

Sunday, May 28	
Greeters	Larry & Kay Little
Bible Reading	Roger Thomas
Devotional Prayer	Nathan Lee
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Houston Hutto
Lord's Table	
(B) Paul Rogers	(J) Jamie Patterson
Larry Peebles	(O) Casey Pirtle
Frank Pitts	Rayford Morgan
Roger Jones	Roger McCaghren
Announcements	Sam Scott
Dismissal Prayer	Larry Little
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Kenneth Grover
-Songs/Audio	Mark Biles
Prepare Communion	Jennifer & Keslee Addison
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Ken Nelson
Dismissal Prayer	Tim LeMay
Wednesday, May 31	
Song Leader	James Rogers
Closing Prayer	Danny Standridge
Ushers	Nathan Lee-Aaron Fletcher
Lock Building	Houston Hutto-Mark Biles

Sunday, June 4	
Greeters	Ken & Bertha Nelson
Bible Reading	Matt Addison
Devotional Prayer	Harry James
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Chris James
Lord's Table	
(B) Jerry Hall	(J) Rex Free
Windell Denney	(O) Marl Fuller
Jimmy Jones	Tom Wilkerson
Bryant Addison	Ben Rogers
Announcements	Brent James
Dismissal Prayer	Brex Fuller
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Preston Grover
-Songs/Audio	Aaron Fletcher
Prepare Communion	Benita James & Beth James
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Josh Jones
Dismissal Prayer	Will Fletcher
Wednesday, June 7	
Song Leader	Mark Biles
Closing Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn
Ushers	Jamie Patterson-Matt Addison
Lock Building	Houston Hutto-Mark Biles

May 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
30	1	2 Tami Beddingfield	3 Ida Scott	4	5	6 Roger & Sherrie Thomas Chuck & Jill Cleghorn							
7	8 Denine Thomas	9	10	11	12	13							
14 Graduate Recognition	15	16	17 Brice Gilliland	18 Jannie Williams Jacob & Megan Pitz	19 Phyllis LeMay	20 Tim & Emily LeMay							
21 Lily Hutto	22	23	24	25 Nathan & Regina Lee	26 Summer Macon	27 Jennie Denney							
28 Jimmy Jones Elders Meeting Group Meetigs	29	30	31	1 Jerry & Patty Huskey	2 Aaron Fletcher	3							
May 21	Bible Study 95	A.M. Worship 127	P.M. Worship 66	Contribution \$9,590	Weekly Budget \$7,000								

May 28, 2023

Midway Church of Christ

EXAMPLES NEEDED

We teach by opening our mouths and presenting the word of God (Matt.5:1-2). “Two disciples heard John speak and followed Jesus” (John 1:37).

We also teach by example. Christians are to be “showing all good faith that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect” (Titus 2:10).

Who is responsible for providing the example of Christian living? Of course, every follower of Jesus has this duty. The Lord says, “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matt.5:16).

Every young Christian must be an example. “Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe” (I Timothy 4:12).

Even disciples, struggling in faith, are expected to be examples. The church in Corinth (well-known for troubles, I Cor.1:10-11; 3:1-3) were instructed by Paul, “you are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men...you are a letter of Christ” (2 Cor.3:1-3).

Parents must live out the truth as they bring up their children. The law and love of God must first be in their hearts before they can effectively teach their children (Deut.6:4). The “unfeigned faith” first dwelt in Timothy’s grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice, before it lived in him (2 Tim.1:5).

Certainly, those who teach the word must show the pattern of godliness. Jesus was both a doer of the word and teacher of it (Acts 1:1) and demands we do likewise (Luke 10:37). In fact, our Lord warned about the scribes and Pharisees, for they had the habit of saying and not doing (Matt.23:1-3).

Peter, in his first epistle, teaches that appointed leaders should be “examples to the flock” (I Peter 5:2-3). This means each leader is to be an example of all that’s Christian. This is the first and foremost qualification.

What sort of example are we to be? The proper example inspires others. The Samaritan lady at Jacob’s well heard Jesus and went and told her people about Him (John 4:27-44). “Come see a man who told me everything I have ever done. Is this not the Christ?” Her words and her enthusiasm inspired them to hear Jesus themselves (John 4:42). May our example encourage others to glorify God (Matt.5:16), examine themselves (I Tim.4:12), seek things above (Colossians 3:1-2), love the truth (2 Thess.2:10), be like Jesus (Luke 2:52), give themselves to the Lord (2 Cor.8:5), and tell others the good news (Luke 2:10,11).

Is my example of study, prayer, love, teaching, worship, thinking, speech, purity and faithfulness worthy of others to follow? Can I say like Paul, “Be ye imitators of me as I imitate Christ” (I Cor.11:1-2)?

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SICK & PRAYERS

- Jonna Barrier, (wife of Todd Barrier, minister of Falkville Church of Christ) was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Prayers requested. Address.. 311 Woodfield St SW, Hartselle, AL 35640.
- Andrea Anderton, Sheila Dendy’s daughter-in-law, is in the hospital in Florence following a stroke. Prayers requested. Address.. 22290 Co Rd 460 Trinity, AL 35673.
- Gwen Owens will be seeing a specialist in Vanderbilt. Address.. 4009 Co Rd 327, Moulton, AL 35650.
- Samantha Smith, friend of Jennifer Addison, had cancer surgery. Address..299 Co Rd 565 Town Creek, AL 35672.
- Philip Anderson is dealing with health issues. Address..1086 NW Turner Ave. Lake City, FL 32055.
- Russel Estes continues to need prayers.
- Willie Lindsey, friend of the Fletcher’s, has been diagnosed with lymphoma. Address..90 Bingham Rd. Spruce Pine, AL 35585.

ELDERS	MINISTER
Roger Thomas Brent James Nathan Lee	Harry James Sam Scott David Barker

DEACONS

Benevolence
Deacon: Windell Denney

Visitations
Deacons: All

Education
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto

Missions
Deacon: Larry Little

Youth
Deacon: Matt Addison

Building & Grounds
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Aaron Fletcher

Technology
Deacon: Tim Hester

Worship Assignments
Deacon: Matt Addison

J. EDAR HOOVER AND THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

In a recent gospel meeting, this writer was privileged to meet a dentist and his wife who informed him of an inquiry they had made of the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation several decades ago. This couple was very active in a mainline denominational church when they began to notice the increasingly pronounced move toward socialism, especially in the directives and guidelines sent down from the church’s headquarters.



Having become disenchanted by the modernistic, anti-American, pro-socialistic thrusts of their denomination and by the National Council of Churches, of which their church was a member and major supporter, they wrote Director J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I., Washington, D.C., asking, “Which church in America, if any, is likely to be the least infiltrated and permeated by such unpatriotic influences?”

Mr. Hoover promptly responded by letter, saying that since the churches of Christ are completely autonomous—possessing no organization larger than the local church, thus no hierarchy to send directives down to the local congregation—there would be little likelihood of more than one or a few congregations ever coming under such influence.

The dentist and his wife investigated the undenominational church of Christ, against which they had earlier been quite prejudiced. They came to appreciate the restoration principle (i.e., the return to the pure teaching of the New Testament and thereby restoring the primitive church, which Christ built nearly two thousand years ago) and obeyed the gospel plan of salvation, as set forth in the Acts of Apostles.

Director Hoover’s insight into the organization of the church of Christ will always be appreciated by these fine Christians and by their children.

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IT'S TIME TO SPREAD THE WORD!

This evening is card -signing time and we must use this time to tell the world about VBS! Tell all about VBS in your cards and in all your communications. Also, look for VBS POSTCARDS this evening and the abundance of addresses available. VBS IS TWO WEEKS AWAY! As God went to the limit for us, not sparing His only Son, let us expend every effort for VBS once again this year!



WE SHALL NEVER FORGET

Freedom is not free.
25,000 Americans died in the American revolution.
116,516 Americans died in World War I.
405,399 Americans died in World War II.
36,516 Americans died in the Korean war.
58,209 Americans died in the Vietnam war.
6,280 Americans have died in the war against terror (Iraq, Afghanistan).



These numbers fall short of telling the full story of the price paid for freedom. So many children lost fathers, so many wives lost husbands, and so many parents lost sons and daughters. And, these numbers do not account for the devastating injuries to body and mind.

War is not glorious. It is gory. It is terrifying. War costs some folks everything. The sacrifices patriots and families have made is extraordinary. We must never forget this Memorial Day or any day.

And, we must never forget the price paid for true freedom at Calvary. “Greater love has no man than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends” (John 15:13).

Doug Smith, Booneville, Mississippi

Faith Hope Love

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
(1 Corinthians 13:13 NKJV)

5 SIMPLE WAYS TO SHOW GOD'S LOVE TO OTHERS

- Show God’s love by listening
 - Show God’s love with generosity
 - Show God’s love by encouraging
 - Show God’s love with acts of kindness
 - Show God’s love by praying for others
- Remember to show God’s love to everyone.

VBS AND BEYOND

VBS is important to our church family at Midway. It motivates us to study, think, prepare, and work together. It helps our families grow in strength.



Yet, VBS is primarily about others. We are hoping to help other families and reach as many as possible in our community. We are also planning to help the Arley church of Christ with their VBS (Sunday evening, June 18) and assist the Getty Street church of Christ in Uvalde, Texas, with their VBS in late July. And, we are grateful for our traveling duo, Larry and Kay, who, in a couple of weeks, will be going to help with a VBS in New Mexico. “As we have opportunity, let us do good to all men...” (Galatians 6:10).

“THE CHURCH HAS LET ME DOWN”

Does this describe the way you feel? If it does, let me warn you. Don’t expect to get more out than you put in. If you choose to stand aloof from the church, refusing to participate in her programs of work, fail to support her financially, and only occasionally attend worship services, the church will always disappoint you. On the other hand, if you become very active in everything the church here is involved in, read your Bible and pray every day, good deeds in the name of Christ and the church, visit the shut ins, fellowship with fellow Christians, etc., you will be amazed at how much your view of the church will change.



Upcoming EVENTS
Make Plans to Be a Part

- June 11th-14th, Vacation Bible School
- June 17th, Annual Fish Fry