

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, August 21	
Greeters	Brent & Beth James
Bible Reading	Windell Denney
Devotional Prayer	Nathan Lee
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Jerry Hall
Lord's Table	
(B) Ken Nelson	(J) Kenneth Grover
Frank Pitts	(O) Josh Jones
Jimmy Jones	Marl Fuller
James Rogers	Ben Rogers
Announcements	Larry Little
Dismissal Prayer	Preston Grover
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Tim Hester
-Songs	Will Fletcher
-Audio	Rex Free
Prepare Communion	Kelli Barker-Anna Hill
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn
Dismissal Prayer	Roger Thomas
Wednesday, August 24	
Song Leader	Harry James
Closing Prayer	David Barker
Ushers	
Lock Building	Aaron Fletcher-Nathan Lee Mark Biles-Matt Addison

Sunday, August 28	
Greeters	Mark & Jane Biles
Bible Reading	Will Fletcher
Devotional Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Houston Hutto
Lord's Table	
(B) Tim Hester	(J) Aaron Fletcher
Roger Jones	(O) Harry James
Rayford Morgan	Tom Wilkerson
Larry Peebles	Roger McCaghren
Announcements	Chris Hood
Dismissal Prayer	Rex Free
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Chris James
-Songs	Mark Biles
-Audio	David Scarbrough
Prepare Communion	Kellie James-Anna Barker
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Paul Rogers
Dismissal Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Wednesday, August 31	
Song Leader	Ben Rogers
Closing Prayer	Matt Addison
Ushers	
Lock Building	Sam Scott-Chuck Cleghorn Mark Biles-Matt Addison

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Kortney Weaver	2 Kellie James Tasha Davis Millard Macon Paul & Ashley Gilliland	3 Jerry Huskey Larry Peebles Windell & Jennie Denney Myron & Anita Bohannon	4 Sabrina Standridge Kayla Martinez	5 JR Peebles	6
7 Jan Waldrep Calendar Planning Summer Sing	8 Gracie Weaver Ken Nelson	9 Rachel Lee Rex Free	10	11 Matt Addison	12	13 Chris James
14 TAC	15 Elizabeth Owens	16 Julie Pitts	17	18 Karen Kilpatrick	19 Nancy Sherrill	20
21 Ice Cream Social	22	23	24 Ellie Gilliland	25 David Scarbrough Randy Gillespie	26	27 Brex Fuller
28 Hannah Fuller Elders Meeting	29	30 Larry & Kay Little	31	1	2	3
August 14	Bible Study 120	A.M. Worship 142	P.M. Worship 78	Contribution \$N/A	Weekly Budget \$7,000	

July '22							September '22						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	1	2	4	5	6	7	1	2	3
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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August 21, 2022

Midway Messenger



A CLOSE WATCH

PTP (a congregational workshop) is designed to assist every church member “grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord” (2 Peter 3:18). But I have found the person who needs it most is me. In fact, anytime I really pray, study or serve, I see many defects in myself and I rediscover several areas which need vast improvement. I want to express my personal gratitude to my elders and my church family for allowing us time at PTP. Thank you for being so patient with me. If the Lord allows, I will seek Him more diligently and allow Him to help me grow spiritually.

“Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers” (I Timothy 4:16).

Several little thoughts emerge from the above instruction from Paul to Timothy.

There is the command to “keep a close watch on yourself.” “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves” (2 Cor.13:5). “Take heed to yourselves” (Acts 20:28). We remember the turning point in the prodigal son’s is when he “came to himself” (Luke 15:17). Paul himself remarks, “I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified” (I Cor.9:27). We never want to suffer from what the older preachers called “a paralysis of self-analysis.”

God wants everyone to go to heaven. Teachers and hearers, younger and older, no matter who or where, God’s desire is the same. He would have all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (I Timothy 2:4). Paul says he was eager to preach the gospel to Greeks, barbarians, the wise and the foolish (Romans 1:14-16). If we want more proof of God’s universal love, remember “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief” (I Timothy 1:15). The living God is the Savior of all people (I Timothy 4:10).

Note the need is not just to watch ourselves, but God demands a “close watch.” What about my thoughts, habits, and words? How much time and effort do I put forth in praying, studying and serving? Are others encouraged to believe because of my faith? I Timothy 4:12 reads, “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

May we remember our aim is to help others know Christ. We are to keep a close watch on the teaching as well. The teaching of the word is the only way of salvation for others (2 Tim.2:2). As we are “nourished up in the words of the faith,” so we want others to have the same opportunity (I Timothy 4:6). The reading of scripture, exhortation, and teaching are priorities for all of us (I Timothy 4:13).

--David Barker

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

- Continue to keep Keith and Denine Thomas in your prayers.
- Roger Thomas is at home recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Melonee Wilkerson is home recovering from oral surgery.
- Louise Thomas is at home sick with covid.
- Philip Anderson, Aaron and Christie's nephew, will be seeing an oncologist soon.
- Tim LeMay will be having surgery September 23rd.
- Brooklin Dawe, co-worker of Sam Scott, has covid and needs prayers.

**Please remember all of our sick with prayers and cards of encouragement.**

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

### *Love and Sympathy*

**We express our love and sympathy to our sister Louise Thomas in the passing of her son, Chris Thomas. Remember Louise, Rod and the rest of the family in your prayers during this difficult time.**

**“In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears” (Psalm 18:6) .**



### BAHAMAS

12 adults, two teens, and 8 children from Eight Mile Rock Grand Bahama, Bahamas were able to come to the polishing the pulpit workshop this year. This is 90% of the little congregation which meets there. The church had been using the PTP365 video lessons for a few years and, after months of planning, were excited to participate in person. The contact person is Shameika Alissa. There are faithful brothers and sisters striving to serve the Lord all across the world. Let's continue to pray for and work in spreading the good news of Jesus.



### Can You Name Just One

Can you name just one fault of Jesus of Galilee? Can you name a person He mistreated? Can you name a soul to whom He was unjust? Can you name one teaching of Jesus that is immoral? Can you name one practice of His life that was out of balance with His teachings?

It has been said that many wish to repent of sin on their deathbed, but do any Christians on their deathbed repent of following Christ? Ronald Reagan once said, “Can you name one problem that would not be solved if we had simply followed the teachings of the man from Galilee?” Oh, the thought!

Go ahead; stand Him next to any man. Find the best—the most inspiring, prolific, influential, successful. Gather a roomful and give them high marks for their merits, and deductions for their faults. They begin to fall away, one-by-one, until they have all left the room but Him! They cannot stand next to this Man! They cannot stand next to Jesus! Even Pontius Pilate gets our “amen” as he proclaims, “I find no fault in Him!”

*Rick Kelley*

### OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

#### **Anna Barker**

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#### **Caroline Grover**

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#### **Kellie James**

Calhoun Community College

### A GREAT COMBINATION

Bill Becker from the New Antioch congregation plans to be with us this Wednesday evening, Aug.24, and Don Williams next week, August 31. Both these men bring a great deal of experience and knowledge. Brother Bill has served faithfully as a gospel preacher in this area for well over 30 years. Brother Don is also a faithful Bible teacher as well and now directs the North Alabama Christian Children's Home. We are thankful these brethren will be with us to help us know our Savior in a greater way

### UPCOMING CLASS

The good Lord willing, men's class begins again on Monday evening, September 12 at 6:30. Our theme this fall is: “Faith Under Fire” and we will focus on the books of James and I Peter. All men are invited to participate. As opportunity arises, let's invite our friends and family members to study with us. Additionally, we will be using a class book as we study through James and I Peter. If you need a book, please see Houston Hutto

### WORKSHOP-UP AND RUNNING AGAIN

The Polishing the Pulpit church workshop is taking place this week. This annual conference (unable to meet for the last two years) gathers in Sevierville, Tennessee. The workshop includes many classes covering a wide range of topics – all designed to build up personal faith and encourage congregations of the Lord. For details, please visit [polishingthepulpit.com](http://polishingthepulpit.com). Several families from Midway are attending this week – Tom and Melonee Wilkerson, AJ and Danielle Wilkerson, Chris and Alison James, Paul, Susan, James, Ben and Erin Rogers, plus Sophia, Anna, David, Kelli, Kayla, and Andrew.

### ENGRAVING HEAVENLY TRUTHS



Engraving Heavenly Truths is a quick, five-minute Bible facts review we are conducting every Sunday evening around 6 p.m. The first part of overall Bible knowledge is to know the facts and how they fit in the overall history of scripture. These facts are a good source of information for parents to share with their children on a daily basis. “...bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph.6:4).

### WHITE UNTO HARVEST



“White unto Harvest” is a magazine which contains information about ELIJAH VIVEK SANAMANDA'S mission work in India (which we help to support). There are a few copies on the

back table. The magazine is a nice, comprehensive report of the various works in the Andhra Pradesh area of India (eastern coastal region). In particular, the city Elijah works in is called Palakol and the church is called Palakol church of Christ. Some of the works include: providing purified drinking water to the communities, conducting a theological study school to train preachers, conducting an ongoing Bible school for parents and children, and hosting several yearly evangelistic campaigns (including Bible-giveaways). In the magazine, there is a map of this region of India and pictures of several church members. Of special interest is a note about Apologetics Press sending a bundle of Defending the Faith study Bibles to Palakol to be used and given away to students and members.

## Upcoming EVENTS

*Make Plans to Be a Part*

- **Tonight**, Ice Cream Social
- **August 24**, Bill Becker
- **August 28**, Elders Meeting
- **August 31**, Don Williams
- **September 4**, Devo at the home of David and Kelli Barker
- **September 11**, TAC (Top Golf)
- **September 11**, Fall Festival Meeting at 5:15
- **September 11**, Todd Clippard & Finger Food Fellowship
- **September 17**, Service Project, 6th Grade and under
- **September 17**, Supper Outing, O'Bryan's Steakhouse
- **September 18**, County Wide Devo at Midway
- **October 2**, Kyle Butt (Evening)
- **October 9**, Joh Webster (Evening)