

# Midway Church of Christ



Sunday, July 30	
Greeters	Brent & Beth James
Bible Reading	Windell Denney
Devotional Prayer	Matt Addison
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Aaron Fletcher
Worship Prayer	Rex Free
Lord's Table	
(B) Marl Fuller	(J) Harry James
Jimmy Jones	(O) Chris James
Brent James	Tim LeMay
Mark Biles	Tom Wilkerson
Announcements	Houston Hutto
Dismissal Prayer	Jerry Hall
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Preston Grover
-Songs/Audio	Bryant Addison
Prepare Communion	Tamara Lunsford-Tasha Davis
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Josh Jones
Dismissal Prayer	Paul Rogers
Wednesday, August 2	
Song Leader	Sam Scott
Closing Prayer	Danny Standridge
Ushers	David Scarbrough-Jamie Patterson
Lock Building	Jamie Patterson-Ken Nelson

Sunday, August 6	
Greeters	Josh & Eleshea Jones
Bible Reading	Roger Thomas
Devotional Prayer	Casey Pirtle
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Ben Rogers
Worship Prayer	Ken Nelson
Lord's Table	
(B) Paul Gilliland	(J) Danny Standridge
Rayford Morgan	(O) James Rogers
Frank Pitts	Roger McCaghren
Roger Jones	Larry Peebles
Announcements	Larry Little
Dismissal Prayer	Houston Hutto
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Chris James
-Songs/Audio	Harry James
Prepare Communion	Ashley Gilliland-Melonee Wilkerson
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Sam Scott
Dismissal Prayer	Nathan Lee
Wednesday, August 9	
Song Leader	Harry James
Closing Prayer	Preston Grover
Ushers	Jamie Patterson-Matt Addison
Lock Building	Matt Addison-Aaron Fletcher

## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	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
9 Elders/Deacons Meeting	10	11 Chanler Callahan	12 Tom Wilkerson	13	14	15 Danny Standridge
16 Bertha Nelson	17	18	19 Jerry Hall	20 Marley Kelso Brenna Stewart Roger & Judy McCaghren	21 Chris & Alison James	22 Tanner Owens
23 Elders Meeting Group Meetings	24 Wanda Morgan Rex & Margaret Free	25 Deborah Hall Marl Fuller	26	27	28 Linda Beddingfield	29
30 5th Sunday Singing	Notes 3 - Jerry Huskey 3 - Larry Peebles 2 - Kellie James 3 - Windell & Jennie Denney 2 - Tasha Davis 4 - Kayla Martinez 2 - Millard Macon 4 - Sabrina Standridge 2 - Paul & Ashley Gilliland					

### TWO MORE TOOLS

Last Sunday morning, we discussed tools the devil uses against us (Genesis 3:1-6). We mentioned the following tools: Deceit, Doubt, Despair, Denial, and Desires. If you would like a printed copy of these notes, please check the back tables.

From Genesis chapter 3, we observe two more effective tools of Satan.

First, there's the tool of Discussion. Eve should have never discussed the matter of eating the fruit with Satan in the first place. God Lord says is not up for valuable or not). The proper words to God, "Speak, Lord, Delaying when we ought to "Come ye out from among no unclean thing" (2 people were building the Tobiah and Geshem) said, Nehemiah appropriately why should we meet with Jesus, Eve should have said me, Satan" (Matt.16:21-23) or



Second, Satan also uses the close at hand and should have somehow, Satan was able to (Genesis 3:1-4). He also attacked Jesus when He was by himself (Matt.4:1ff). Division is a powerful poison from the old serpent (Rev.12:9) and is strongly condemned in the scriptures. Strife, maliciousness, and gossip are condemned in the same context as murder and homosexuality (Romans 1:28-32). Those who divide, cause strife, or turn one brother against another, will receive the same punishment as all other evildoers. When such exists, the message is "repent or perish" (Luke 13:3).

The devil works hard and he has an assortment of tools at his disposal.

Stay alert. Stay alive.

commands, we obey. What our discussion (to discern whether it's thy servant heareth" (I Samuel 3:9). act or flirting with sin is not right. them and be ye separate and touch Cor.6:16). When Nehemiah and the wall, their enemies (Sanballat, "let's meet in the plain of Ono." replies, "We are doing a great work; you?" (Nehemiah 6:1-3). Like (as should we), "Get thee behind "Be gone, Satan" (Matt.4:10).

tool of Division. I know Adam was been the leader in the garden. Yet, isolate Eve and talk to her alone (Genesis 3:1-4). He also attacked Jesus when He was by himself (Matt.4:1ff). Division is a powerful poison from the old serpent (Rev.12:9) and is strongly condemned in the scriptures. Strife, maliciousness, and gossip are condemned in the same context as murder and homosexuality (Romans 1:28-32). Those who divide, cause strife, or turn one brother against another, will receive the same punishment as all other evildoers. When such exists, the message is "repent or perish" (Luke 13:3).

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SICK & PRAYERS

- Continue to remember Margaret Free and Neil LeMay in your prayers.

It's that time of year again!

We are requesting donations to be used for purchasing items to fill holiday boxes for children in Haiti. Harry Hames of the Flint congregation will be taking the funds to the Dominican Republic where \$25 worth of items will be purchased for each bag that will be prepared to be taken into Haiti. Please give your donation by, September 24th, to Joyce Fuller or Kay Little. Any amount will be appreciated. Midway will also be sending sets of clothing for children and Haitian New Testaments.

Baby Shower



Honoring Alison & Chloe James today, from 2-3:30 in the fellowship hall. Gift selections are at babylist.com, Walmart, Target and Amazon.



ELDERS  
Roger Thomas  
Brent James  
Nathan Lee

MINISTER  
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

QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP?

- What two types of people is God looking for? Workers and worshippers (Matthew 20:1; John 4:23). The great commandment (to love God with all our heart, Matthew 22:37) compels us to worship God; the great commission (go preach the gospel to everyone, Mark 16:15) compels us to work for God.
- What does it mean to worship? Worship is paying honor and respect to Someone worthy. “O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker; for He is our God...” (Psalm 95:6,7). “I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised” (Psalm 18:3).
- Is anyone else besides God worthy of worship? Not according to Jesus. He tells the devil, “Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve” (Matthew 4:10). Neither angels nor men are worthy to be worshipped (Acts 10:25,26; Revelation 22:7-9).
- Is Jesus worthy to be worshipped? Yes, He is to be worshipped. Following the walking on the water miracle, “those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God’” (Matthew 14:33).
- What are the possibilities in worship? According to our New Testaments, one can worship in vain (Matthew 15:7-9), one can worship in ignorance (Acts 17:23), one can be involved in “will worship” or “self-imposed worship” (Colossians 2:23) or one can worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). Good and honest people choose that last option.
- What does it mean to worship in truth? According to Jesus, worshipping in truth means to worship according to what God says in His word (John 17:17). Compare Paul’s words in Romans 1:9: “God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son.”
- Does it matter to God how we worship? Yes, God rejected Cain’s worship because he did not listen carefully and worship by faith (Heb.11:4). When our words are religious, but our hearts are far from God, we worship in vain. And, if we offer worship according to the commandments of men, that worship is also pointless (Matt.15:7-9).

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RETURNING FROM MEXICO

Preston Grover was scheduled to return from a Baja mission trip to Mexico last night. He went with a group of 22 with the Guntersville church of Christ. They assisted with medical care and home repairs. We are thankful he was able to go and are thankful for all the good works in the brotherhood of Christ.

SPECIAL PEWPACKERS CLASS!

Calling all little ones, parents, and teachers – please come a little early this evening for a front row pewpackers experience. We will sing songs, review the story of Daniel, pray and give out prizes. We have a new song about Daniel and a new song about worship we want to share. Please come back at 5:45 this evening!

SPECIAL WORSHIP TONIGHT!

It’s time for the fifth Sunday singing tonight. In addition to prayer and Bible study, let’s all be ready to sing and give glory to God at 6 p.m. this evening! Remember the finger food fellowship after services as well .

PRAYER LESSON REQUESTS

Brother Todd Clippard, an elder and preacher for the Burleson church of Christ near Haleyville, presented a fine lesson on prayer this past Wednesday night. From Romans 15, he explained how God answers prayer – sometimes no, sometimes yes, sometimes yes, but not your way. To listen again, check Midway’s Facebook page, website or request a cd (see Tim Hester).

Singing in the Foyer!

Dan Jenkins writes, I am not exactly sure why I enjoy those fifth Sunday night singings in the foyer, but I really enjoy them. It’s not just because it is different, but because I am reminded again and again of the wisdom of God in making singing part of our worship. These singings allow for so much spiritual growth when we devote ourselves to them.

I enjoy singing in the foyer because we sing, and singing involves our souls. Have you considered that God could have just had us to quote or read passages of Scripture? We often sing songs, like the twenty-third psalm, which are almost completely based on selected phrases from the Bible. Why would not God just have us read those passages in unison? Would it not impact us in the same way and have the same effect? No way! Take time to think of the implication of James 5:13, “Is any cheerful? Let him sing.” Our emotions are tied directly to singing. One might be able to read Psalm 23 without his emotions being stirred, but somehow God made us so that singing touches our souls.

I enjoy singing in the foyer because I can hear so many around me singing. The design of singing is obviously vertical as our voices reach the portals of heaven, but it is also horizontal. God in his wisdom designed singing so we could speak to each other as we sing. The Holy Spirit described what happens in our worship when He said, “Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19). Those Sunday nights when we sit facing each other allows me to see the joy and faith you have and to be edified by hearing your words. This happens in each of our services, but singing in the foyer allows me to hear so many of those who are there encouraging me to serve the Lord.

I love singing in the foyer because there is a great sense of us being of one heart and mind. The Lord established the church and that church is a family. We are a body where each of us plays a vital role in each other’s life, and this is possible because we are all in the same family, the same body. We have the same goals and values in life. We have the same purpose for living. Paul said, “For to me, to live is Christ” (Phil. 1:21). This is so apparent to me as we sing together.

I also love singing when we are not in the foyer. Reread this article and realize that what is said of singing in the foyer can happen all the time. It seems easier on those fifth Sunday nights, but singing is of Divine origin, and He designed it to fit every occasion. This Sunday, make a special effort to sing from the depths of your souls as your praise God and speak to those who have your values. It will change your life!

The question to us is do we enjoy those fifth Sunday night singings? Do we enjoy this element of worship to God, our Father? Do you enjoy gathering with those of the same faith? Do we love edifying one another in song? Do we love gathering with our spiritual family, or do we skip those fifth Sunday singing because “they are just a song service?” Singing is commandment of our Lord as an avenue of worship to Him, can we afford to miss such an opportunity?