

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, July 10	
Greeters	Josh & Eleshea Jones
Bible Reading	Josh Jones
Devotional Prayer	Marl Fuller
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Ben Rogers
Worship Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn
Lord's Table	
(B) Larry Little	(J) Ken Nelson
Windell Denney	(O) Nathan Lee
Preston Grover	Jimmy Jones
Will Fletcher	Frank Pitts
Announcements	Paul Gilliland
Dismissal Prayer	James Rogers
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Chris James
-Songs	Aaron Fletcher
-Audio	Sam Scott
Prepare Communion	Tasha Davis & Tamara Lunsford
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Dismissal Prayer	Jerry Hall
Ushers	Chris Hood-Matt Addison
Wednesday, July 13	
Song Leader	Jamie Patterson
Closing Prayer	Roger Thomas
Ushers	Chris Hood-Matt Addison
Lock Building	Nathan Lee-Roger McCaghren

Sunday, July 17	
Greeters	Paul & Ashley Gilliland
Bible Reading	Houston Hutto
Devotional Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Matt Addison
Lord's Table	
(B) Rex Free	(J) Danny Standridge
Roger Jones	(O) Chris James
Rayford Morgan	Tom Wilkerson
Larry Peebles	Roger McCaghren
Announcements	Brent James
Dismissal Prayer	Tim Hester
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Kenneth Grover
-Songs	Mark Biles
-Audio	Chuck Cleghorn
Prepare Communion	Regina Lee & Bonita Jones
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Paul Rogers
Dismissal Prayer	Harry James
Ushers	David Scarbrough-Houston Hutto
Wednesday, July 20	
Song Leader	Sam Scott
Closing Prayer	Ben Rogers
Ushers	David Scarbrough-Houston Hutto
Lock Building	Nathan Lee-Roger McCaghren

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 Houston & Denise Hutto	4	5 Trent Hill	6 Christie Fletcher	7 Denise Hutto Neil LeMay Windell Denney	8 White Water Rafting	9
10 Summer Sing	11 Chanler Callahan	12 Tom Wilkerson	13 Texas VBS Begins	14	15 Danny Standridge	16 Bertha Nelson
17	18	19 Jerry Hall	20 Brennna Stewart Roger & Judy McCaghren	21 Chris & Alison James	22 Tanner Owens	23 Supper Outing
24 Wanda Morgan Rex & Margaret Free Elders Meeting Group Meetings	25 Deborah Hall Marl Fuller	26	27 Keith Thomas	28 Linda Beddingfield	29	30
31 5th Sunday Singing	Notes 3 - Jerry Huskey 3 - Larry Peebles 3 - Windell & Jennie Denney 2 - Kellie James 2 - Tasha Davis 2 - Millard Macon 2 - Paul & Ashley Gilliland 4 - Kayla Martinez 4 - Sabrina Standridge					

Midway Messenger



FAMILY

Every part of life begins with and involves the family – whether we are considering marriage, children, grandparenting or relatives. Spiritual growth is directly connected to the family. “...that from a babe thou hast known the sacred scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim.3:15).

The attack on the family is to simply do away with it. One of the responses of pro-abortionists to the overturn of Roe/Wade is to highlight the supposed financial cost. They say, with fewer abortion opportunities, that means more ladies will actually have babies and have families and this reduces the workforce and damages the overall economy. That is, the cost is too great. Without abortion, the average family cannot afford babies or families, they contend. Abortion is murder, no doubt, but it is primarily an attack on the family. That attack will never cease because Satan knows “except the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it” (Psalm 127:1-2).

This financial cost angle has been employed by Satan numerous times. He has convinced mothers that they cannot afford to stay home with their children (Titus 2:1-5) and He seeks to create a world wherein it is increasingly difficult for young families to do as God desires. But we cannot give in to the devil. Strong, godly families build strong children, churches and communities. There is no other way. Please repeat this – there is no other way. Neither the church nor the government can replace the family – regardless of skill, ingenuity or strategy.

Lust for pleasure and prestige lead to more sin and disorder within families (2 Tim.3:1-5) and Satan loves the chaos created by the sin of unscriptural divorce and remarriage (Matt.19:1-9). We have tricked ourselves into thinking that the church, not only can, but must replace what is missing in family life. This cannot be done. Not just, it should not be done; it cannot be done. God set the pattern for family and church and He knows best. To violate His will is to sin and bring ultimate destruction in this life and that which is to come (I Tim.4:7,8). Spiritually-minded families must constantly reach out to struggling families and help them come to Christ (I Cor.6:11). Such is part of being a godly family. Yet, in no way, can we be found fighting against the Lord (Acts 5:39).

The battle is for the family as God designed it. We must fight the good fight (I Tim.6:12).

Let’s go back to God’s original patterns.

--David

Midway Church of Christ

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am & 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

Remember in Prayer

- Keith Thomas is undergoing chemo treatments. Keep him in your prayers as he has difficult days.
- Tim LeMay will be having surgery soon.
- Wayne Terry, Rachel James' nephew is now home from rehab. He still has a long road ahead. Address...2347 Co Rd 316 Trinity AL 35673.
- Addison Bethea, acquaintance of Aaron and Christie, was injured in a shark attack and had to have her leg amputated. Address...100 Plantation Road, Perry FL 32348.

***There is a complete cards and prayers list on back table.**

SYMPATHY

We express our love and sympathy to Steve and Sherry Chamberlain in the passing of Sherry's mother, Jo Bates. Keep this family in your prayers during this time.

The Danger of Popularity

So many people base their life on the pursuit of popularity. I do not believe that I have ever been popular, but as a teenager I can remember wanting to be. The desire to be liked and to have the praise of the people around us can be a strong temptation. Our young people are facing this in a way that many of us in the older generations may not understand. Not only do they face the same types of pressure we did growing up, they also have a public social media presence which allows them to receive automatic feedback from friends and strangers around the world. People's lives are being driven by how many "Likes" they receive and how many shares and comments are made on their social media posts.

There are warnings found in the Bible about the danger of seeking the approval of men. Jesus warned His disciples, "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26).

The apostle Paul warns us about seeking the approval of men, "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). If we attempt to please people in this world, we will find our actions will change and we will be led away from God.

The apostle Paul also tells us that seeking to do God's will is what is important. Being pleasing to God, not people, should be our goal. "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2). When we seek popularity from the world we will have to act like those in the world. What is more important, getting a "Like" from a stranger, or hearing from God, "Enter in good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23)?

Brad Tolbert

SUMMER AND FALL GUEST TEACHERS

- July 13—Philip Hines
- July 17—Larry Little
- July 20—Bill Irby
- July 24—Tim Hester
- July 27—Kelly Sims
- Aug 3—Mark Little
- Aug 10—Andy Kizer
- Aug 17—Justin Guin
- Aug 24—Bill Becker
- Aug 31—Don Williams

- Oct 2 (Evening) - Kyle Butt
- Oct 9 (Evening) - Josh Webster

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Summer Sing!

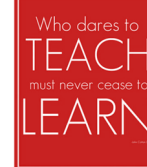
For teen/college age will be tonight following worship, at the home of Chris & Alison James. A taco bar will be provided; bring drinks and desserts.

HOLIDAY BAGS FOR HAITI

Due to the difficulty of getting into Haiti or even getting items sent to Haiti, Harry Hames has informed us of some changes in preparing this year's Holiday Bags. He is asking for money donations that will be used to purchase items in the Dominican Republic. The bags will be filled there and transported to Haiti.

Harry Hames will give Midway 50 miniature bags to put our donations in. \$20-\$25 is requested for each bag. Please consider making a donation to help children in Haiti. Donations can be given to Kay Little or Joyce Fuller. Any amount that you can give is very much appreciated. Our donation will be picked up in July or August, so let's try to get it ready by mid-July. Midway will also have sets of children's clothes and some Haitian New Testaments to donate. On behalf of the children, THANK YOU!

A meeting for adult, college and high school teachers, also new teachers, will be held **today** at 5 PM in the foyer classroom to discuss the upcoming Bible Education Program.



SUMMER SERIES CONTINUES

The past week, brother Marlon Rutherford brought an excellent Bible lesson and a very moving report on the ongoing work in Ukraine, Russia and Poland. Also, we appreciate Brad Adcock coming this past Wednesday and presenting a lesson on wisdom, decisions and the life of Moses. Philip Hines plans to be with us this Wednesday. Brother Philip has been an inspiration to many in the church and to our congregation. We will once again be blessed by his lesson this week.

LIFE, DEATH AND BEYOND

The theme for this year's FCF SUMMER BIBLE CAMP was "Life, Death, and Beyond." The teachers for the Bible classes used the book by this title, written by the late brother Mac Lyon (who formerly hosted the In Search for the Lord's Way television program). It was an excellent Bible camp this year, filled not only with appropriate Bible lessons, but also with crafts, games, fishing, swimming, hikes and really good food. Special appreciation to Brice Gilliland as a first-time camper! He did great, participating in Bible class, basketball, ga-ga ball, crack-a-bout, swimming and hikes. Thank you, likewise, to Anna B. for serving as counselor for first-time, 10 year old girls. Next year's dates are June 25-30 for the first week and July 2-7 for the second week.

MAKE ME A SERVANT

The good Lord willing (James 4:15), some of our number will take this year's VBS to Texas this next week. As you know, this year's theme is – Camping out in God's word – learning to be a servant. The destination is Uvalde and Carrizo Springs, Texas (the area where Andrew and Kayla serve). As last year, we will leave a few days ahead of VBS in order to prepare. The VBS at Uvalde will begin next Sunday, July 17 and continue through the following Wednesday, July 20. Please pray for this effort and for those going, which includes Mark Biles, Paul Rogers, Erin Rogers, Anna Barker, Susan Rogers, Kelli Barker and David Barker.



- **July 10**, Summer Sing
- **July 13**, Texas VBS Campaign
- **July 23**, Supper Outing to The Southern Farm Table—Florence
- **July 24**, Elders Meeting
- **July 24**, Group Meetings
- **July 31**, 5th Sunday Singing