

Sunday, January 7		Sunday, January 14	
Greeters	Michael & Cathy Terry	Greeters	Nathan & Regina Lee
Bible Reading	Paul Gilliland	Bible Reading	Matt Woodruff
Devotional Prayer	James Rogers	Devotional Prayer	Marl Fuller
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Ben Rogers	Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Ken Nelson	Worship Prayer	Roger Thomas
Lord's Table		Lord's Table	
(B) Harry James	(J) Mark Biles	(B) Matt Adddison	(J) Windell Denney
Roger Jones	(O) Danny Standridge	Larry Peebles	(O) Paul Rogers
Sam Scott	Aaron Fletcher	Frank Pitts	Tom Wilkerson
Jimmy Jones	Bryant Addison	Houston Hutto	Roger McCaghren
Announcements	Matt Addison	Announcements	Ken Nelson
Dismissal Prayer	Casey Pirtle	Dismissal Prayer	Chris James
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)		Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Brent James	-Streaming	Casey Pirtle
-Songs/Audio	Will Fletcher	-Songs/Audio	Mark Biles
Prepare Communion	Beth James & Sherry Chamberlain	Prepare Communion	Bertha Nelson & Christie Fletcher
Sunday Evening		Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Rex Free	Opening Prayer	Harry James
Dismissal Prayer	Jamie Patterson	Dismissal Prayer	Will Fletcher
Wednesday, January 10		Wednesday, January 17	
Song Leader	Harry James	Song Leader	Matt Addison
Closing Prayer	Nathan Lee	Closing Prayer	Larry Little
Ushers	Tom Wilkerson-Houston Hutto	Ushers	Chuck Cleghorn-Sam Scott
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
	256-303-1755
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 7, 2024

# Midway Church of Christ

## THE ONE BOOK APPROACH

In sharing the gospel with others, we can often use just one book of the Bible. There is an opportunity of this nature with the book of Romans.

First, one can see that all men are sinners and in need of forgiveness. Romans chapters one through three demonstrate that both segments of society, Jews and Gentiles, are sinners (Cf.Romans 3:9,10,23).

Second, one can see that salvation is possible because of Christ’s sacrificial death for every man (Romans 5:6-11; 10:5-7). God displays His enormous love for us through the cross!

Third, one can see that this salvation is accessed through an obedient faith (Romans 1:5). The conditions which must be met include: hearing the gospel (Rom.10:14,17), believing in Christ (Rom.10:9-15), repenting and dying to sin (Rom.2:4; 6:1-2), confessing one’s faith in Christ as Lord (Rom.10:9-10; 1 Tim.6:12), and being immersed in water for forgiveness (Rom.6:3-4). This last act is a replication of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

Fourth, one can see that this good news, the gospel, is the power of God unto salvation (Rom.1:16). This is “the word of faith” which is near to all of us (Rom.10:8).

Fifth, one can see that the gospel calls for a personal decision. Many choose not to obey the gospel (Rom.10:16). Though God holds out his hands all day long, some decide to be contrary (Rom.10:21).

Sixth, one can see the blessings of obeying Christ. The law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Rom.8:1-2).

Because God is so good (Rom.2:4), we are debtors to all men; we feel obligated to share the gospel with them (Rom.1:15).

Isn’t this great?



# Prayers

- Tim LeMay will be having back surgery January 18th.
- Phillip Anderson isn't doing well and needs prayers.
- Richard Adkins is showing some improvement. Continue to pray for him. **Address..2849 Co Rd 358, Trinity, AL 35673.**

# 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.

# OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

**Anna Barker**  
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**Sam Carter**  
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**Lauren Hamby**  
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**Caroline Grover**  
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915 E. Market Avenue, Searcy, AR. 72149-1226  
**Ben Rogers**  
Calhoun Community College

# 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.



# PUTTING JESUS BACK IN THE BOX

The Christmas holiday has come and gone. Time for the world to take down those decorations, Christmas trees, blow-up yard ornaments, and lights, including those religious scenes and figurines. Along with the tinsel and multicolored lights, the little statues of the baby Jesus will be placed in boxes and storage bins and stored away till next December. Folks will stop posting memes that say “Jesus is the Reason for the Season” and “Put Christ Back in Christmas” on social media. The time of year in which so much attention is given to Jesus Christ has past. Sadly, many people will not attend church, pray, or even mention Jesus until the traditional Easter holiday. They will return to their busy lifestyles full of work and play. It would seem that they have put Jesus in a box, only to let Him out on a couple of religious holidays during the year.



It has been said that we should be thankful that so many think about Christ, even if it’s for a short time. However, such traditions practiced only occasionally do not find favor with the Lord. Jesus said if any person desires to follow Him, they must deny themselves, pick up their cross and follow Him every day. (Luke 9:23) What a worthy goal it is to have Christ in the forefront of our daily activities, including bible reading, prayer, evangelism, benevolence and regular worship.

— Jay Launius

# REMINDERS FROM THE ELDERS

- Please remember our ongoing food drive for the school backpacks. We will be conducting this each weekend for the month of January and also in April. Please place any items for this good work in the Fellowship Hall.
- Please see Harry James for all Fellowship Hall reservation requests. This provides a single point of contact and helps to prevent duplicate requests.
- We ask that no food or drink be brought into the classrooms or the auditorium during the service times, with the exception of small children or those with a medical need, to maintain the respect and reverence of our worship.

# Upcoming EVENTS

- **Tonight**—Young men’s training class at 5 p.m.
- **Tonight**—Pewpackers at 5:45 on the front pew
- **January 18**—Ladies Bible Study
- **January 21**—Daniel Gaines Tanzania Mission report
- **January 21**—Lawrence County Devo
- **January 27**— Ladies’ Day

# NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS

The Barna Group did research (a few years back) on “reasonings and resolutions.” 30% of people surveyed made resolutions concerning “weight, diet and health;” 15% on “money, debt and finance;” 13% on “personal improvement;” 12% on “overcoming addictions;” 5% on “job and career-related goals;” and 5% on “spiritual” matters. Of course, we are concerned that the “spiritual” ranks so low in the minds of the general public. Regardless of what others do, let us seek to “grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord” (2 Peter 3:18). As newborn babes, let us desire the sincere milk of the word that we may grow thereby (1 Peter 2:1-2).



# TIME - HERE AND THERE

- Several phrases relate the brevity of time: “My days are swifter than a runner...they go by like an eagle swooping on the prey” (Job 9:25,26); “Remember my life is a breath” (Job 7:7); “You sweep our years away as with a flood...like a dream...like grass that is renewed in the morning...in the evening, it fades and withers” (Psalm 90:5-6).
- Leroy Brownlow comments: “I know it and I don’t know it. I know that time is short for the other fellow, but I am inclined to think time will tarry with me.”
- Why does it say trouble? “Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble” (Job 14:1-2). Days are troubling because of sin. “Sin came into the world through one man and death through sin” (Romans 5:12). We are brought to an end because of God’s wrath and God’s wrath is present because our iniquities are before Him (Psalm 90:7-8).
- Time is not a magic wand, which removes sin. Sins of our youth can condemn the soul (Psalm 25:7). A few months and a few good deeds do not justify man before God. Only the blood of Jesus can remove our sins (Colossians 1:19,20; 1 John 1:7-9).



# MORE JOY IN HEAVEN (Luke 15:7)

We are so thankful for the baptism of Jordan Burns this past Tuesday evening. Jordan stated that she realized she was a sinner (as we all are) and that she wants to be more like Jesus. We all need the blood of Jesus, which washes away our sins when we submit to God in baptism. (Rev.7:13,14; 1 Cor.6:11; Acts 22:16)

# COMING OUR WAY, LORD WILLING

- Thursday morning ladies’ class this week at 10 a.m. The class is finishing a study on Bible geography and beginning a new study on JOY.
- Men’s class begins Monday evening, January 15. The class will be looking at studies in the book of Hebrews.
- Daniel Gaines, missionary to Tanzania, will be with us on Sunday evening, January 21. We look forward to his report.
- Lawrence County youth night, January 21.
- Ladies’ day on Saturday, January 27. J.J. Davenport is the scheduled guest teacher for this special day.
- Young men conducting services at Spruce Pine, Sunday evening, January 28.
- Annual CYC event in Pigeon Forge, Feb.23-25.



# DEMORALIZE - WHAT DOES THIS WORD MEAN?

- Demoralize means to corrupt morals or good behavior. It also carries the idea of diminishing the hope of the faithful.
- People can be demoralized through over-exposure to worldly ways.
- To be light in the world, we must be in the world (Matt.5:16; 1 Cor.5:10). But also, we must be careful not to allow the world to influence us.
- “Be not deceived: bad company ruins good morals” (1 Cor.15:33).
- “Righteous Lot was greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked” (2 Peter 2:7).

