

Sunday, January 14		Sunday, January 21	
Greeters	Nathan & Regina Lee	Greeters	Tom & Melonee Wilkerson
Bible Reading	Matt Woodruff	Bible Reading	Will Fletcher
Devotional Prayer	Marl Fuller	Devotional Prayer	Paul Rogers
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland	Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Roger Thomas	Worship Prayer	Nathan Lee
Lord's Table		Lord's Table	
(B) Matt Addison	(J) Windell Denney	(B) Jerry Hall	(J) Rex Free
Larry Peebles	(O) Paul Rogers	Matt Addison	(O) Jamie Patterson
Frank Pitts	Tom Wilkerson	Preston Grover	Marl Fuller
Houston Hutto	Roger McCaghren	Rayford Morgan	Chuck Cleghorn
Announcements	Ken Nelson	Announcements	Sam Scott
Dismissal Prayer	Chris James	Dismissal Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)		Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Casey Pirtle	-Streaming	Chris James
-Songs/Audio	Mark Biles	-Songs/Audio	Harry James
Prepare Communion	Bertha Nelson & Christie Fletcher	Prepare Communion	Bertha Nelson & Christie Fletcher
Sunday Evening		Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Harry James	Opening Prayer	Larry Little
Dismissal Prayer	Will Fletcher	Dismissal Prayer	Danny Standridge
Wednesday, January 17		Wednesday, January 24	
Song Leader	Matt Addison	Song Leader	Paul Gilliland
Closing Prayer	Larry Little	Closing Prayer	Paul Rogers
Ushers	Chuck Cleghorn-Sam Scott	Ushers	Casey Pirtle-Aaron Fletcher
Lock Building	Larry Little-Aaron Fletcher	Lock Building	Larry Little-Aaron Fletcher

ELDERS	
Roger Thomas	Harry James
Brent James	Sam Scott
Nathan Lee	
MINISTER	
	David Barker
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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	

FELLOWSHIP
HALL
RESERVATIONS
January 27

February 10
February 11

*Please see
Harry James for
all Fellowship
Hall requests.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY			
Jagger Pitz	Jan 5	Tim LeMay	Jan 6
Erin Rogers	Jan 6	Anna Barker	Jan 7
Debbie Hicks	Jan 10	Brittany Liles	Jan 13
Chandler James	Jan 17	Kay Little	Jan 17
Larry Little	Jan 21	Louise Thomas	Jan 21
Lori Grover	Jan 22	Mytris Jones	Jan 27
Happy Anniversary!			
Sam & Ida Scott	Jan 1		
Jacob & Chy Hutto	Jan 8		
Larry & Anita Peebles	Jan 14		



January 14, 2024

Midway Church of Christ

A SUGGESTION

I suggest we take the song (Because He Lives), especially the chorus, as sort of a mantra, as we serve in the Lord. Note the following words:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives.

Toward the end of the year, for good reasons, we focused heavily, both in study and song, on the resurrection of Christ. There is no other event which brings such wonderful assurance. The women, the angels, the empty tomb, the Lord, the power, His appearances, the changed lives, the preaching in Acts...can you imagine? It is all true. As the disciples on the road to Emmaus said, "Did not our hearts burn within us?" (Luke 24:32)

Together, we can face tomorrow. "We do not know what is on the morrow" (James 4:13; Proverbs 27:1), but we can know who to trust. "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not upon your own understanding" (Prov.3:5-6). Hardly anyone – not the ladies, not the disciples – believed Jesus would rise from the dead. But He did! Therefore, why do we fret about tomorrow?

Together, we can overcome fear. No, we must overcome fear. For one thing, fear keeps us out of heaven (Revelation 21:8). Also, in fearing, we oppose the mission of Jesus, for He came and was resurrected to take away fear (Hebrews 2:14,15). Then, fear keeps us from talking to people about faith in Christ. Yet, we are afraid. Jesus said to John, "Fear not...I was dead, but behold, I am alive forevermore" (Rev.1:17,18). Why are we scared about money, about being rejected, about the future, about the church (I Cor.3:6-9)? Have we stopped believing? Do we believe He was resurrected?

Together, we can show each other and the world, that "life is worth the living." Since Christ has been raised, we are not to be pitied (I Cor.15:17-19); rather, we have the greatest hope, in this life and in that which is to come (I Tim.4:7,8).

— david

Prayers

- Tim LeMay will be having back surgery January 18th.
- Eulene Logan will be having surgery January 22nd.
- Continue to remember Marie Faircloth in your prayers.
- Continue to remember Richard Adkins in your prayers.

Opportunity to serve

Midway will be preparing weekend take home food bags for 65 children every weekend during the months of January and April. Please place your food items in the Fellowship Hall. See Jamie & Dana for any questions.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Peanut butter/Cheese crackers
- Snack size Slim Jims
- Microwave soup cups, examples- Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Chicken Noodle, etc.
- Fruit Snacks
- Individual pks of Trail Mix.

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LADIES DAY—SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

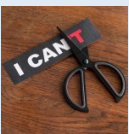
Speaker: JJ Davenport

- Sign-ups for lunch and table decorations are on the back tables.
- We need several door prizes - \$10-15. See Cathy Terry for information.
- There are many opportunities to help! See Karen, Christie, or Bertha.



I CAN WITH GOD'S HELP!

God has always worked through His people who say, “With God’s Help, I can!” For forty years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness because ten men said, “We can’t.” The wilderness of Arabia was scattered with the bones of thousands of Israelites who agreed with those two men who said, “We can’t.” “We can’t” makes excuses and challenges every attempt. Out of those thousands of Israelites who came out of Egypt, only two went into the land of Canaan, we still remember those two men: Joshua and Caleb. These men had faith in God and said, “We can, with God’s help!” “We can” make a way! “We can” attempts every challenge!



Paul was another man of faith who said, “I can.” In Philippians 4:13 Paul stated, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” Paul like Joshua and Caleb is remembered for saying, “I can with God’s help!”

Today, Christ calls His church to action. We are commanded to “go” into all the world, to seek, save, and serve. We too are given a choice as those Israelites were given. We will either be remembered as a person who said, “I can with Christ’s help,” or forgotten because we responded to God with “I can’t.” Which one will you be?

— Mark T. Tonkery

WHY WE NEED TO CONFESS

As John Dewey exclaimed, “A problem well-put is half solved.”



For us to fix something we have to know what is wrong and what is causing the problem. Too many times we face an issue and are unable—or maybe better said unwilling—to examine ourselves to see what is wrong.

That is what makes 1 John 1:8-9 so poignant: “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

It’s not that God isn’t willing and able to forgive. It’s not that he is demanding a penance by making us grovel. He’s wanting us to see the problem and see our role in it. If we don’t look at what is going on we will never truly be fixed.

Confession is good for the soul, but it is also needed for the mind. Until we see our sin, we will never find the way to fix it.

— Barry Haynes

Upcoming
EVENTS

- **Tonight**—Elders & Deacons Meeting 5 p.m.
- **January 15**—Men’s class begins Monday evening
- **January 18**—Ladies Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- **January 20**—Huntsville Havoc hockey
- **January 21**—Daniel Gaines Tanzania Mission report
- **January 21**—Lawrence County Devo at New Antioch
- **January 27**— Ladies’ Day
- **January 28**—Young men conducting services at Spruce Pine

ENGRAVING HEAVENLY TRUTHS

“Engraving Heavenly Truths” is a youth Bible class curriculum, with emphasis on basic Bible facts and truths. We will be using these materials at PEWPACKERS every Sunday evening at 5:45 p.m. We plan to use flashcards and repetition in a fun and engaging manner. Youth of any age and “young-at-hearts” are encouraged to participate. Location this evening – front pews.



MONDAY AFTERNOON OUTREACH

Food deliveries continue every Monday. A group of ladies prepare a meal each week for members who are either shut-in or in need of encouragement. If you can help, please see Beth James. Perhaps, you can assist in preparation but not delivery or vice-verse. Perhaps, you can help one week but not the next. Whatever you can do will be helpful. Thanks.



PULLING ON BOTH OARS

An old Scotsman operated a small rowboat for transporting passengers.



One day a passenger noticed that the old man had carved on one oar the word “Faith” and on the other oar the word “Works.” Curious, he asked the meaning.

The old man replied, “I’ll show you.” He dropped the “faith” oar and pulled the “works” oar. The boat went around in circles. Then he dropped that oar and pulled the “faith” oar. The little boat went around in circles in the opposite direction.

After this demonstration, the old man picked up Faith and Works and began plying both oars together. The boat sped swiftly over the water.

The old man explained, “You see, that is the way it is in the Christian life. Dead works without faith are useless, and faith without works is dead also, getting you nowhere. But faith and works pulling together make for safety, progress, and blessing.” Read James 2:14–26.

— Brett Petrillo

ENTRY-LEVEL KNOWLEDGE

Be sure to obtain a copy of the “Entry -Level” worksheets from our study last Sunday night. What do I talk about with someone when I am trying to share the faith of Jesus? How do I help build reaffirm my own faith? What topics and passages do we use to lead our children, grandchildren, and youth to the truth? This worksheet will at least help toward these goals. Please see back tables.



NEW STUDIES BEGIN

- The Sunday morning auditorium class begins a new study today entitled: The Summary of the Bible. The class will endeavor to give an overview of each book of the New Testament. Bibles from AP will be given out as study aids.
- The Monday night men’s class begins afresh tomorrow evening at 6:30 (weather permitting). We will look at studies from the book of Hebrews. Hebrews 1:1-2 states that GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS SON. The book of Hebrews gives several reasons why this is the case.

FOR THE KIDS

What a great team of Christian ladies we have working with our young ones in Bible class. Today, the children will begin studying the adventures of Elisha. Elisha was involved in at least 12 miracles. Bible classes at church can be a good addition to the instruction parents give in the home. Let’s bring our children to class!

VOICE OF TRUTH

Please look in the foyer for the “Voice of Truth” booklets. They are, of course, free of charge. These booklets contain brief articles focusing on such truths as: The Existence of God, the life of Jesus, salvation in Christ, the mission of the church, godly family life and daily Christian living. The material is easy to grasp and, most importantly, convenient to share. We must be alert to opportunities to share the gospel! Take as many as you need, while supplies last.

