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From Our Pastor

That’s what I’m talking about!

The phrase above (“That’s what I’m talking about!”) is almost tantamount to saying an enthusiastic “Amen” or showing agreement with gusto. After our recently completed Dedication Weekend (Jan 23-25), a lot of you are saying “That’s what I’m talking about!” Well, on that note, here’s what I’m talking about. And while we boast in the Lord, I also want to brag on you; for this congregation made many of these things happen.

Not only were we privileged to move into some new, wonderful facilities, but the attitude and friendliness of this congregation was just exemplary during a very trying week. I’ve heard a number of visitors discuss how friendly our deacons and elders were and how helpful folks were in the congregation to welcome visitors. Let’s keep that up. “That’s what I’m talking about!”

And the Wednesday night after we received the green light to move in, over 100 people (including some great teenagers) worked long and hard to populate our nursery rooms with chairs and toys. So many volunteers—some not even members yet—lent hands and arms. Because of so much hard work, we were able to proceed with a great weekend.

Chief Moving Engineers—without whom we could not have made it—Mel Bokhoven and Steve Furlong, along with Wes and Susan Richardson, Kip Howard, Brady Pritchett, Loretta Gilmer, Joyce Talley, and others helped us realize a great weekend. “That’s what I’m talking about!”

Our new sanctuary’s Floor level was almost full twice during the Dedication weekend (both on Friday night and Sunday morning), encouraging us to be more faithful to the Lord and his Word. Isn’t it exhilarating to see how God is blessing the church and doing so by the methods he said to use! “That’s what I’m talking about!” Many thanks should be shared with Elder Warren Jackson who planned such a great weekend and brought it about with the help and eager participation of so many.

At a time that is not always easy to make, Pastor Terry Johnson led a Workshop on Saturday afternoon on family worship with over 80 attending, and Pastor Brock’s New Member class had 35 folks. “That’s what I’m talking about!”

Won’t you join us in boasting about the Lord and talk about his mighty deeds?!? Seems in order. What will you be talking about in the days ahead as we move forward, trusting God?

One of the Isaac Watts songs from our first service in the new sanctuary put it well:

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing
That never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King
May speak their joys abroad.

Below is from a pamphlet I've written that we'll be sharing with visitors in the future. You may find it helpful, too.

The Midway Presbyterian Sanctuary: An Introduction

"When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me till I entered the sanctuary of God. . ." (Psalm 73:16-17)

Asaph affirmed that God was surely good to his people (Ps. 73:1), but at times this Hebrew saint pondered why the wicked prospered. Then, in an enlightening epiphany, he saw things correctly as he entered the sanctuary of God. Entering a God-centered sanctuary may affect both worship and worshipers. We pray that many will enter this sanctuary to worship God in spirit and in truth.

FOUNDATIONS

Our sanctuary, actually the fifth sanctuary on this 12-acre parcel in 160 years, was dedicated on January 25, 2009. It was part of a comprehensive expansion that lasted over four years. The congregation first gave its approval for an ambitious building program (including a fellowship hall, parking, educational and administrative spaces) in November 2005. Groundbreaking took place on May 6, 2007, and the initial occupancy permit was granted in January 2009. By its dedication service, the committed people in this generous congregation had contributed almost two-thirds of the total cost.

A sanctuary study sub-committee visited the Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Georgia, in June 2006 and found that sanctuary (orig. 1819) so theologically-rich and well-suited that it was selected as the floor plan model for our sanctuary. The 1220 person seating capacity (920 on the floor; 300 in the balcony) is the maximum our property and parking requirements will accommodate.

The clear intent was to provide sacred space uniquely suited to house the worship of God for years to come. Various aspects of the sanctuary find their fulfillment in that goal.

FEATURES

Our sanctuary is characterized by three large features. Compared to many other modern sanctuaries, this one is (a) wide, (b) high, and (c) light-filled. It is *wide* enough to hold as many people as possible in God's house, thus emphasizing the unity of the body. It is *high*—both for acoustical reasons and to emphasize the exalted, transcendent status of God—and as Isaiah noted, the Lord was "high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple" (Is. 6:1). It features much *light*, with large windows to allow natural radiance so that God's people may read and focus on God's Word. Like a large Puritan Meeting-House in New England, this sanctuary is designed for God's covenant people to gather and be fed by his Word.

This sanctuary also has a simple and enduring design. The wall colors were chosen for simplicity, tranquility, and timelessness. The arrangement of pews allows maximum seating in the space, while focusing attention forward toward the proclaimed Word. Many attempts were made to minimize distracting features. The windows are clear glass, exhibiting Trinitarian symbolism, which is also repeated on the pew-ends and on the pulpit and sacramental furniture. The overt symbols, thus, are Trinitarian and Word-centered.

Moreover, the Choir is placed in the rear loft—a statement that neither music nor entertainment is the focus of worship. In that location, the choir and instruments assist the congregation in singing and giving praise. Early decisions were made to design the acoustics as much as possible for unified congregational singing, with the choir playing a supportive role for worship. The strategic and intentional location of the choir in the balcony was made for the following reasons:

- The choir, singing through and with the congregation, supports and undergirds congregational singing.
- In contrast to some liturgical notions that view the choir as part of the priesthood, necessitating two chancel areas, the choir is part of the congregation, not part of a liturgical team or the priesthood.
- In contrast to the model that relocated the choir to the front of the church for effect, when the choir sings an anthem, the worshippers are able to focus on the words being sung and not be distracted by the visual.

In January 2006, Midway contracted with the A. E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company, located in Lithonia, Georgia, to design and build a masterful pipe organ. Our Director of Music, Mrs. Judy Dodd, led in identifying the builder and arranging for this wonderful instrument to be built. The Schlueter Organ has 3 manuals and 59 ranks of pipes, each representing a musical voice or an instrument. The organ has several 16-foot long pipes, and 4 of the bass ranks are digital. A wonderful Steinway piano was also donated to support the music and worship in February 2009.

FURNITURE

The pews are made of fine mahogany. The stateliness and durability of this high quality wood contributes understated elegance to sanctuary furniture with lasting dignity and strength. Acoustical consultants, seeking to retain as much live reverberation as possible, had recommended retaining as many hard surfaces as possible. The wine color of the seat cushions symbolizes the blood of Christ.

The most prominent physical furniture is the pulpit, which rests on the chancel that is approximately 3 feet off the ground. In addition, two symmetrical stairways rise an additional 3 feet above the chancel platform, such that the eye level of the preacher is approximately eight feet above the eye level of the congregation. A level main floor aids in focusing attention on the raised pulpit, which broadcasts the Word. Pointed, Gothic arch windows, along with a high ceiling, reinforce a strong vertical element to the design, while the level floor reminds worshippers of their horizontal unity with one another. At a distance, a slight goblet or chalice shape may be noted in the pulpit, designed to show the unity of Word and Sacrament in ministry through one furnishing. The Trinitarian symbol is also embossed in wood trim on the pulpit panels. A bench is located behind the pulpit for liturgists, who will be obscured except when serving the Word.

The Lord's Table is 10-feet long and 3-feet wide. It, too, exhibits the Trinitarian symbolism in the wood trim on the front of the table, as well as conveying a sturdy yet simple design. This Table is placed on the floor to symbolize that all congregation members have access to the Table, a Reformation distinctive designed to proclaim the priesthood of all believers. A large and stately baptismal font was also crafted of matching wood and is placed on the floor.

Lewis Godwin, a member and architect who assisted in conceiving the pulpit structure, notes:

Because the sanctuary is rectilinear, it does not cause the congregation to focus on itself as would 'theatre-in-the-round' seating. The forward-focused sanctuary puts attention on the pulpit, emphasizing preaching and the exposition of God's Word. A secondary focus is on the sacramental elements of the table and the font, and space is provided for them to be permanent elements. This puts the order of emphasis in this manner: first, this is a preaching church; second, this is a sacramental church. The height and mass of the pulpit further emphasize the importance of preaching the Word of God. The visual strength and weight of the pulpit act in concert to take the focus off the preacher and place it on the activity of preaching.

FOCUS

From the outset, the purpose of our sanctuary was designed to reflect abiding values and definite principles through our architectural choices. The sanctuary was to be consecrated space, not worldly square footage, and this is exhibited by the pulpit and a traditional ethos. Reverence was targeted, and the entire tone and style was to accentuate worship. The upward thrust to the eye, assisted by the windows and the high ceiling, supports the transcendence and holiness of God. The exclusive priority of the Word is seen in the visually captivating simplicity and design of the central pulpit. The absence of other symbols is an attempt to honor the Second Commandment as well as to constrain interest toward the Word as much as possible. Light, physically and spiritually, is to flood the room; distractions and undue ornamentations are to be avoided. For those on the main level, the level floor tilts the head upward in a respectful manner—in contrast to auditorium-style seating, which looks down on the Word, as if humans should sit comfortably in judgment of the Word. The importance of the sacraments—under the Word—is emphasized by our placement and the materials of the sacramental furniture. The unity of the congregation is emphasized in numerous ways, including the acoustically designed surfaces, which help the volume and sound. Our sanctuary is a pristine building, with the Glory of God as its purpose. Its beauty does not rest in its opulence, but neither was pure efficiency our only criteria.

Psalm 50:2 declares: "From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth." Design properties within our sanctuary that communicate such beauty include proportion, harmony, and order. However, a careful attempt was made not to over-adorn the space lest accessories contribute to distraction. With the psalmist

we say, “worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness” (Ps. 29:2), and our beliefs and actions are shaped by of our worship. Although but one part of the visible church, the sanctuary of Midway is dedicated to the beauty of holiness, trusting that the Eternal Spirit still works through the ministries of prayer, preaching, and the sacraments.

From Our Assistant Pastor

I am excited to inform you that approximately thirty-five folks are in the current New Member Class. God is bringing people to Midway from many different walks of life with many different church backgrounds. Praise God with me for this new group of folks who are excited about being a part of the body of Christ at Midway.

The Winter Quarter of the Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies is currently underway. The three options for you include a bible study and prayer time led by Joe York, a Knowing God book study led by Warren Jackson, and a Crown Financial Study led by me. You can still learn some things from attending, so don't let the fact that you missed the first week or two keep you from jumping in.

On a different note, now that we have moved into the new sanctuary it is even more important to fully pass down the entire row the pew pad registration sheets. This is our best means of gathering information for two reasons: one, we want to know which members were here and which ones were absent each Lord's Day so we can contact folks who miss to make sure they are okay; two, we want to collect contact information for visitors so we can invite them back and get them more information about our church. PLEASE be diligent to pass the pew pad registration sheets each week. Oh, and do it *during* the service – at the welcome / passing of the offering plates - not before; when you pass it at the beginning of the service, anyone who comes in a minute or two late will not get to sign in.

In Christ,

Michael Brock

Youth Ministry

Training our Children to Know and Love the Word of God

Pastor Joel Smit

The children that you have been given are no mistake; God has intentionally given them to you. Since this is true, then we have to be intentional about how we raise our children. They have been entrusted to our care to be raised in the child-training and admonition of the Lord (Eph.6:4). This is a duty given to us as individual parents, as well as corporately given to us as a church. So how do we go about doing this in an effective manner?

Well we cannot go about training our children if we neglect the training manual, which is the Scripture itself. But why is so essential that we instruct our children in the Word of God? Deuteronomy 6:5-7 gives us the answer.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

This Scripture makes a fascinating connection between the love of God and Scripture. It teach us that it is through knowing the Scripture ourselves, AND teaching it to our children, the entire family grows to love the Lord. So if we desire for our children to love the Lord, then the practical steps to that end is instructing them to know and understand the Scriptures. Here are some ways we are to do this:

- 1) **Read the Scriptures** – This is the basic foundation for biblical knowledge and truth. Our children must hear often the Scriptures read and explained to them. Be reminded of what the Apostle Paul tells us, *“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God”* (Rom.10:17).
- 2) **Interacting with the Truth** – When I taught a class for 3-5 year olds the highlight of every night was when we would do some type of interactive activity to help learn the catechism truth we had just learned about and recited. Sometimes we would play a game that assisted their learning; other times we would use crafts; or, when appropriate, we would act out Bible stories. The kids loved it and it helped me as the teacher to know if they were understanding the truths that were being taught. As a parent, this is

your opportunity to be creative and have some fun with your younger kids.

- 3) **Memorize** – I am always fascinated by how much children are able to remember. Their little minds seem to be as sponges. Filling it with Scriptures is therefore appropriate at an early age. They may not be able to understand all that they memorize, but this is the time to do it. I can still remember verses that I memorized at a very young age.
- 4) **Catechize** – The Catechism acts as a framework by which all biblical knowledge is organized. Children who have memorized the catechism will be able to understand big concepts when they encounter them in the Bible, such as, who is God; what is justification; how do I fulfill the 5th commandment. Catechismal training is essential to our children’s understanding of the Bible.
- 5) **Teach them from daily experiences** – Notice above in Deut. 6 that Moses emphasizes the need for applying biblical principles to every area of life (as you sit, rise, walk along the road, etc.). This is where we show our children that the Bible is more than something we read every time we do family worship; it is a way of life applicable to every area of life. Our duty is to train them with a biblical world and life view; the ends and outs of everyday life is where this happens.
- 6) **Have them learn from example** – The old adage that “things are not taught, as much as they are caught” is true here. We can give good lip service to the Scriptures but it will not mean much unless children see it is important to Mom and Dad. Setting aside time for personal Scripture time (which “junior” is not to interrupt) will speak volumes to your child.

We are not guaranteed that if our children are instructed in the Word of God they will automatically love the Lord. Just as eating healthy does guarantee we will live a long life. However eating healthy is more beneficial towards that end than eating a diet of junk food. So too creating an environment where children are instructed and trained by the Scriptures will be far more advantageous than one where they are not trained at all. This, along with the promises of Scripture (Isa.40:8; 55:11; 2 Tim.3:16), give us a sure hope that by the blessing of Christ and the grace of the Holy Spirit our children will grow to love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Help Support Haiti

Mission Team:

Any Contributions to the Haiti Missions Trip may be sent to the Church office or placed in the offering plate. Please designate any gifts as “Haiti Trin 09”

Haiti Mission Team Members

Joel Smit
David Westall
Heidi Pritchett
Sue Dudd
Sarah Bell
Katie Burton
Kim Burton
Sarah Dudd
Michael Kayler
Nicole Neumeier
Phillip Neumeier
Phoebe Pritchett

Upcoming Youth Events

- Every Sunday – 4:45PM Girls Bible Study
- Feb. 11 – Boys Bible Study Begins – 6PM – Pastor Joel’s Office
- Feb. 15 – Homerun @ Warren & Kathy Jackson
- Feb. 16 – Youth Group Girls Luncheon,
Fellowship Hall – 12PM
- Feb. 21 – Middle School Game Night – 6PM – NEW Youth Room
- March 20-22 - Middle School Retreat. Cost \$75; Camp Cross Creek in Copperhill, TN

From Our Music Director

What a glorious weekend we were given for our Sanctuary Dedication activities! The Sanctuary is beautiful, and fitting for its purpose . . . a place to worship. When I enter this room, I am filled with a desire to worship and praise the



One who has given me life through Jesus Christ. May He receive all glory, honor and praise!

I want to commend our congregation for your excellent response to having the choir in the rear balcony! Having been in churches with this configuration, I understand the temptation to turn your heads to look back at the choir! However, I would like to encourage you to turn your attention, instead, to the words of the anthem which will be printed in your bulletin, and allow the choir's musical offering to be a time of worship for the listener.. Music by itself has the innate ability to communicate deeply. Combined with words which give praise, adoration and supplication, a choral presentation can be a time of quiet, personal communion

with our Lord. The desire of your choir is to both worship and aid in worship, but never, never to be simple entertainment. So, I encourage you to help us in this regard by resisting that temptation to look at the choir; instead, as the hymnist said, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus."

And finally, the installation of our new organ has begun! The pictures you see with this article show the empty chambers. The chamber visible from the sanctuary is where the pipes will be placed. The chamber below the pipe chamber is for the mechanical workings which supply the wind to the pipes. This includes a wind chest, a reservoir, and lots of wires and duct work. This lower chamber is where the installation process begins. The entire process will take several weeks, so we ask your patience as we wait. I will be taking pictures daily of this installation, and will share them with you in next month's newsletter. I would also ask your help in keeping children out of this area completely until the installation is complete. Thank you!



Children's Ministry

Persevering in Prayer

Rev. Marc Harrington

In the last few months, surrounded by all the doom and gloom reported in the media about our nation's recession, have you been tempted to stop praying? Most of us rarely, at a definite time and point, resolve or declare to ourselves, "I refuse to keep praying for this need". However, we are tempted to slowly stop praying and, before long, cast aside praying for the burdens of our heart. If not prayer in general, it's easy to stop praying for these particular requests that, over time, appear to have gone unnoticed by God.

In Luke 18:1-8 Jesus tells a parable that is specifically aimed at our prayer lives and is an excellent reminder of how easy it can be to give up praying for the needs we have in our lives. The most intriguing point in the

parable is how Jesus links our faith in God to our perseverance in prayer.

Notice in v.1 we read, "And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart". This sets the parable in a particular context, the context of prayer. The parable is purposefully couched in the most extreme of situations. There is a widow, whose situation would and should illicit sympathy from the hardest of hearts. But we don't just read of a widow; we read of a widow being sorely oppressed by an enemy. Her request to the judge is simple: "Give me justice against my adversary." Notice, she's not asking for a handout or for a privileged ruling and she's not trying to take advantage of her adversary. She's asking only for justice, for what is right. It's a subtle reminder that we should never offer to God selfish or ungodly prayers.

As righteous as the widow's cause is, the judge she is petitioning is equally unrighteous. He makes this clear in

his answer to each of her requests, “NO!”. We learn in v.4 the reason, “I neither fear god nor respect man...”. The interesting point is that God, by way of contrast, compares Himself to this unrighteous judge. Why does He do this? He wants us to see that He is nothing like this unrighteous judge. He wants us to remember that to the extent we see Him as He really is—a loving heavenly father who will certainly care for His children and not an unrighteous judge—we will continue to pray for what we need. Jesus drives this point home in v.8: “I tell you, He will give justice to them [us] speedily”.

He closes his statement in v.8 with an interesting question: “Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” Jesus is drawing for us a link between persevering prayer and faith. At His second coming in glory, will His people have the faith displayed in this widow; faith that would not stop petitioning? He wants us to see that to the extent that we believe He is a loving and gracious Father who answers prayer, we will continue to come to Him with our needs and concerns. Perhaps many Christians in our day have given up praying for legitimate needs because they view God more like the uncaring judge than the benevolent father who provides only the best for His children.

Though your prayer requests for healing, for employment, for wayward family members or whatever troubles your heart may not have yet been granted yet, remember the words of the hymn-writer William Cowpers: “...behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face”.

Missions

Gardening can be enjoyed on many levels. Those with a degree in Horticulture certainly know lots more than I do, but do they enjoy it more than the child biting into a ripe tomato he grew himself? Two very basic tenants to gardening success are *the right plant in the right spot* and *good soil preparation*. For example, vegetables and small fruits need sun – six hours of full sun at the minimum – to produce crops. A dogwood tree grows happily at the edge of the woods but struggles to get established in a front yard in full sun. So match you plants to your site. Second, good soil preparation cannot be overstated. God gave Georgia great soil but between poor farming practices and developers who scrape off all the topsoil in subdivisions most homes are left with only hard red clay. Digging a two to four inch layer of organic matter into new garden areas will do wonders for your plants. You can buy bags soil amendments or make your own by composting grass clippings and leaves that are free.

There are also basic tenants for supporting world missions. God calls, equips, and then places his missionaries in the right locations. Then we, His Church are to support them with prayer and financial giving. Midway contributes to the support of 43 missionary units (some are single some are large families). But again the role of prayer support cannot be overstated.

So how do you pray for missionaries? Pray scripture. The bible is filled with prayers that we can use. My personal favorite is Paul’s prayer found in Colossians 1:9-12, “...we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.” We need to remember they are on the front lines in a very real spiritual battle. For the past several years our missions conference brochure has included seven prayer tools taken from the Apostle Paul’s writings to use when praying for missionaries. 1. Pray for open doors. 2. Pray for boldness in witnessing. 3. Pray that the Word of God will spread without hindrance. 4. Pray for protection. 5 Pray that believers will accept their ministry. 6. Pray for God’s guidance and assistance in travel. 7. Pray for refreshment. The scripture texts and expanded ideas for each tool are given in the brochure. If you no longer have your brochure there are extra ones on the missions table. The conference brochure also lists our Midway supported missionaries. Specific prayer requests come in their letters, which are posted around the missions bulletin board. To receive all the prayer letters that come in by email simply send your email address to bladesg@bellsouth.net and I’ll add you to the list of faithful prayer warriors.

To join others in praying specifically for our missionaries consider joining us Sunday afternoons at 5:15. We simply read through the week’s letters and then pray through their praises and prayer requests. Presently we continue to meet in the old parlor. When we find a room in the new facility I’ll put the new location in the bulletin. So as you prepare gardens for spring planting pray also for our missionaries. Pray that God would go before them and prepare hearts to receive His precious Word.

-Becky Blades, for the Missions Committee

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
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
Ester Hunter – WBT
Tim and Lois Hunter - WBT Orlando/Africa
Gary and Linda Johnson – MTW, Sweden
Scott and Tracy Ketrow - CCC, Italy
Dale and Nancy Knudson - MTW, Philippines
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 - ABC, Uganda
Mike and Sheryl – Restricted, Atlanta area
Guillermo and Jeannie Salinas - PEF, Mexico
Jonathan and Kellie Sawtelle - CO, Samford University
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, 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
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

Women in the Church:

*You are encouraged to join us as we study
God's Word . . .*

Weekly Tuesday Morning Bible Study

**Meets Tuesday morning at 9:30 for fellowship; lesson
begins at 10:00**

Location: Fellowship hall classroom

Nursery and ministry program for 4 and 5 year olds

Contact: Sandra Westerfield (770-427-2336)

Lydia Circle

Meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 10:00

Location: Fellowship hall classroom

Nursery and ministry program for 4 and 5 year-olds

Contact: Mary Katherine Keel (678-797-6289)

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)

Lydia at Night

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30

Location: The home of Kathy Jackson

Contact: Kathy Jackson (770-424-0740)

Special People/ Announcements

Happy Birthday to our Senior Saints!



February

11 Cal Howerin

11 Keller Whitener

19 Willis Nelson

24 Dot Howerin



Thanks to the Women of the Church for the pretty/delicious Christmas basket and also the cards, calls and visits to see me.

Most grateful to all,
Frances Wardlaw

The Knox Family wishes to thank all who prayed for us in the passing of Ed's father. Your love and cards sent to us are very much appreciated. We are thankful to be a part of Midway Presbyterian Church.

Ed, Julie, Sally, Leah and Winifred

We want to thank the WIC ladies for the beautiful basket of fruit, baked goods, and fudge. Everything was delicious, and we enjoyed all of it. We appreciate your love and thoughtfulness during Christmastime.

With Much Love,
Todd and Judy Allen



Bridal Shower: The ladies of the church are invited to a bridal shower honoring Katie Bedingfield, fiancée of Brett Edwards, on Saturday February 21 at 10:00 in the morning. Brett and Katie are registered at Target, Macy's and Pottery Barn.

Diaconate Assistance: The deacons of Midway would like to remind the congregation that they are here to serve church members in need. During challenging times, brothers and sisters in Christ must not forget His command for us to love one another. Whether it's financial assistance needed due to job loss, accident, or illness, Senior Saints needing assistance with home repair or yard work, single parents struggling to make ends meet, or any request for assistance due to other reasons, please do not hesitate to contact a Midway deacon, pastor, or elder to request diaconate aid.

Nursery Ministry

Nursery News: Welcome to all new Volunteers! We are having a Nursery Orientation & Tour at 5:15 p.m. for an hour on Wednesday February 18th. Please come join the group if you are 10 years old or older and want to serve the Lord in the Nursery Ministry. Call or email Jennifer Nichols at 770 422-4974 ext 1114 Nursery@MidwayPCA.org

Midway Nursery Ministry

FEBRUARY 1

9:35 Nikki Allen, Joel & Sandy Kroese, Kim Matthews, Jeremy & Theresa Fix, Bonnie Scott

10:50 Anne & Emily Hart Herbert, Nathan, Zach, & Drew Bohannon, Lori & Chris Cowley, Larry & Mary Judy, Michael & Katherine Matthews, Nicole Neumeier, Denise Monroe Charles & Kirt Moore, Laura Hahn

5:50 Nancy, Phoebe, & Calli Pritchett

FEBRUARY 8

9:35, Paul & Mary Katherine Keel, Ruth Dewhurst, Lance & Sonja Cooper, Caron Hobson, Susan Brookins, Cliff & Christie Cook

10:50 Donna Way, Terri & Melody Kayler, Whitney Brookins, Rachel & Sarah Howard, Ken Dewhurst, Cooper kids, Cliff & Christie Cook family, Leila Chumley

5:50 Laura Joseph, Tyler & Austin Joseph, Emily Hart Herbert

FEBRUARY 15

9:35 Alicia Bartlett, Christopher Braaksma, Shannon Howard, Jennifer Pursley, Shelley Remington, Kelly Stout

10:50 Madison Braaksma, George, Kim & Emily Jones, Mary Burton, Luke, Mary Grace and Will Burton, Will & Kip Howard, Kimberly & Morgan Kennedy, Gayle, Lauren & Anna McLean, Bobbi & Michelle Mitchell, Katherine Godwin

5:50 Julie Knox, Stefanie Smit, Claire & Courtney Pursley

FEBRUARY 22

9:35 Elizabeth Taylor, Cheryl Marsh, Carol & Catie DeMar, Janice Furlong, Patricia Hall, Dan & Karen Widner

10:50 Katie, Maribeth & Christy Wichterman, Richard & Polly Vogh, Lee Tebbens, Greta & Grace Taylor, Lori, Allie & Katherine Peterson, Jeffrey Baxter, Keira Hall

5:50 Barbara Bokhoven, Paula Wilson, Charles & Kirt Moore

MARCH 1

9:35 Sandy Burton, Dina Dropp, Melissa Klein, Chris Spicer, Bob Tango, Tom & Anna Campbell

10:50 Jill & Lucy Barrett, Katie & Kim Burton, Anna Kate Cartwright, Chris Cowley, Sarah & Anna Dudd, Sam Griffith Family, Max & Emma Jeffries, Laura & Evan Keese, Derek & Amy Spicer,

5:50 Barbara Kline, Michael & Katherine Matthews

MARCH 8

9:35 Jerry & Becky Blades, Susan Brookins, Jeannie Fair, Becky Jackson, Paul & Mary Katherine Keel

10:50 Donna Way, Nick Robertson, Whitney Brookins, Sarah & Maggie Eller, Anna & Libby Hankal, Ann & Emily Kistner, Taylor Nichols, Jen Nolan, Jean Ross, Jennifer, Jackson & Sophia Siewert

5:50 Sandra & Dave Westerfield

MARCH 15

9:35 Lisa Brock, Julie Dykstra, Bonnie Scott, Nikki Allen, Joel & Sandy Kroese,

10:50 Brock Family, Leila Chumley, Becca Leslie, John & Brandy Marchant, Leslie Nichols, Shari & Allison Purdue, Jeffrey & Paige Siewert, Jocelyn Pharr, Kate & Connor Worley, Laura Hahn

5:50 Nancy, Phoebe, Calli Pritchett

MARCH 22

9:35 Theresa & Jeremy Fix, Caron Hobson, Ruth Dewhurst, Cliff & Christie Cook,

10:50 Anne & Emily Hart Herbert, Larry & Mary Judy, Gayle, Anna, & Lauren McLean, Kim, Michael & Katherine Matthews, Denise Monroe, Nicole Neumeier, Nathan, Zach, & Drew Bohannon, Ken Dewhurst, Cook Family

5:50 Emily Hart Herbert, Laura, Austin, & Tyler Joseph

MARCH 29

9:35 Doug & Dena Clapp, Lance & Sonja Cooper, Jennifer Pursley

10:50 Scott & Samantha Clapp, Cooper Family, Rachel & Sarah Howard, Terri & Melody Kayler, Bobbi & Michelle Mitchell,

5:50 Stephanie Smit, Claire & Courtney Pursley

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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 in the parlor
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service (Nursery ages 0-3)

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m. - Men’s Early Prayer, Church Office Trailer
7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Adult Study, Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study