

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, September 4

Greeters	Aaron & Christie Fletcher
Bible Reading	Ben Rogers
Devotional Prayer	Josh Jones
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Tim Hester
Worship Prayer	Nathan Lee
Lord's Table	
(B) Larry Little	(J) Marl Fuller
Windell Denney	(O) Preston Grover
Frank Pitts	Jamie Patterson
Jimmy Jones	Bryant Addison
Announcements	Paul Gilliland
Dismissal Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Kenneth Grover
-Songs	Aaron Fletcher
-Audio	Sam Scott
Prepare Communion	Bonita Jones-Regina Lee
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	James Rogers
Dismissal Prayer	Jerry Hall
Wednesday, September 7	
Song Leader	Ken Nelson
Closing Prayer	Roger Thomas
Ushers	Chris Hood-Matt Addison
Lock Building	Ken Nelson-Chris Hood

Sunday, September 11

Greeters	Paul & Ashley Gilliland
Bible Reading	Chris Hood
Devotional Prayer	Paul Rogers
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Aaron Fletcher
Lord's Table	
(B) Sam Scott	(J) Chris James
Roger Jones	(O) Brent James
Rayford Morgan	Tom Wilkerson
Larry Peebles	Roger McCaghren
Announcements	Larry Little
Dismissal Prayer	Harry James
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Tim Hester
-Songs	Will Fletcher
-Audio	Rex Free
Prepare Communion	Tasha Davis-Tamara Lunsford
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Danny Standridge
Dismissal Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Wednesday, September 14	
Song Leader	Jamie Patterson
Closing Prayer	Josh Jones
Ushers	David Scarbrough-Houston Hutto
Lock Building	Ken Nelson-Chris Hood

September 4, 2022

Midway Messenger

BIRTHMARKS



Dictionary.com describes a birthmark as a disfigurement or blemish or mark found on one's skin from early childhood. One might use the word in a sentence like this – "I got close enough to see the birthmark on his eyelid."

Conversion to Christ is described as the new birth (John 3:3-5). Jesus teaches, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he can not enter into the kingdom of God." The Spirit of God, through the word of God (Eph.6:17), teaches the penitent person to be immersed in water for forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). Paul says, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" (1 Cor.12:13).

As there are often physical birthmarks, so there are spiritual birthmarks. Note a few.

One born again has a hunger to know and do God's will. 1 Peter 2:1ff "So put away all malice, and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation..." (1 Peter 2:1-2). If one practices slander and holds malice in his heart, is he truly converted? Simply put, Christians love God, people, each other, the word of God and the obedience of that word. We come to Christ with the best attitudes possible. We obey the truth "unto an unfeigned love of the brethren" (1 Peter 1:22). We hunger and thirst after righteousness (cf.Matt.5:6). We search the scriptures daily (Acts 17:11,12).

One born again has given body and mind to Christ. He now seeks heavenly things not earthly things. Col.3:1-2: "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." As one comes to Christ for forgiveness, the Lord captures his heart (2 Cor.10:3-6) and he is transformed. He is no longer molded by the world, but his mind has been renewed and his body is presented as a living sacrifice (Rom.12:1-2).

One born again has died to himself and to the desires of the flesh. "We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be destroyed..." (Rom.6:6). "And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Gal.5:24).

One born again shares the gospel with others. After Saul was baptized (Acts 9:18), "he immediately proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God'" (Acts 9:20-22).

One born again rejoices in his salvation (Psalm 51:10-12). Following his baptism, the eunuch "went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39).

Hunger. Commitment. Death to self. Sharing the gospel. Joy. Birthmarks. Have you been truly converted? Is it evident in your life?

--David

ELDERS

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Brent James

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AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Benevolence

Deacons: Windell Denney, Sam Scott

Visitations

Deacons: All

Education

Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto

Local Evangelism

Deacons:

Group A—Houston Hutto

Group B—Harry James, Nathan Lee

Missions

Deacons: Larry Little

Youth

Deacons: Matt Addison

Building & Grounds

Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Nathan Lee,
Aaron Fletcher

Technology

Deacons: Tim Hester

Finance

Deacons: Harry James

Worship Assignments

Deacons: Matt Addison

Security

Deacons: Sam Scott

Transportation

Deacons: Nathan Lee

September 2022

August '22							October '22						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
					Joyce Fuller Frank Pitts	Rachael Carle
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Midway Devo Barkers			Ben Rogers		Margaret Free Eric & Julie Carter	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
TAC - Top Golf Fall Festival Meeting Todd Clippard Finger Food Fellowship	Bently Hutto	Mark & Jane Biles	Rod Thomas		Emily Owens Matt & Jennifer Addison	Service Project 6th Grade & Under
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
County Wide Devo Midway	JR & Bekah Peebles			Jamie Patterson		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Elders Meeting Lads to Leaders					Tom & Melonee Wilkerson	Pumpkin Patch Trip 6th Grade & Under
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Midway Devo Fletchers Kyle Butt						

August 28 Bible Study 59 A.M. Worship 107 P.M. Worship 66 Contribution \$5,731 Weekly Budget \$7,000

Midway Church of Christ

4334 County Road 434 Moulton, AL 35650

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

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Remember in Prayer

- Continue to keep Keith and Denine Thomas in your prayers.
- Eulene Logan is having hip issues.
- Amie Hankins has been admitted to the hospital. Keep her in your prayers.
- Russel Estes, friend of the Fletcher’s, will be having surgery Sept. 9th, to remove lymph nodes and a tumor.
- Joy Byars, Doris Fuller’s sister, has been diagnosed with breast cancer for the 2nd time. She is in need of prayers.
- Skylynn Culver, friend of Christie Fletcher, had foot surgery and is having a rough recovery...Address..3287 Co Rd 298, Hillsboro, AL 35643.
- Adley Knight, 13 year old acquaintance of the Fletcher’s, has been diagnosed with epilepsy. She has been in the hospital but is being sent home with a monitor and meds.

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

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

We have had several schools contact us asking if we could provide school snacks for needy children this year. They are so appreciative of this great service. If you would like to help with this, please place your snacks in the fellowship hall closet. Thank You!



It’s All About the Lord

The Lord’s people, having been baptized with the Lord’s baptism, cleansed with the Lord’s blood, and added to the Lord’s body, gather around the Lord’s table, in the Lord’s name, upon the Lord’s day, to remember the Lord’s death and resurrection, until the Lord comes. Are you the Lord’s?

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SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR UKRAINE



Brother Jeff Johnson, from the Union congregation, is keeping our area updated on the ongoing needs for brethren in Ukraine, Russia, Poland, Romania, etc. Canned food (especially meats), baby formula, and hygiene items are needed. Many families and congregations are sending buckets with various items. Pertaining to clothing – thermal undergarments, heavy coats (not with hunter orange or other bright or brilliant markings – dark), gloves and winter weather shoes. The Sherrod Avenue church of Christ is able to be a north Alabama collection site for Ukraine donations. They have storage units and shipping containers. Please bring items and place them on the right side of the fellowship hall, under the windows. We are not sure when the next shipment will go out, but from the various reports we are receiving, the quicker the response the better.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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FOCUS ON SINGING

Next Sunday evening, September 11, at 6 p.m., brother Todd Clippard from the Burleson congregation near Haleyville, plans to be with us. He will lead us in singing and also lead us in some important thoughts from the Bible about worshipping God in song. Brother Todd is particularly blessed and talented to provide this type of encouragement. Following the evening services, we will enjoy a meal and time of fellowship. Bring some friends and let’s be ready to praise the Lord together!

READY TO REACH



Titus 3:1 says we need to be “ready for every good work.” So, let’s do our best to be ready to reach our fellowman with the gospel. Do you have a box? We can get a small box and keep various Bible-based tracts, gospel papers and bookmarks in it. We can keep it with us in the car. When we talk with someone about Christ and his forgiveness, we can leave something valuable in their hand. Then, we can take one or two tracts or papers in with us at the doctor’s office, restaurants, etc. Do you have a list? Yes, a list of those outside of a relationship with Christ. We can make that list, pray for those on the list, share the list with our fellow Christians/teachers. We can send them cards, texts, invitations, and even conduct Bible studies with them over the phone, on a computer or in person.

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).

MONTHLY YOUTH DEVOTIONALS BEGINNING THIS EVENING

Our youth, college-age and young professionals will be gathering at the Barkers’ house right after church tonight. This marks the beginning of monthly youth devotionals hosted by different members for this school year. Tonight, we will focus on God and scripture as we arrive, then enjoy some refreshments together. All are welcome to come. Food – taco build-up. Guys – chips/girls – desserts. Contact David or Kelli (256-303-1755/ 256-303-1753) for more details.

REPORT FROM BROTHER GOBER

Brother Steve Gober, who has been with us and who works in association with World Bible School, recently took a trip Malawi, Africa. There were 80 baptisms, 15 of which were Pentecostal members. One convert was a Pentecostal preacher. As a result, 16 Pentecostal churches have turned from error and are now worshipping in spirit and in truth. Brother Gober reported this at PTP and we rejoice in the Lord’s work.

NEW STUDIES

MEN’S CLASS is slated to begin Monday evening, September 12, at 6:30. Our theme is FAITH UNDER FIRE and we will be studying the New Testament books of James and Peter. For a class book, please see David.

WEDNESDAY’S AUDITORIUM CLASS will begin a study of religious errors this week. We plan to focus on the error, verses used to support the error, and then the actual Biblical teaching regarding the matter. This class will not focus on religious groups per se, but on the various religious errors which cause confusion among people today. **THURSDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS** begins September 8, at 9:30 a.m. The theme is – Side by Side – learning to share and bear life’s burdens. See Kelli B. for a class book.

Upcoming EVENTS
Make Plans to Be a Part

- **Tonight**, 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**, Josh Webster (Evening)

