

Sunday, September 17, 2023		Sunday, September 24, 2023	
Greeter	Matt, Jennifer, Keslee Addison	Greeter	Ken & Bertha Nelson
Sunday Morning Bible Reading	Mark Biles	Sunday Morning Bible Reading	Rex Free
Sunday Morning Devotional Prayer	Ken Nelson	Sunday Morning Devotional Prayer	Jerry Hall
Sunday Song Leading	James Rogers	Sunday Song Leading	Ben Rogers
Sunday Morning Worship Prayer	Harry James	Sunday Morning Worship Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Communion (Bread)	Houston Hutto	Communion (Bread)	James Rogers
Communion (Juice)	Marl Fuller	Communion (Juice)	Casey Pirtle
Communion (Offering)	Kenneth Grover	Communion (Offering)	Marl Fuller
Communion	Brent James	Communion	Mark Biles
Communion	Rex Free	Communion	Rayford Morgan
Communion	Paul Rogers	Communion	Sam Scott
Communion	Ben Rogers	Communion	Chuck Cleghorn
Communion	Chris James	Communion	Larry Little
Announcements	Sam Scott	Announcements	Tim Hester
Sunday Morning Closing Prayer	Tim Hester	Sunday Morning Closing Prayer	Roger Thomas
Sunday Evening Opening Prayer	Preston Grover	Sunday Evening Opening Prayer	Josh Jones
Sunday Evening Closing Prayer	Nathan Lee	Sunday Evening Closing Prayer	Paul Rogers
Prepare Communion	Julie Carter-Emily Owens	Prepare Communion	Ashley Gilliland-Melonee Wilkerson
Streaming	Paul Gilliland	Streaming	Preston Grover
Songs & Soundboard	Casey Pirtle	Songs & Soundboard	Aaron Fletcher
Wednesday, September 20, 2023		Wednesday, September 27, 2023	
Wednesday Song Leading	Mark Biles	Wednesday Song Leading	Jamie Patterson
Wednesday Closing Prayer	Harry James	Wednesday Closing Prayer	Brent James
Lock the Building	Terry Mapes	Lock the Building	Terry Mapes
Lock the Building	Tom Wilkerson	Lock the Building	Tom Wilkerson
Usher	Matt Addison	Usher	Houston Hutto
Usher	Jamie Patterson	Usher	Tom Wilkerson

ELDERSELDERS

Roger ThomasHarry James

MINISTERMINISTER

Brent JamesNathan Lee

DEACONSDEACONS

Deacons: AllDavid Barker

BenevolenceBenevolence

Deacon: Windell Denney

VisitationsVisitations

Deacons: All

EducationEducation

Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto

MissionsMissions

Deacon: Larry Little

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Deacon: Matt Addison

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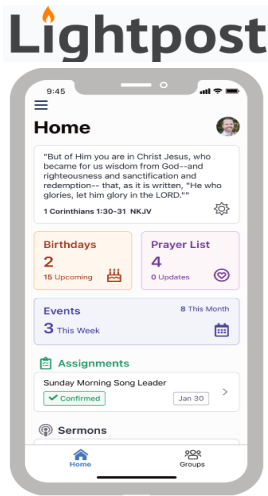
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Aaron Fletcher

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Deacon: Tim Hester

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joyce FullerSep 2

Frank PittsSep 2

Ben RogersSep 7

Margaret FreeSep 9

Willow WeaverSep 11

Bentley HuttoSep 12

Emily OwensSep 16

Jamie PattersonSep 22

Happy Anniversary!

Dale & Kortney WeaverSep 5

Mark & Jane BilesSep 13

Matt & Jennifer AddisonSep 16

Tom & Melonee WilkersonSep 30

September 17, 2023

Midway Church of Christ

THIS IS HOW TO PRAY

In Ephesians 1:15-23, Paul prays for his brethren. First, he thanked the Lord for their faith and love (1:15-16). Second, he asked the Lord to bless them with spiritual knowledge (made known through the inspired apostles (1:9; 3:3-4). He prayed they would know about the hope of his calling (1:18), the riches of his glory (1:18), the exceeding greatness of his power (1:19), the authority of the Lord’s position (1:20-22) and the identity of the church (1:22,23).

The quality and content of our prayers often reflect the depth of our souls. Jesus warns about “vain repetitions” when we pray (Matt.6:7). Since “your Father knows what things ye have need of before you ask him,” then go deeper, reflect more, and pray more about God’s purposes and what he expects of us (Matt.6:8).

Paul’s prayer for the saints in Ephesus brings several spiritual matters to the forefront. He prays they may know “what is the hope of his calling” (1:18). In responding to the gospel call (2 Thess.2:14), they had set their course toward the one hope, which is heaven (Col.1:5), provided they remain faithful. Then, he prays they may know more about the riches of his glory (1:18). The more we learn about heaven, the more we want to be there. “Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Cor.4:17). Further, the apostle prays they would learn more about the power of God, especially the power he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead (1:19-20). In Philippians 3:10, Paul adds, “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.” Finally, Paul prays for them two more levels of knowledge: to know that Jesus is above all, that is, the head of the church (1:20-22) and to know that the church is the Lord’s body (1:22,23). Jesus has all authority; therefore, all must submit to His will (Heb.5:8,9). Those who do, are added to his body, the church (Acts 2:41). “For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body” (I Cor.12:13).

May we pray more like they prayed in the Bible and learn from what asked of God.

-David

SICK & PRAYERS

- Julie Pitts’ surgery was postponed. She is being referred to Vanderbilt.
- Terry Mapes’ eye surgery was postponed to a later date.
- Tom and Melonee Wilkerson have both been sick with covid this week.
- Tim LeMay is now in physical therapy and working on pain management for his back.
- Frances Ogles is dealing with several medical issues.
- Tanner Owens hasn't felt well lately and needs our prayers.
- Diane Ellis, Anita Peebles’ sister in law, is in ICU.
- Rena Mays, friend of Christie Fletcher, had cancer surgery and will be undergoing chemo and radiation. Address..1026 County Hwy 30, Winfield AL 35594.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY



Our hearts go out to the family of sister Frances Ogles in the passing of her son, Gary, this past Monday. Please keep praying for Frances and the family.

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JESUS IS A PRIEST FOREVER

Jesus is “a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 7:17). What does that even mean? Melchizedek is described earlier in the chapter as the “king of righteousness,” the “king of Salem,” and the “king of peace” (vs. 2). He is the one to whom Abraham paid tithes following his victory in rescuing Lot (Gen. 14:18-20). Due to the brevity of the historical record, of particular interest to the author of Hebrews is the fact that he is given neither beginning of days nor end of life (Heb. 7:3).

Hebrews stresses the superiority of Christianity over Judaism by drawing comparisons between the two covenants. One striking difference is seen by comparing the Levitical priesthood to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. In this regard, Jesus is compared to Melchizedek to show that Christ’s priesthood is perpetual while to the Levitical priests were hindered both by death and human frailty. Since there is no record of the birth or death of Melchizedek, to the Jewish mind, he fulfills the image of a perpetual priesthood.

Those who claim Jesus as their priest today need to understand that such a priesthood would have been entirely impossible under the Levitical system. Hebrews 7:12 says, “when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.” Why a change of law? Because Jesus “descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests” (Heb. 7:14). The Law of Moses specified that priests come from the tribe of Levi. Jesus was from the tribe of Judah. Therefore, Jesus could not be a priest unless there was a change of law. So, Jesus is a priest forever, not after the order of Aaron, but after the order of Melchizedek.

Today, Jesus is our great high priest. There is only “one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus...” (1 Tim. 2:5). Why turn to the false hope of human mediation when Jesus sits at the right hand of God and ever lives to make intercession for His people? (Heb. 7:25).

- Glen Elliott



Upcoming EVENTS

- **Tonight**-County Wide Devo at Hatton
- **September 23**-Supper Outing to Mildreds in Ardmore
- **October 7** -Annual brotherhood-wide door-knocking day
- **October 15**-Baby Shower for Rachael Hamby Carle
- **October 28** - Fall Festival

PEWPACKERS

See you at the front! To all our little ones and families, we invite you to pewpackers class. These 10 minutes of scripture, songs and prizes is a lot of fun. Pewpackers will meet today at 5:45 p.m. One song can stay with a child a long time and trigger good, godly thoughts.

SUPPER WITH THE KING

I want you to imagine a scene with me, a scene of beauty and wonder and grace. The King of heaven and earth has prepared a feast in honor of His Son. The table has been prepared, the Son has taken His place at the head, and we are the ones who have been invited to sit and dine and fellowship. As we look around the table, we see one another, men and women, loved by God, here by invitation. The Son, Jesus Christ, is prepared to receive us as guests and honor us as friends. He has prepared a feast before us.



Can you imagine such a scene? To be asked to eat with the King of Glory? Were He a physical king with a physical kingdom and we were invited to feast at his table, we would certainly prepare ourselves for the occasion. Our dress and demeanor and language and disposition would all reflect great joy and honor toward the one who has invited us.

God has indeed prepared a feast in honor of His Son, and Revelation 19 describes that great Supper (Revelation 19:9,17). The Lord’s Supper is symbolic of that feast. Let’s remember this as we partake of the Supper of our Lord!

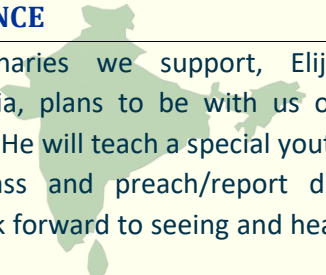
- Larry Fitzgerald

ANNUAL DOOR KNOCKING DAY!

Saturday, October 7, is the day slated for a brotherhood-wide door knocking campaign. Our prayers are that many of us may be able to participate. Why a brotherhood-wide campaign? Selecting a day and sticking with it is a means of encouraging each other (I Thess.5:11). We are to “provoke one another unto love and good works” (Heb.10:24). If you cannot go out on the campaign, here’s a way to help. On Sunday evening, October 1, after church, we will be packing and organizing door-hanging bags. More details will be forthcoming.

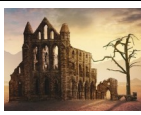
MISSIONARY PRESENCE

One of our missionaries we support, Elijah Vivek Sanamanda, from India, plans to be with us on Sunday morning, October 1st. He will teach a special youth, college age, young adult class and preach/report during the worship hour. We look forward to seeing and hearing from him.



NOT A DYING CHURCH

One of the primary means of checking ourselves, individually and as a congregation, is to notice our relationship to the word of God. We have had excellent attendance in the start-ups of our ladies and men’s classes recently. It is the desire of the word which brings life. Jesus says, “the words that I speak unto you; they are spirit and they are life” (John 6:63). Philippians 2:16 says we are to be “holding forth the word of life” (Phil.2:16). Let’s be careful not to measure ourselves according to men’s judgments. “There is a way that seems right unto man; but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Prov.14:12).



BRIEF FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

- The Old Testament has 39 books and can be easily divided into books of history, poetry, and prophecy.
- The Bible’s largest book is the Psalms; the shortest book is 3 John, while the middle books are Micah and Nahum.
- The Old Testament’s largest book is the Psalms, and smallest is Obadiah.
- There are 27 books in the New Testament, which can be easily divided into biographies, history, epistles, and prophecy.
- The shortest book in the New Testament is 3 John, if counting by words. If counting verses, the shortest is 2 John.
- The longest book in the New Testament is the gospel of Luke, and Matthew and Acts have most chapters, at 28.