

Sunday, September 10	
Greeters	David & Kelli Barker
Bible Reading	Bryant Addison
Devotional Prayer	Jerry Hall
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Rex Free
Lord's Table	
(B) Harry James	(J) Nathan Lee
Windell Denney	(O) Marl Fuller
Preston Grover	Brent James
Jimmy Jones	Tom Wilkerson
Announcements	Matt Addison
Dismissal Prayer	Aaron Fletcher
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Chris James
-Songs/Audio	Will Fletcher
Prepare Communion	Tasha Davis-Tamara Lunsford
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Josh Jones
Dismissal Prayer	James Rogers
Wednesday, September 13	
Song Leader	Ken Nelson
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Ushers	Sam Scott-Chuck Cleghorn
Lock Building	Terry Mapes-Tom Wilkerson

Sunday, September 17	
Greeters	Matt, Jennifer & Keslee Addison
Bible Reading	Mark Biles
Devotional Prayer	Ken Nelson
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Harry James
Lord's Table	
(B) Houston Hutto	(J) Marl Fuller
Brent James	(O) Kenneth Grover
Chris James	Paul Rogers
Ben Rogers	Rex Free
Announcements	Sam Scott
Dismissal Prayer	Tim Hester
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Paul Gilliland
-Songs/Audio	Casey Pirtle
Prepare Communion	Julie Carter-Emily Owens
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Preston Grover
Dismissal Prayer	Nathan Lee
Wednesday, September 20	
Song Leader	Mark Biles
Closing Prayer	Harry James
Ushers	Matt Addison-Jamie Patterson
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  
**Worship Assignments**

Don't Forget to  
Download Our New App!

Joyce Fuller	Sep 2
Frank Pitts	Sep 2
Ben Rogers	Sep 7
Margaret Free	Sep 9
Willow Weaver	Sep 11
Bently Hutto	Sep 12
Emily Owens	Sep 16
Jamie Patterson	Sep 22

Dale & Kortney Weaver	Sep 5
Mark & Jane Biles	Sep 13
Matt & Jennifer Addison	Sep 16
Tom & Melonee Wilkerson	Sep 30

September 10, 2023  

# Midway Church of Christ

## GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

This promise cannot be claimed by just anyone or by everyone who claims to follow Christ. But to those who seek first the kingdom and God’s righteousness (Matt.6:33), who deny themselves and take up the cross (Matt.16:24), who are willing to sacrifice whatever it takes to know Christ and the fellowship of his sufferings (Phil.3:8-11), to those who love others as Christ first loved them (John 13:34,35), etc., this promise holds true. Note the conditions of Romans 8:28: “God works all things together for good to those who love him and to those who are called according to his purpose.” Those who love God will keep his commandments (John 14:15); those who are called are called by the gospel of Jesus to obey and serve Him (2 Thess.2:14; I Peter 2:9,10).

God will take care of His own. Note a few precious verses of scripture. “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers” (I Peter 3:12). “My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil.4:19). “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths” (Prov.3:5,6). “The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way....I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread” (Psalm 37:23-25).

Often-times, God’s care of us does not make complete sense. But we remember, His ways and thoughts are higher than ours (Isa.55:8-9). Paul had not planned to be in prison when he went to Rome (Romans 1:8-10), but he was. Later, he confesses, “I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel” (Phil.1:12). Paul had asked God three times to remove a “thorn in the flesh” (2 Cor.12:7,8), but the Lord refused the blessing saying, “My grace is sufficient for you; my strength is made perfect in weakness” (12:9). Paul responds by rejoicing in his weaknesses (12:10).

Here's another part of God’s providence. When a good and honest soul passionately desires to know the Lord, the Lord will manipulate events and situations to make sure that person has an opportunity to hear the gospel (cf. John 7:17; Matt.5:6). Concerning the conversion of Onesimus (the runaway slave), Paul says, “Perhaps he was parted from you for a season so that you may receive him back forever” (Philemon 15,16).

May we truly believe in God – head, heart, and life.

-David



SICK & PRAYERS

- Tim LeMay is dealing with severe back pain. He will be seeing doctor September 12th.
- Julie Pitts will be having back surgery September 14.
- Phillip Anderson needs prayers as he awaits a kidney transplant.

COUNT

In pursuing gratitude, we should count... Blessings instead of our crosses, Gains instead of losses, Joys instead of woes, Friends instead of foes, Smiles instead of tears, Courage instead of fears, Full years instead of lean, Kind deeds instead of mean. Health instead of wealth, And, yes, above all, Count on God instead of ourselves. "Be thankful" (Colossians 3:15).



-Albert Memmi  
House to House

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

**Anna Barker**  
FHU Box 223,  
158 East Main Street, Henderson, TN 38340  
**Sam Carter**  
601 John Wright Drive  
North Campus 326 D, Huntsville, AL 35805  
**Lauren Hamby**  
U2658 USA  
350 Student Center Circle, Mobile, Al 36688  
**Caroline Grover**  
Box 11226  
915 E. Market Avenue, Searcy, AR. 72149-1226  
**Ben Rogers**  
Calhoun Community College

THE VALUE OF WORSHIP

Have you ever asked the question, "Is worship valuable?" If you have not, ask yourself, "Is worship valuable to me?" Regarding worship, Jesus said, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24). The word "worship" is used 64 times in the Old Testament and 44 times in the New Testament (King James Version). You can see after studying the word "worship" that it is used when applied to God always in a positive, uplifting, and edifying light.



How do we value worship? It is interesting to me that to a degree we have made worship cheap. We have made it common. We have made it a place where we are not focused upon God. Answer these questions in your mind: Do we prepare for worship? Are we distracted during worship? Do we make worship a priority? Are we engaged in technology/talking during worship? As you answer these questions please consider the importance of worship.

- Worship is preparation for Heaven (Matthew 6:10, Matthew 26:39).
- Worship is a place of security (Romans 8:28, Hebrews 10:35-36).
- Worship is joyful obedience (Hebrews 10:25, John 14:15-23).
- Worship is a place to belong (2 Corinthians 6:17-18, 1 John 4:23-24).
- Worship is a place where Jesus expects Christians be filled with the characteristics of truthfulness (John 4:23).

Worship is a privilege that we have been blessed with by the planning and foreknowledge of God. Let us submit to God's will (Acts 10:33) and become a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2). Let us approach worship with reverence, humility, and joy as we obey God together. This gives each of us an opportunity to think of our lives and how we can be more prepared for worship and find ways to involve others in our worship.

-Kevin Cauley

MEN'S CLASS RENEWAL

Men's class begins again at 6:30 p.m. on Monday. Someone usually brings a few light snacks and class begins a little after 6:30 and continues for about an hour. Many scriptures are discussed, explained, and applied to life. "Speaking the Truth in Love" is our fall theme as we focus on the books of Ephesians and Philippians. All men are most welcome to join.

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.



Upcoming  
EVENTS

- **Today** — Back To School Bash (6<sup>th</sup> grade & under)
- **September 11** — Monday Night Men's Class
- **October 7** — Annual brotherhood-wide door-knocking day
- **October 28** — Fall Festival

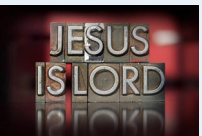
PEWPACKERS

Pewpackers meets today at 5:45 P.M. on the front row. Bring your little ones for a jam-packed ten minutes of Bible facts, Bible songs and appropriate prizes. See you at the front!

HE IS THE SON

He is "the son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32).

"Most High" refers to Who God is and how awesome He



is. "The Most High dwells not in temples made with hands" because heaven is his throne and the earth is his footstool (Acts 7:48,49). "Most High" refers to Where God is. He dwells in "the high and holy place" (Isaiah 57:15). "Most High" refers to who we should be. We should love like our God. "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again, and your reward shall be great and ye shall be the children of the Highest; for he is kind to the ungrateful and to the evil" (Luke 6:35)

He is to be called "holy – the Son of God" (Luke 1:35)

He is "the Son of the Blessed" (Mark 14:61-62).

At his trial, the high priest ask Jesus, "Are you the Son of the Blessed?" Jesus said, "I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven" (Mark 14:62). These wicked judges will one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10).

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

Welcome to worship services today! We will glorify the name of the Lord, both this morning and this evening at 6 p.m. God is worthy "to receive glory and honor and power," for He "created all things and by His will they existed and were created" (Revelation 4:11).



OPEN BIBLES, OPEN HEARTS



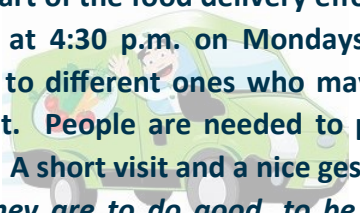
Our Bible classes are in full swing right now – our little ones are beginning



their study of King Saul, our teens continue studying how to guard against Satan, our adult classes are focused on matters of the church and wisdom from the book of Proverbs. Ladies' classes are meeting on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7; men's class is meeting on Monday evenings at 6:30. Let's get involved in these classes and especially bring our children and youth. "As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:1-2).

A LITTLE CAN GO A LONG WAY

If you can be part of the food delivery effort, please do so. We meet at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and deliver plates of food to different ones who may need some encouragement. People are needed to prepare food and to deliver. A short visit and a nice gesture can go a long way. "They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share" (1 Tim.6:18).



FROM TANZANIA

Daniel Gaines, our missionary in Tanzania, has sent a short report. Please check the bulletin board for details. He particularly asks us to pray for an upcoming annual leadership conference held in Aruba. Christians from all over east Africa usually come for intense Bible training and practical suggestions for reaching out with the gospel.

