee, Fourth Monday (7:30 PM) of the month

### **Choir Rehearsals**

6:15 PM on Wednesdays, Cherub Choir (ages K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and Midway Singers (grades 3 and up) (resumes Sept 5 - May)

7:00 PM on Wednesdays, Adult Choir (11:00 choir)

4:30 PM on Sundays, Adult Choir (8:30 choir, resumes August 19 – May)

7:00 PM on Mondays, Handbell Choirs (resumes Sept 10 - May)

6:30 PM on Mondays, Beginning Handbell Class (resumes Sept 10 – May)

### **Choir Presentations**

Dec. 9, 6:00 PM, Children's/Handbell Choirs Christmas program (15min sermon)

Dec. 16, 6:00 PM, Service of Lessons and Carols; Choir Christmas Dinner (7:15)

Dec. 24, 4:45 PM, Young Musicians Prelude Recital prior to Christmas Eve

May 18, 2008: 6:00 PM Spring Recital (as part of worship service)

### **Children's Ministry**

Children's Church (weekly, all services: AM service for ages 4-5; PM service, K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry, pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade (7:00 PM, Sept – May)

Reformation Day Party, Oct. 31

Upward Basketball (October through March)

Ballet, ages 5-9, girls (Sept – May)

VBS (June/July/Aug 2008; dates to be announced) and/or F.U.N. Week (end of July), depending on facilities

Summer: Terrific Tuesdays, pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade (day trips, June – July)

Camp Westminster

Memory Work Parties / the third week of January / the first week of May

Teacher Training (August)

Summer Kick-Off Party

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**Youth**

Discipleship: 4:30 PM Sundays (middle school); 7:15 PM Sundays (high school)  
Wed night: 7:00-8:00 PM, Sept-May, Middle and High School  
Occasional Retreats  
Sr. High RYM, Laguna Beach, FL, July 7-11  
Middle School RYM, Laguna Beach, FL, June 16-20, 2008

**Young Adults**

Weekly, Thursdays @ 8:00 PM  
Occasional trips/retreats

**Missions**

Annual Missions Conference, Oct 3-5, 2007:  
Fifth Sunday Missions Reports: Sept 30; Dec. 30; March 30, 2008; June 29, 2008; Aug 31, 2008  
Various Short Term trips

**MOC**

Monthly Prayer breakfast, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, 7:00 AM  
Wednesday AM Prayer (at church office), 6:00-7:00 AM  
Friday AM Prayer at Daily Grind  
Valentine's Banquet

**WIC**

Tuesday Bible Study (beginning September 11 – May )  
Oct. 25: Senior Saints Luncheon  
Titus 2 groups (various times)  
Wedding and Baby Showers (as needed)  
Wedding Coordinator  
Ruth Circle (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)  
Nov. 27: Decorate the church for Christmas  
Dec. 4: Make and deliver Christmas baskets  
Dec. 7: Set-up Poinsettias in sanctuary  
Dec. 11: WIC Christmas Event  
Feb. 5: Assemble and ship student care boxes  
Mar. 21: Set-up Easter Lilies  
Apr. 29: WIC Spring Event

**Special Care Ministry:** Sunday Morning Worship Services, Sunday School, Special Worship Celebrations

**Nursery:**

All worship services, Sunday School, Wed. Nights, and other special events  
Annual CPR / First Aid Class; September 29, 2007, 9:00am until Noon  
The Quarterly Nursery Supervisor meetings 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., August 29th, November 29th, 2007 and February 28th, and May 21st, 2008  
Nursery Volunteer Training/Orientation: October 17, 2007 and May 7, 2008

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**Sunday School Classes** (as listed in bulletin): 9:45-10:45 AM every Sunday

<u><b>Class Name</b></u>	<u><b>Class Location</b></u>
<a href="#"><u>Berean</u></a>	F1
<a href="#"><u>Fellowship</u></a>	F3
<a href="#"><u>Grace</u></a>	Choir Room
<a href="#"><u>Harvester</u></a>	F2
<a href="#"><u>L.I.G.H.T.</u></a>	Parlor
<a href="#"><u>Ralph Scott</u></a>	F5
<a href="#"><u>Racerunners</u></a>	Old Sanctuary
<a href="#"><u>Women</u></a>	F4
<a href="#"><u>Young Adult</u></a>	B-107A
<a href="#"><u>Youth and Children</u></a>	

**Sunday School Class Socials:** as planned by various classes

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner,** 5:30-7:00 (Sept. 5 – May 14, 2008)

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting,** 7:00 PM (Rev. Joe York)

**Wednesday Night Bible Studies,** 7:00-8:00

**Summer Fellowship Dinners (2008):** June 11, July 9, Aug. 6

**Occasional Fellowship Dinners for Families**

**Conferences and Events**

Missions Conference, Oct 3-5

Spring Conference, Mar 28-30, 2008 (Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology)

RYM (Middle School, June 16-20, 2008; High School, July 7-11)

**Special Celebrations**

Thanksgiving Eve Vespers, Nov. 21 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Communion Service Dec. 24, 5:30 PM

Maundy Thursday Communion, March 20, 2008 7:00PM

April 27, 2008 6:00 PM: Youth Sunday

May 4, 2008: First Sunday of May

May 18, 2008: 6:00 PM Spring Recital (as part of worship service)

**Miscellaneous**

Deacons' Work Days: May 3, 2008

Ligonier Ministries Conference (Orlando), March 2008

Men's Softball (if interest)

Men's Basketball, Friday Nights (if interest)

PCA General Assembly (Dallas), June 10-13, 2008

Northwest Georgia Presbytery Meetings: Nov. 6, 2007; Feb. 2, 2008; May 6, 2008

If an existing activity has been inadvertently omitted, please notify the Session.

# Special People/Special Announcements

## Happy Birthday Senior Saints



### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Kathleen Morris
- 8 Tasker Russell
- 18 Mary Ann Allen
- 23 Delores Rader
- 30 Marian Smith



### PRAY FOR OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Camille Jackson  
Jennifer Nolan

Stace Huff  
Amanda Jeffares



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY

(for both men and women)

Begins on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This year's study is a survey of Biblical topics, entitled "Inquiring Minds." Please pick up your notebook if you wish to join us either at the WIC Table or in the Narthex.

## Sanctuary Flowers

There are still several dates available to provide flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday worship services. The sign up sheet is on the WIC table. If you have any questions, please call Dana Langston, 770-439-3022

## Attention Ladies

All ladies are encouraged to attend the Georgia PRES WIC Retreat, "Faith Rooted in Love," on October 12-13 in Athens, GA.

The cost of the retreat is \$35 (which includes breakfast and a box lunch on Saturday). Lodging is NOT included in the retreat cost, and each woman is responsible for arranging her own accommodations. The Hilton Garden Inn in Athens has a special retreat room rate of \$115 if reserved by September 14. To receive this rate, you MUST tell the hotel you are with the "North GA PresWIC retreat arriving on October 12." If you need a roommate, please sign the sheet at the WIC table and watch for others looking too. Retreat brochures are also available on the WIC table. **Registration deadline is September 28.** Make checks payable to North GA PresWIC.

Please prayerfully consider attending this retreat. It will be a time of sweet fellowship with your sisters at Midway!



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS PROGRAM

Volunteers Needed! If you would like to help in this program, please see Richie Hunt or Laura Boggs. We will be learning about Salvation using the picture of Pilgrim's Progress this year. We need small group leaders, and memory work listeners. Please prayerfully consider joining us on Wednesday nights.

# Missions

## MIDWAY-SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

Stanley and Donna Armes - 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

On behalf of the Ilford, England mission's team, I would like to thank all of you who prayed faithfully for us July 27 – August 4! Thank you also for your financial support of the team as well. Because of your faithfulness, love, prayers, and support, many people of various religions heard the good news of the gospel.

Let me give you a brief day by day history.

Friday, July 27 – departed for Ilford, 6:45 p.m. Arrived 8 a.m. Saturday, July 28.

Saturday, July 28 - Ate lunch and supper (bangers and burgers) at Dave and Jan Thomae's house. This is the team leader for Ilford. We had the pleasure of being with Chuck and Wyema, and Tim and Nicole, whom we support through Midway missions.

Sunday, July 29 – Met Stephen at Ley Street Chapel. Stephen is our Scottish leader for the next week as we begin preparing for Holiday Bible Club. He is pastor of this church, which is supported through London City Mission. There are about 15 people in church for the morning worship service. The message was about Jonah, since the Holiday Bible Club will be about Jonah and the big fish. In the afternoon, we went separate ways to explore Ilford. Later that day, we met with David and Tim to discuss what the week will hold for us.

Monday, July 30 – We went to an amusement park/zoo about 1 hour away from Ley Street Chapel. There were about 100 moms, children, and a few husbands on this trip as well. When we arrived, our team separated and went with any families that we felt comfortable. We had a great opportunity to develop relationships with these people, and now there are many new contacts that our supported missionaries may visit.

On this evening, Nathan and I had the opportunity to go to a “thing tank” with 8 other men. The topic was “Islam and Integration in Ilford.” What a topic (yawn)! Actually it was interesting, and we were able to find out about two of the men there who were converted Muslims to Christianity. What a great witness these two men had to the others in that room!

Tuesday, July 31 – this was preparation day for HBC. We spent hours rearranging furniture, finishing crafts, setting up a police booth, and finding out who Doctor Who is. Please ask any of the team members who this “famous” English character is. Tuesday evening, we were invited to the Thomae's home for a traditional fish and chips meal.

Wednesday, August 1 – our first day of HBC! We had about 35 children ranging in age from 4 to 12. It was wild and crazy, but our team held the attention of the children by the stories, crafts, and great snacks that we brought from the States! Dr. Who made his appearance and brought one of the sailors from Joppa (and the police booth) into the chapel. After HBC, we were able to go to a local Mosque. If you have never been in a Mosque, please take the opportunity to do so. You will be enlightened to this ever growing religion. The “enlightened” Imam that spoke with us gave a sad glimpse at this dark religion. He “hoped” that he would go to heaven because on his scale of good and bad, he hoped the good would outweigh the bad and therefore be accepted by God.

## *Missions cont.*

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Thursday, August 2 – our second day of HBC! Again, we had 35 children. Again, the children were wild and crazy, but like Wednesday, our team grabbed the attention of the children as Doctor Who brought a Ninevite into the room. This “Ninevite” told the story of how she had seen Jonah, all covered with seaweed and bleached from head to toe! What a sight!

After HBC, we made a beeline for the train station, as this was our day to go to London and see the sights. Stephen was a great leader – getting us to London proper and delivering us right in front of Parliament and Big Ben. The weather had been completely cooperative until we got to London. Rain, fog, etc. greeted us, but soon stopped. We basically ran through London taking in all of the sights and souvenirs as best we could. I believe we have a total of 5000 pictures from the 7 hours or so that we blitzed the city!

Friday, August 3 – our last day of HBC. Again, the same amount of children came, and we had another visitor from Nineveh. This one shared how she came to know Christ through the preaching of Jonah! What joy and excitement this convert had and how boldly she shared with the children! After HBC ended at 12:30, we stayed to get all of the children’s crafts and worksheets together. At 2:00, the children and parents were invited back for an awards ceremony. The children and the team all sang the songs we learned during the week. The children recited our memory verse, and a gospel presentation was given. Muslims, Buddhists, Sikhs, and other religious groups were present. Afterwards, tea and cookies were served.

The only thing left was cleanup, but with many hands, we were able to put the chapel back in some semblance of order. Friday evening was spent finishing our souvenir shopping and packing.

Saturday, August 4 – Our trip started at 7 a.m. with a train ride from Ilford to Gatwick airport. We only made one small detour along the way, so we had plenty of time to spend the rest of our pounds in the airport! Our plane was early getting into Atlanta, but one of the purchases at the Gatwick airport made customs a nightmare for some! I never knew that a bomb could be made from marmalade!

A few thoughts from those on the team:

Jennifer Siewert- *I really enjoyed going to London and seeing how diverse the culture is there. It was great to connect with a group of Indian women and their children. They are moms just like me and they need a Savior just like me.*

Halie Siewert - *On our London trip we got to experience the environment and people that our friends the Mares and Thomaes deal with, whether they are Hindu, Muslim, or any other religion. The trip showed me to appreciate how blessed we are to live here.*

Paige Siewert- *Going to London exceeded all my expectations. I loved being able to visit another culture and get a small taste of another way of life. Thank you for all your prayers on our behalf. I would definitely go back to London or any other mission field. Reaching out to the children and spending one-on-one time with the missionaries was an amazing and special experience*

Nathan Tippins: *There are two things that stood out to me about this trip. The first was the impact that reading the Scriptures in their native tongue can have on a person. The second was the provision of the Holy Spirit for evangelizing. I had no idea when I saw a common and ordinary sheet of 8 x 11 paper that said "no flytipping", on a sidewalk rubbish can, that this flyer would be useful. Two days later though, it provided the perfect analogy for how there is but one way to get to God. I will go back.* Emily Kistner: *I enjoyed spending time with the three sisters who befriended me on Monday. It was nice to have familiar faces at the Bible Club, and the girls were sweet. I also enjoyed spending time with their mom at the park. She even gave me snacks and juice. They were kind of like my family away from home.*

*I also learned to trust that God will work out all the little details. Before we left, it was easy to get anxious about what exactly would happen and if we would be adequately prepared. I had to really trust that everything would come together, and that God already knew everything that was going to happen.*

Lexi Keesee: *Overall, I really appreciated being able to learn about the work of our missionaries. When thinking of mission work in London, one might think “A tourist location? Sounds more like a vacation than a mission.” It is often times difficult to understand someone’s work without seeing him in action. Our Midway team is now aware of how diligently our missionaries there are working each and every day to spread the Gospel throughout Ilford, and we now know how to pray for them more effectively than we were able before we left.*

*Working with the children who attended our Holiday Bible Club was a great joy. It was especially to see how certain children, who were like brick walls at the start, became more open each day. I would love to have been able to spend more time with them. Perhaps we will be able to send another team next summer and be able to work with some of the same children and see how they have grown; to see how God has been working in their lives over the past year.*

Evan Keesee: *London was a great learning experience for me. I learned tools that helped me communicate with Muslims and I can use those tools wherever I go. I believe God blessed the ministry of this trip and that He will continue His blessings on the ministry of the missionaries there.*

# Missions cont. / Report from the Diaconate / Music Ministry

Thank you again! Please continue praying for the work in Ilford. Many people of many nationalities and religions are being ministered to daily. Please pray that God will make Himself known to these people. Pray that God will deliver them all from the grip of the various religions that are enslaving them.

For the Ilford team:

Scott Keesee

Also occurring in the upcoming months:

Please be in prayer for:

Huck Whitener with a medical team

to Jordan 8/31 – 9/9.

September 30: David and Jill Martin, MTW missionaries to Ukraine and Esther Hunter, WBT missionary to Chad will be here to speak at the evening service.

October 5 – 7: World Missions Conference, Claude McRoberts, keynote speaker.

November 18: Clay Quarterman, MTW missionary to Ukraine will be bringing the evening message.

**WORKDAYS TO HELP MISSIONARIES**, Mike and Cheryl, fix up an old house in Clarkston, GA. Saturday, September 8 or 15. Work will depend on number and skill of folks coming: the following kinds of jobs need to be done: demolition of two bathrooms; demolition of some wall portions; framing and dry wall work to create closets and small office. If you can help please let Fred Chumley [artisanbuilding@bellsouth.net](mailto:artisanbuilding@bellsouth.net) or Jerry Blades [bladesg@bellsouth.net](mailto:bladesg@bellsouth.net) know.

## REPORT FROM THE DIACONATE

Receipts for July 2007	\$111,483
Short of budget for July	\$5,423
Building Fund to Date	\$4,722,697
Over and above Missions giving YTD	\$12,665
Future Daughter Church Fund to Date (Since April 2003)	\$11,200
Future Daughter Church Planting Receipts YTD 2007	\$1,100

For the Diaconate  
In His Service  
Reggie Harris

## Music Ministry

### MCCS Hymn of the Month

Each year, our 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 is "I Sing the Almighty Power of God", #119 in our Trinity Hymnal.

The text of this lovely hymn is by Isaac Watts, known as "The Father of English Hymnody". Watts was born in Southhampton, England in 1674, a time when much persecution was inflicted on the English Dissenters. The Dissenters had split from the official state Anglican Church, and were known as the Free Churches. Many of these believers were imprisoned for their convictions, including Isaac Watts' own father, who was in prison when Isaac was born.

Isaac was a precocious child, having learned the languages of Latin, Greek, French and Hebrew by the age of thirteen! As an adult, he was quite an intellectual, writing treatises and books on psychology, astronomy, logic and theology. However, it is for his hymns that he is best remembered today. He wrote over 600 hymns, including his collection entitled *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, the first real hymnbook in the English language. Thirty-six hymns by Mr. Watts are included in the Trinity Hymnal, including some of our favorites: "From All That Dwell below the Skies", "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past", "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed", "Jesus Shall Reign", and "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place". His most famous contribution to the Christmas Hymn genre is "Joy to the World", set to music by Watts' contemporary George Frederic Handel.

Watts had a soft place in his heart for children. He is considered the founder of children's hymnody, writing a collection of hymns suitable for children, entitled *Divine Songs for Children*. "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" is from this collection.

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 #580 Lead on, O King Eternal
- November #715 Come, Ye Thankful People Come
- December #223 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
- January #137 Holy Bible, Book Divine
- February #254 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed
- March #263 Lift High the Cross
- April #649 More Love to Thee, O Christ
- May #499 Rock of Ages

In His service,  
Judy Dodd

## ***Nursery Ministry***

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# Welcome to Midway Nursery Ministry

*Midway Presbyterian Church*

*4653 Dallas Highway  
Powder Springs, GA 30127*

*WWW.MIDWAYPCA.ORG  
(770) 422 -4974 Nursery Extension: 1114*

## *Times:*

Nursery is provided for Sunday Worship Services, and Sunday School, for Wednesday evening Bible Study & Choir Practice and Tuesday morning Bible Study & Ruth Circle.

## *Ages:*

The nursery is provided for newborns to three-year old children. Care of children four years of age (by Sept. 1 of the year) and older is provided by the Children's Ministry through their educational programs.

## *Special Opportunity:*

### **CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING**

Come Saturday, Sept. 29 at 9am to Noon.

Learn by doing through hands-on CPR practice.

Two year certification earned. \$20 per person. Everyone is welcome.

Please reserve your place by calling Jennifer Nichols, Nursery Ministry

## *Nursery Needs!!*

### **Volunteers for Infant Nursery**

Any Sunday, 9:30 AM or 10:45 AM

Must have rocking chair skills, lullaby voice and loving arms.

"For I know the plans that I have for you declare the Lord.

Plans to prosper you and not to harm you;

plans to give you a hope and a future." **Jeremiah 29:11**

# ***Nursery Ministry***

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## **FALL QUARTER NURSERY SUPERVISORS:**

Infant Area : Andrea Baxter, Beth Godwin  
Main Nursery Desk: Sally Braaksma, Linda Duneheew  
Evening Nursery : Sandy Burton, Rose Wichterman or  
Kindy Moore

## **FALL NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:**

Rainbow Rm: Phil & Patti Schrock,  
Lions Den: Shelley Remington, Kim Washington

### **SEPTEMBER 2**

**8:20** Keira Hall, Kim & George Jones, Tyler & Emily Jones, John Roberts, Jeffrey & Paige Siewert  
**9:35** Christopher Braaksma, Shannon Howard, Abby Jane & Larry Eller, Becky Jackson, Melissa Klein, Liz Vawter  
**10:50** Gene and Bobby Cork, Chris & Lori Cowley, Maggie & Sarah Eller, Ann & Emily Kistner  
**5:50** Mac Hunt, James & Joy Scott, Sherri Taylor

### **SEPTEMBER 9**

**8:20** Susan & Whitney Brookins, Mickie Roberts, Andrea & John Simmons  
**9:35** Mary Katherine Keel, Amanda Caden, Heather Cartwright, Shelley Spratlin, Ruth Dewhurst, Elizabeth Taylor  
**10:50** Leila & Marshall Chumley, Bobbi & Michelle Mitchell, Karen Burnsed, Ken Dewhurst, Mike Snider, Dean, Kim, & Alex Wardlaw, Greta, Grace & Zack Taylor  
**5:50** Allen, Susan & Andrew Scott

### **SEPTEMBER 16**

**8:20** Alicia Bartlett, The Cooper Family, Lauren Crumbley, Carol DeMar, Rachel Zimmerman  
**9:35** Mary Burton, Billy & Rebekah Resh, Mark & Connie Jennings, Chris Spicer, Debbie Zimmerman  
**10:50** Dina Dropp, Kevin Kahle, Morgan Kennedy, Kim, Katherine & Michael Matthews, Jeff & Sandra O'Hara,  
Luke Burton, Derek Spicer  
**5:50** Paula Wilson, James & Joseph Boggs

### **SEPTEMBER 23**

**8:20** Jennifer Acree, Robby Langston, Dylan Crumbley, Leslie & Taylor Nichols, Tina Cantwell  
**9:35** Jason and Robin Curtis, Cheryl Marsh, Cliff & Christie Cook, Jodine Poole, Chuck Duneheew, Jeff & Jean Ross,  
**10:50** Jill & Lucy Barrett, Samantha Clapp, Evodia Fonji, Larry & Mary Judy, Shari Purdue, Katie, Maribeth & Christy Wichterman  
**5:50** Dave & Sandra Westerfield, Zack Wagoner

### **SEPTEMBER 30**

**8:20** Chris Acree, Nicole Neumeier  
Sandy, Katie and Kim Burton, Jerry & Becky Blades  
**9:35** Jeremy & Theresa Fix, Jennifer Pursley, Kelly Stout, Todd & Tricia Ver Steeg,  
**10:50** Jonathan & Kelsey Hutson, Megan Martin, Lori, Allie & Katherine Peterson, Kim Washington, Rachel & Rebecca Wilson, Joe & Denise Monroe  
**5:50** Barbara Bokhoven, Courtney & Claire Pursley

### **OCTOBER 7**

**8:20** Halie & Jennifer Siewert, Anne & Emily Hart Herbert, Anna & Sarah Dudd  
**9:35** Chris Jackson, John & Jeannie Fair, Paco Combes, Heather Cartwright  
**10:50** Laura & Evan Keesee, Bob & Debi Tango, Richard & Polly Vogh, Lauren Kirschner, Chris Cowley, Susan Chewning  
**5:50** Sherri Taylor, The Pritchetts

### **OCTOBER 14**

**8:20** John & Andrea Simmons, Jeffrey & Paige Siewert, Susan & Whitney Brookins  
**9:35** Joel & Sandy Kroese, Paul & Mary Katherine Keel, Janice Furlong, Amanda Caden  
**10:50** The Marchant Family, Terri & Melody Kayler, Sarah & Rachel Howard, Anna Hankal, Karen Burnsed  
**5:50** Dan & Karen Widner, Zack Wagoner

### **OCTOBER 21**

**8:20** John Roberts, George & Kim Jones, Tyler & Emily Jones, Charles Joseph, Lauren Crumbley  
**9:35** Billy & Rebekah Resh, Becky Jackson, Abby & Larry Eller, Christopher Braaksma  
**10:50** Gene & Bobby Cork, Ann & Sara Kistner, Katie Wichterman, Katherine Matthews, Sarah & Maggie Eller, Evodia Fonji  
**5:50** Laura Joseph, Austin & Tyler

### **OCTOBER 28**

**8:20** Mickie Roberts, Keira Hall, Tina Cantwell,  
**9:35** Jodine Poole, Melissa Klein, Shannon Howard  
Ruth Dewhurst, Doug & Dena Clapp  
**10:50** Bobbi & Michelle Mitchell, Mike Snider, Dean, Kim & Alex Wardlaw, Ken Dewhurst, Samantha Clapp, Leila & Marshall Chumley  
**5:50** James & Joy Scott, Mac Hunt

# ***Children's Ministry / Youth Ministry***

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## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

By Richie Hunt



I'm going to miss having dad around here now since he's retiring. It's been pretty amazing learning how to do ministry by watching my parents all these years. I honestly can't imagine not having dad across the hall to go to for advice and instruction. To me, dad has always exemplified what a pastor is. I remember, and often refer to in lessons, those little bracelets the kids used to wear that read 'WWJD' (what would Jesus do?) When I would wonder what I should do sometimes, and try to think 'WWJD', I could also think 'WWDD' (what would dad do?) Of course, dad wasn't perfect, but he was always genuine in his love for the Lord and the church. His priority was the church, and his goal was always what he thought was best for the body. I have had countless people tell me over the years that the reason they are here worshipping at Midway is because dad made them feel so welcome and loved. Dad is going to be missed by many, but he's going to be missed the most by me.

I'm also going to miss working with mom. As stated by John Ross in the congregational meeting for dad's retirement, the church got a 2 for 1 deal. Mom has been a huge part of the whole ministry at Midway, involved in so many areas. I can't begin to say enough about her contributions to the children's ministry. She has taught me how to do my job, and taught me to think covenantally. She has shown me the importance of seeing Jesus in all of Scripture, and the importance of grace. She has taught me to bring every lesson back to the Gospel. It is so easy to sink into a habit of just teaching moralism, but mom has stayed on me and lived out God's command to "tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done" (Psalm 78:4). Mom's leadership in the Racerunner Sunday School class and the children's ministry has shown her desire to obey God when He commissioned His church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). Mom and dad understand their covenant vow to "undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child."

Midway is going to be a different place without Gene and Susan Hunt. I knew the day would come when they would retire, but it's still hard to accept. We've all been blessed to have known them, and I've been especially blessed to have had them as parents. We've all learned so much from them. We've learned to love one another, and to think Biblically. Thank you so much for helping me to become who I am today. I pray that none of us will ever forget the lessons we've learned from you both. God has used you both so much for so many years, and now I hope you enjoy the rest and relaxation you both deserve.

Hello,

This is your new part time youth interim, Jonathan Jackson, speaking from this month's newsletter. Many of you know me, but a few I'm sure do not.

Here's the short and sweet version of my past ministry. I've been in ministry to youth for the last 14 years of my life. I've done quarter-time/part-time/full-time/any-time youth ministry in three different churches, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, TN, and for the last two years I've been working with the youth group here at Midway.

I am very excited about the youth of MPC. The church has a bunch of very smart and talented young people who have strong hearts for the Lord.

I am very excited about what the youth group of MPC is about. We have a lot of fun and fellowship together, while at the same time we dive into the wonderfully deep truths of our God and Father.

My focus and goal over my time as interim is to continue the well rounded program that was developed by Rev. Greg Doty.

We will continue to have Sunday morning classes for both our Middle School (MS) and High School (HS) groups. Also our D-Ship (discipleship) ministry will continue on Sunday evenings both before and after church. Starting in September we will begin our MPC large group meetings on Wednesdays.

Retreats will be held for both MS and HS in the fall and spring. This year we will continue to have both Decaf house and Coffee house for both MS and HS age groups. Also we will be attending RYM again next summer.

Over the next year, our MPC youth will be studying through the books of Proverbs and Romans, as well as, studying I Corinthians 13.

I would encourage ALL to pray for the youth of this church. They are the future leadership within Midway and other churches. Please pray that their hearts would be willing to learn, that they would be ready to serve and that they will hear God when He calls them to do His work. That they would live by faith alone and completely surrender to the will of God in their lives.

In His Service  
Jonathan Jackson

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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
- 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

### **WEDNESDAY**

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

### **THURSDAY**

- 7:30 p.m. - Young Adults