

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, July 24	
Greeters	Aaron & Christie Fletcher
Bible Reading	Ken Nelson
Devotional Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Paul Gilliland
Lord's Table	
(B) Chuck Cleghorn	(J) Marl Fuller
Ben Rogers	(O) Jerry Hall
Frank Pitts	Jimmy Jones
Windell Denney	Josh Jones
Announcements	Larry Little
Dismissal Prayer	Roger Thomas
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Tim Hester
-Songs	Will Fletcher
-Audio	Rex Free
Prepare Communion	Melonee Wilkerson-Beth James
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Preston Grover
Dismissal Prayer	Chris James
Wednesday, July 27	
Song Leader	Matt Addison
Closing Prayer	Will Fletcher
Ushers	Aaron Fletcher-Nathan Lee
Lock Building	Nathan Lee-Roger McCaghren

Sunday, July 31	
Greeters	David & Kelli Barker
Bible Reading	Brent James
Devotional Prayer	Rex Free
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Tim Hester
Worship Prayer	Matt Addison
Lord's Table	
(B) Paul Rogers	(J) Harry James
Roger Jones	(O) Chris James
Rayford Morgan	Tom Wilkerson
Larry Peebles	Roger McCaghren
Announcements	Chris Hood
Dismissal Prayer	Houston Hutto
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Brent James
-Songs	Aaron Fletcher
-Audio	David Scarbrough
Prepare Communion	Heather Hood-Kylie Beth Hood
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Dismissal Prayer	Mark Biles
Wednesday, August 3	
Song Leader	Ben Rogers
Closing Prayer	Danny Standridge
Ushers	Sam Scott-Chuck Cleghorn
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 2 - Kellie James 2 - Tasha Davis 2 - Millard Macon 2 - Paul & Ashley Gilliland					3 - Jerry Huskey 3 - Larry Peebles 3 - Windell & Jennie Denney 4 - Kayla Martinez 4 - Sabrina Standridge

Midway Messenger



Should We Preach Jesus and Ignore Doctrine?

Sometimes we hear individuals say, “Why should we be so concerned about doctrine? We should just preach Jesus and ignore doctrine. Preaching doctrine creates division, but preaching Jesus will bring unity.” Those who say these things often are motivated to bring about harmony among those who follow Jesus, but we must begin by asking, “What does the Bible teach about the importance of doctrine?” Think about all you would have to give up if you never preached doctrine.

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about Jesus’ resurrection. When Paul was teaching in the marketplace in Athens he proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus. He was taken to the Acropolis where he was questioned by the Greek philosophers. They said, “May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak” (Acts 17:18-19)?

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about the sermon on the mount. Matthew devoted three chapters to this amazing lesson taught by Jesus. It is filled with moral teachings like the beatitudes, Christian influence as salt and light, loving our neighbors, humility in prayer, the goodness of God in His providence, the Golden Rule, etc. “When Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine; for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (Matt. 7:28-29). If I cannot preach doctrine, I cannot preach the sermon on the mount!

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about the parables of Jesus. Mark described the preaching of Jesus. “And He taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in His doctrine...” (Mark 4:2). Jesus spoke more than 30 parables, but I could not use them. I could not tell about the prodigal son, the good Samaritan, the pearl of great price, the wise builder, etc. How can I preach about Jesus without using His parables, but they are doctrine!

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never free men from sin. Paul described the salvation of the Romans using these words, “But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness” (Rom. 6:17-18). If the heartfelt obedience to doctrine brought freedom from sin, how can anyone, who loves the lost, minimize the preaching of doctrine?

Take time to use your concordance to read all the Bible says about doctrine. Do this with a sincere heart and you will never again speak of separating Jesus from doctrine. Take time to study the Bible, it’s not that hard to understand!

--Dan Jenkins

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 and Denine Thomas are sick with a stomach virus.
 - Monica La Rock, Kelli Barker’s niece, isn't doing well and needs prayers. Address...239 N. Martin Avenue, Sharon TN 38255.
 - Lesia Coffey, friend of several at Midway, has stage 4 throat cancer. Address...425 Co Rd 455 Hillsboro, AL 35643.
- Please remember all of our sick with prayers and cards of encouragement.
*There is a complete cards and prayers list on back table.

God Asks, ‘Where is the Honor Due Me?’

Using the language of his times, the prophet Malachi spoke words from the mind of God to His people. God asked this question, “‘A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?’ says the LORD Almighty” (Malachi 1:6a). Malachi goes on to deal with the degeneration of Old Testament worship among his people.

Today, many people fail to honor our Lord. Some mock Him and disrespect Him openly. Others simply fail to give God the honor He is due. He is the loving Creator who cares for us like the ideal human father should. He is the Lord (which means master). In his Lordship, our God watches over us and directs us. If we follow his directions, then our lives will be filled with joy.

Are you honoring God with how you conduct your life (1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Proverbs 3:9)? Are you honoring God by attending worship as you should (Hebrews 10:24-25; Psalm 122:1; Psalm 84:4)?

Larry Fitzgerald



Four Reasons to Attend Every Service



We assemble together because God has provided a place for salvation and learning. If you study the early days of the Lord’s Church you will see that they understood what it truly meant to give up of self and the value of assembling with the saints. Here are four reasons we should attend every assembly.

- 1) To show our love for the Lord. John 14:15: “If you love me, keep my commandments.”
- 2) To be edified. This means to be strengthened. Yes, from time to time the sermon steps on your feet and the feet of the preacher. When we meet together the scriptures must teach us to be a better servant.
- 3) To set a good example. You might be the strength someone else needs to keep the faith. When we became Children of God we entered a trial before the world. They are watching you and me.

We must assemble because the future generations need a strong, knowledgeable, and dedicated foundation to stand upon. We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us and we are blessed. We have a great work for the future and eternity. Love God. Love the Church. Love your time with the saints.

Jonathan Burns

Blessings of Worship

First and Second Chronicles offers us several great reminders about what a wonderful blessing worship should be to our lives. Especially right now when our routines have been disrupted, we need to make sure we are participating with heart, soul, mind, and strength.



When the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem, David declared a day of thanksgiving (1 Chron. 16:7) and began expressing his gratitude to God for all the different ways that the Lord had blessed His people (1 Chron. 16:18 -38). And then Scripture says that David went home to bless his household/family (1 Chron. 16:43).

The time spent together in praise of God should be transforming. Our joy and praise and lifting up of God’s holy name should translate into renewed spirits that seek to be blessings to others! Our worship of the Lord together should lead to us being more like the Lord at home!

David gave thanks to God and praised Him along with all the people, then he took those things home to his family. May we all do the same! Whether we gather at the building or must utilize technology, let us turn the blessings of worship into blessings for our homes.

Bart Warren

GUEST TEACHERS

- 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

The Motivation of Faith, Hope, & Love



When Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica, he opened his letter with these words: “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 1:2-3). In that statement, we see three things that can promote fruitful behavior in the Christian: Faith that produces work. Love that prompts labor. Hope that inspires endurance. No Christian who has the full amount of faith, hope, and love will be unproductive in the kingdom of Christ. Do you want to be more fruitful in your Christianity? Then plant and grow seeds of faith, hope, and love and see what happens.

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Zimbabwe Missions



God continues to bless the work in Zimbabwe, Africa. Will and Emily Glover were able to teach two courses for the African School Of Bible Missions in Bulawayo, distribute Bibles to three different congregations in their native languages, teach a marriage seminar at Mbemesi Church of Christ, and work alongside other team members. Will, Emily and their daughter Lyla, send their love and appreciation for all of the prayers and support in this good work.

Without

Without Jesus as the **FOUNDATION**, the structure of righteousness is built on sand.

Without the **TEACHINGS** of the New Testament, the body of Christ has no guide to direct in a dark world.

Without **BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP** properly in place, the body of Christ is no longer, each member going his own way, doing his own thing.

Without **COMMITMENT** from each of the members of the body of Christ, there is no light shining in the community.

Without **TEACHERS** for our Bible classes, the next generation’s leadership is unprepared.

Without **FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN PARENTS**, children see the value of the Lord’s church like they see the value of eating some vegetables, beneficial but not liked.

Without the **LORD CHRIST**, there is no life.

Ron Thomas

Eating Poison

Late in the 19th century, some people who were worried about freckles, blackheads, and other maladies ate Dr. James P. Campbell’s Safe Arsenic Complexion Wafers. Imagine eating poison to cure some ailment! Yet many people consume false doctrines every day that claim to “cure,” such as the so-called “sinner’s prayer,” which is nowhere found in scripture.



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- **July 24**, Elders Meeting
- **July 24**, Group Meetings
- **July 31**, 5th Sunday Singing
- **August 7**, Calendar Planning
- **August 7**, Summer Sing
- **August 14**, TAC
- **August 21**, Ice Cream Social