

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

Sunday, August 13

Greeters	Matt & Shania Woodruff
Bible Reading	Windell Denney
Devotional Prayer	Mark Biles
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Matt Addison
Lord's Table	
(B) Jerry Hall	(J) Marl Fuller
Bryant Addison	(O) Paul Gilliland
Jimmy Jones	Tom Wilkerson
Harry James	Aaron Fletcher
Announcements	Houston Hutto
Dismissal Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Tim Hester
-Songs/Audio	Will Fletcher
Prepare Communion Benita James-Sabrina Standridge	
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Preston Grover
Dismissal Prayer	Josh Jones
Wednesday, August 16	
Song Leader	Ken Nelson
Closing Prayer	Nathan Lee
Ushers	Sam Scott-Chuck Cleghorn
Lock Building	Matt Addison-Aaron Fletcher

ELDERS

MINISTER

Roger Thomas

Harry James

David Barker

Brent James

Sam Scott

Nathan Lee

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tasha Davis	Aug 02	Elizabeth Owens	Aug 15
Kellie James	Aug 02	Julie Pitts	Aug 16
Larry Peebles	Aug 03	Karen Pirtle	Aug 18
Sabrina Standridge	Aug 04	Nova Randolph	Aug 19
Jan Waldrep	Aug 07	Nancy Sherill	Aug 19
Ken Nelson	Aug 08	Ellie Gilliland	Aug 24
Rachel Lee	Aug 09	David Scarbrough	Aug 25
Rex Free	Aug 09	Brex Fuller	Aug 27
Matt Addison	Aug 11	Allyson James	Aug 28
Chris James	Aug 13	Alexus Burns	Aug 29
		Casey Pirtle	Aug 29

Happy Anniversary!

Paul & Ashley Gilliland	Aug 2
Windell & Jennie Denney	Aug 3
Larry & Kay Little	Aug 30

August 6, 2023

Midway Church of Christ

CONTINUE IN THE GRACE (Acts 13:43)

To continue in something means we are already in it. Salvation through the grace of God is accessed at the point of gospel obedience (Ephesians 2:8-9; 5:26). If you are not sure about the details of this process of receiving the gift of salvation through Christ, please see any of our Bible teachers. In these thoughts, we will direct our attention toward continuing in grace. Such a command obviously implies Christians must live faithful lives to obtain the eternal salvation in Christ (2 Timothy 2:10).

To continue in grace is to recognize that God gives us the ability to help others know about salvation. “Having gifts differing according to the grace given to us,” we are to serve, through teaching and exhorting (Romans 12:6-8). Peter says we are to be “good stewards of the varied grace of God” and serve others (I Peter 4:10,11). Paul says the grace was given to him so he could “preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ” (Eph.3:7-9). God has blessed each of us with an ability to bring someone else to Christ. We are without excuse.

To continue in grace is to be deeply driven to love and serve God with all our heart. Paul’s dedication “to spend and be spent” for the souls of others (2 Cor.12:15) came from his gratitude for the forgiveness he received from his Lord. As he states it, “the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant” (I Tim.1:14). The apostle “labored more abundantly,” but it was not him, “but the grace of God which was in him” (I Cor.15:10). From his conversion forward, Paul gave his energy, time, mind and body to the cause of Jesus. Our Lord says, “to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little” (Luke 7:47). Again, we are without excuse. God provides both the ability and the motivation to serve Him and bring others to the way of salvation.

To continue in grace is to be willing to sacrifice ourselves in service to Christ. In laboring with Paul in his bonds and the defense of the gospel, the Philippians were “partakers of my grace” (Phil.1:7). In fact, it was a “gift” from God for them to be able “to suffer for his sake” (Phil.1:29). After Peter and John were “beaten” (Acts 5:40), they departed, “rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name” (Acts 5:41). We are not faithful until we count it an honor to suffer for Him. Church is not designed for the faint of heart. We serve ‘in nothing terrified” (Phil.1:28).

-David

SICK & PRAYERS

- David Scarbrough is recovering from a car accident. He has 2 fractured vertebrae. Address.. c/o Brittany Fredricks 2220 Bethel Rd Hartselle, AL 35640.
- Frankie Wallace, Julie Carter’s cousin, will be having an extensive surgery in Seattle Washington tomorrow.
- Maggie Graham, 15 year old girl that attends school/co-op with Will Fletcher, will be having open heart surgery August 17th.. Address.. 175 Co Rd 82 Moulton, AL 35650.
- Continue to remember Philip Anderson in your prayers.

Welcome Emerson Rose!

Congratulations to Michael and Anna Claire D’Herde on the arrival of Emerson Rose this Friday, July 28. She weighed 7 lbs 5 oz. All are doing well.



KAYLA, ANDREW, SOPHIA, AND NOW LUCAS

Congratulations to the Martinez family in the birth of Lucas Armando, this past Thursday, August 3 . Lucas weighed 6 lbs 4 oz. All are doing well.



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.

TEACHING CHILDREN TO LOVE THE RIGHT THINGS

- Learning. It is better to get wisdom than to get gold (Proverbs 4:5-8; 16:16; Psalm 111:10; Eccl.7:10).
- Work. Genesis 3:19; Ephesians 4:28; Proverbs 13:15. Life is not all play.
- Liberty. Galatians 5:1; John 8:32. We have freedom to do right and freedom from sin’s guilt. Teach them not to infringe on the liberty of others (Matt.7:12).
- The law. Romans 13:1-8; I Peter 2:13-15. Be law abiding even when others are not and when in need of money.
- Life. Love to live and see good days (I Peter 3:8-12; Psalm 1:1-6).
- God. Loving God also means to love Christ, the Bible, and the church (John 14:21). We cannot love sin if we love God (Amos 5:15; Rom.12:8-9).
- The brotherhood (I Peter 1:22; 2:17).
- Others. Love your neighbor as yourself (Matt.22:36-40). Since we would not lie, steal, slander, take vengeance on, or persecute ourselves, we should do those things to others.
- Learning what to love pays dividends throughout life.



A GREAT CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANS

Our challenge in this life is to make a positive difference for the Lord while we are on earth. The Bible clearly teaches us that serving God is vitally important (Matthew 22:37-40). Our main purpose is not working, hunting, texting, or hanging out with friends. Instead our purpose is that of serving God faithfully. Faithfulness to God requires a strong resolve to put Him first in our lives. Becoming a Christian is not enough. This is only the beginning of a life which is to be lived for God daily. The Lord must be first in the hearts and lives of His followers. “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). The Macedonians had it right when “They first gave themselves to the Lord” (2 Corinthians 8:5). The Lord is satisfied only when He has “preeminence” in our heart and life. The Bible commands us to live a life worthy of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus (Revelation 1:5). Your love for the Lord will lead you to faithful Christian living. throughout life.



Charles Box

Don't Forget to Download Our New App!

Lightpost

Upcoming EVENTS

- August 7—Monday Night Meals resume
- August 23—Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class resumes
- August 26—Supper Outing to Chef Troys
- August 27—Elders meeting 5PM
- September 7— Ladies Thursday morning Bible Class begins

We want wish all of our school kids a great school year. Please pray for each of our teachers and students as they begin the new school year!

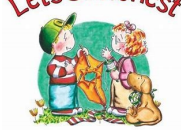
BACK TO SCHOOL

College Bound

It's also that time again, when our college students will be returning to their different schools. Some will be local and some will be moving away. Please remember them all with cards and prayers.

JUST BE HONEST

An honest man keeps his word. God’s word is sure and steadfast. “It is impossible for him to lie” (Heb.6:18; Titus 1:2). We must be like Him (I John 2:6). Jesus warned about people “who say and do not” (Matt.23:2). An honest man examines himself closely. The younger son finally “came to himself” (Luke 15:17). Why did it take him so long? Why did he first have to get to the point of eating with pigs? What will it take for you to come to yourself? An honest man is concerned about his influence with others. “Provide for things honest in the sight of all men” (Rom.12:17). He’d rather lose money or status than to be careless with his character. An honest man prepares his heart for God. Only one with a “good and honest heart” can receive God’s word and be saved (Luke 8:11,12,15). Nothing must be allowed to harden or distract his heart (Luke 8:13-14). Fooling other people is an old trick and easily accomplished. “Charm is deceitful” (Prov.31:30). But the Lord searches and knows the heart (Jeremiah 17:9,10).



THINKING OF “HOME”

Domestically, home is where a husband and a wife rear godly children. Wives are instructed to “be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed” (Titus 2:4-5). Relationally, home is coming back to the heavenly Father. The prodigal son came home and said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and I am no more worthy to be called thy son” (Luke 15:21). “Come home, come home...you who are weary come home... earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling...oh sinner, come home.” Providentially, anywhere with Jesus is home sweet home. This is true because the Lord commands us “to teach all nations” and then promises, “I will be with you always even unto the end of the world” (Matt.28:19,20). With calm assurance, the Hebrew writer reminds us, “The Lord will never leave you nor forsake you,” so we can boldly say, “The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Heb.13:5,6). Spiritually, this world is not our home. Since we are pilgrims and strangers in this world, we are to “abstain from desires of the flesh, which war against the soul” (I Peter 2:11,12). Since we have been risen with Christ in baptism, we are to seek those things which are above; where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. We are continuously setting our affection on things above, not on things of the earth (Col.3:1-2). Since life here is but for a short time (James 4:13,14), we look for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Heb.11:13-16). Our citizenship is in heaven not on earth, from whence we look for a Savior (Phil.3:20). Eternally, home is being with God in heaven. When we are finally absent from the body, we will be at home with the Lord (2 Cor.5:6-8). “When all of God’s singers get home,” it will be one happy day. Until then, we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor.5:7), making it our aim to be accepted by Him (2 Cor.5:9). Truly, there is no place like home.



-David