

Sunday, August 27

Greeters	Michael & Cathy Terry
Bible Reading	Rex Free
Devotional Prayer	Nathan Lee
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Ben Rogers
Worship Prayer	Jerry Hall
Lord's Table	
(B) Aaron Fletcher	(J) Harry James
Windell Denney	(O) Josh Jones
Bryant Addison	Matt Woodruff
Jimmy Jones	Tom Wilkerson
Announcements	Brent James
Dismissal Prayer	Matt Addison
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Preston Grover
-Songs/Audio	Sam Scott
Prepare Communion	Bertha Nelson-Christie Fletcher
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Marl Fuller
Dismissal Prayer	Paul Gilliland
Wednesday, August 30	
Song Leader	Mark Biles
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Ushers	Tom Wilkerson-Houston Hutto
Lock Building	Matt Addison-Aaron Fletcher

Sunday, September 3

Greeters	Sam & Ida Scott
Bible Reading	Mark Biles
Devotional Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Aaron Fletcher
Worship Prayer	Paul Rogers
Lord's Table	
(B) Sam Scott	(J) Larry Little
Frank Pitts	(O) Chuck Cleghorn
Rayford Morgan	Roger McCaghren
Larry Peebles	Danny Standridge
Announcements	Ken Nelson
Dismissal Prayer	Roger Thomas
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Tim Hester
-Songs/Audio	Harry James
Prepare Communion	Bonita Jones-Regina Lee
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Casey Pirtle
Dismissal Prayer	Houston Hutto
Wednesday, September 6	
Song Leader	Ben Rogers
Closing Prayer	Tim LeMay
Ushers	Jamie Patterson-Matt Addison
Lock Building	Terry Mapes-Tom Wilkerson

ELDERS

Roger Thomas

Harry James

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tasha Davis	Aug 02	Julie Pitts	Aug 16
Kellie James	Aug 02	Karen Pirtle	Aug 18
Larry Peebles	Aug 03	Nova Randolph	Aug 19
Sabrina Standridge	Aug 04	Nancy Sherill	Aug 19
Jan Waldrep	Aug 07	Ellie Gilliland	Aug 24
Ken Nelson	Aug 08	David Scarbrough	Aug 25
Rachel Lee	Aug 09	Dixie Wilson	Aug 26
Rex Free	Aug 09	Brex Fuller	Aug 27
Matt Addison	Aug 11	Allyson James	Aug 28
Chris James	Aug 13	Alexus Burns	Aug 29
Elizabeth Owens	Aug 15	Casey Pirtle	Aug 29

Happy Anniversary!

Paul & Ashley Gilliland

Aug 2

Windell & Jennie Denney


Aug 3

Larry & Kay Little

Aug 30

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Midway Church of Christ



THE MOST OFTEN REPEATED COMMAND

Of all the commands in the Bible, which one is repeated the greatest number of times? I think you may be surprised! Love is the greatest command, but it’s not the one most often repeated. Writers often speak of pride as being at the root of human failures, but warnings against pride or encouragement to be humble are not the most often repeated commands. Neither are the warnings against sexual impurity or the urging to believe or repent.

The single command that occurs more often than any other is “Fear not.” There are other forms of this command: “Do not be afraid,” “Be strong and courageous,” etc., but according to Lloyd Ogilvie, there are 366 “Fear not” verses in the Bible – one for every day of the year, including one for leap year!

Fear doesn’t seem to be the most serious vice in the world. It didn’t make the “Seven Deadly Sins” list. No one ever receives church discipline for being afraid. So why does God tell us to stop being afraid more often than He tells us to do anything else?

John Ortberg suggested that the reason God tells us to “Fear not” so often is because “fear is the number one reason human beings are tempted to avoid doing what God asks them to do.” Fear causes us to lie to avoid pain or embarrassment. Fear of rejection causes us to listen to gossip. Fear of being poor causes us to neglect family, friends, and God to work more hours. Fear causes us to flatter someone because we’re afraid they won’t like us if we don’t. Fear causes us to go along with the crowd instead of standing apart. Fear of being lonely causes us to justify unwholesome companions.

Fear is the reason so many will not step out of their comfort zones and teach a class or lead a song or prayer. Fear is one reason so little evangelism is being done. Fear is the reason we deny the Lord in difficult situations. Fear is the reason the storms cause our faith to falter. Fear is the reason we betray our values and friends in times of need. Yes, I’d say fear is a major problem for us. We need to be told often to “Fear not.” At least I do.

Yet, there is another kind of fear that would help us overcome these other fears if we would learn to use it. Solomon wrote centuries ago, “*Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man*” (*Ecclesiastes 12:13*). In other words, we need to have deep-seated reverence and awe of God in everything we do every day of our lives – to live by faith in God alone – to keep our eyes focused on Jesus and nothing else. Ironically, if we choose to “Fear God” in the sense Solomon said we would be far less likely to need the 366 commands to “fear not.”

Pity the person who is more afraid of the winds and the waves than he is of the God who created and controls them.

-Joe Chesser

SICK & PRAYERS

- Phillip Waldrep is recovering from surgery.
- Tim LeMay is dealing with severe back pain.
- Julie Pitts will be having back surgery September 14.
- Tracie Hodges is recovering from spinal surgery. Address..2514 Castle Gate Blvd. Decatur, AL 35603.
- Continue to remember David Scarbrough in your prayers.
- Barbara Glaze, friend of Susan Rogers, has been diagnosed with cancer. Address..199 Section Mtn. Rd. Somerville, AL 35670.
- Phillip Anderson has been placed on kidney transplant list.

WHAT JESUS OFFERS

On January 6, 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed Congress about the state of the war in Europe. As he closed, he said that he looked forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms:

- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of worship
- Freedom from want
- Freedom from fear



Upon consideration, is not this what Jesus offers? He says we can come boldly to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16); we are priests in God’s temple, offering up spiritual sacrifices (1 Peter 2:5, 9); He promises to care for us (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19); He fills us with courage (Matthew 10:18–20).

-Allen Webster

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THE CHURCH IN YOUR LIFE

What place does the church have in your life? A big place, a little place, or no place? Let me give you some reasons why you ought to let the church have a big place in your life.



1. We have the example of Jesus. He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and as his custom was, worshipped the God of the ages (Lk. 4:16). If Jesus regularly needed worship, how much more do we?
2. When we worship we are reminded of our link with the Divine. Man’s fighting, fussing, feuding, striving, lusting, killing—all these show man to be one of envy and strife. But man is also a spirit. He longs for God, he worships God, he is dissatisfied with himself. In worship he is brought into fellowship with God and gains power to live a constructive life.
3. Through worship we pay homage to the one who redeemed us. God is our Creator. Jesus Christ is our Redeemer. We belong to God for both reasons. So we come to church to thank God for all that he had done for us. In his holy presence, we have no time for mischief, for cutting up, for disturbance; we have time only for reverence and thanksgiving.
4. In worship we have see Christians who teach us to join together and praise God. This is why we sing, “Blest be the tie that binds.”
5. We come to worship for rest. Just at we need physical food and eat three meals a day, so we need spiritual food and this we find in our worship of God. Here we are filled with God’s Word and the power that comes from His Word.

-Robert Notgrass

Monday night men's class begins September 11.
God is so good - "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?
I will drink of the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord " (Psalm 116:12,13).

We are collecting snacks to be taken to local schools for children in need. Chips, peanut butter & crackers, granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.... If you would like to help, please place items in fellowship hall closet.



SCHOOL snacks

Upcoming EVENTS

- Today — Elders meeting 5PM
- Today — Card signing
- September 3 — Timothy Class 5PM
- September 7 — Ladies Thursday morning Bible Class
- September 10 — Back To School Bash (6th grade & under)
- September 11 — Monday Night Men’s Class

HOW CAN I BE POURED OUT FOR CHRIST?

Philippians 2:12-18 teaches us we how we can be light bearers for Christ while giving our all for Him. I encourage you to read this passage with this article.

What is required of me? Paul writes that those who read his words demonstrate personal responsibility when it comes to the work of the church, interactions with one another, dealing with the world, and spiritual growth. Scripture reveals salvation resides not in “faith alone,” but in action. What is our focus as Christians? We are to focus on Christ. In terms of our “Christian Vision,” we should constantly be asking ourselves, “Am I being submissive in my thoughts, actions, and planning?” Our answer to this question will determine our level of obedience to Christ!

How can I reflect with reverence? As we continue on our journey with Christ, Paul makes it plain we are metaphorically looking in a mirror. We are to seek a path that expands the borders of God’s Kingdom, not erect walls to keep the lost out. Being poured out requires us to run our race without murmurings (1 Cor, 10:10), strive to be “blameless” (free from legitimate fault), be “harmless” (do not harbor corruptive attitudes and behavior), be unique because we are not “crooked” or “perverted” (morally twisted), and be seen as lights, or luminaries of Christ in a very dark world.

We cannot “save up” as we would money in a bank when it comes to our service to Christ! Paul had given sacrificially in his service to the Lord. Paul is not only encouraging his Philippian brethren to join him with “giving all for the cause of Christ,” he is imploring us as well! Let us ask, “How can I be poured out for Christ?”

-Allen Jones

BECAUSE OF HIS REVERENCE

Throughout the Gospels it is amazing to read about the prayer life of Jesus. It seems as though He was continually longing to be with the Father in prayer. What a great example for us. The Hebrew writer has something interesting to tell us about Jesus’ prayers. Hebrews 5:7 tells us that even though Christ prayed to God with cries and tears, His prayers were heard because of His reverence. Isn’t that interesting? Jesus, the Son of God, had His prayers heard, [not because He was a good man, not because He was the Son of the living God,] but due to His reverence for His Father. Too often we can forget what an honor and a privilege it is to go before the throne of God in prayer. We may take it lightly. Sometimes, we may even believe it is our right to be able to communicate with the God of the universe. It is not. It is a tremendous blessing. How will you show God your reverence toward Him this week.

-Troy Rogers

How Do You Approach God?

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our ‘God is a consuming fire’” (Heb. 12:28-29).



This description of acceptable worship begins many verses before with a very impressive list of descriptors for God’s dwelling place, then God, then Jesus, and then the power of His will through His voice. Two instructions are given to those who “have come to” Him: “See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks” and “let us..worship God acceptably.” We get the idea, then, even before it is stated, that our attitude about worship should be that of thankfulness, reverence and awe. But is that what we do? At best, we race off to church with the same flippant attitude and little thought as wanting to make a hair appointment on time. While there, in God’s dwelling place among “the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven,” our minds are on our stresses and schedules. But our “God is a consuming fire,” we are reminded, and if God calls some worship “acceptable,” then there certainly is unacceptable worship. How do you approach God to worship Him?

-Doug Kashorek