

# SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader	James Brown
<i>We Praise Thee, O God / All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name</i>	
Scripture Reading	Jeff Sparks
Opening Prayer	Mike Dickinson
<i>Wonderful Story Of Love / When My Love To Christ</i>	
Lord's Supper	Mike Wolfe
Zac Blanton, Brody Harbison, Ben Panter, Philip Lollar	
<i>He Loves Me / Give Me The Bible</i>	
Sermon	Connor McLean

## GROWING AS A CHURCH & FAMILY

EPHESIANS 4:11-16

The Lord addresses these \_\_\_\_\_.

Many of them given \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ instruction.

We are a \_\_\_\_\_ — the body. And we are \_\_\_\_\_.

We can't feel at home when we feel like a \_\_\_\_\_.

The elders have set before us five \_\_\_\_\_ for this new year.

- Improve our \_\_\_\_\_ among the congregation.
- Encourage spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ for all members.
- Increase \_\_\_\_\_ beyond our walls.
- Promote \_\_\_\_\_ for each and every member.
- Continue to set and \_\_\_\_\_ our goals.

We need \_\_\_\_\_ family member \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ occurs when we all understand we need each other to get where we're going.

What will you do this year with your \_\_\_\_\_?

<i>Break My Heart / What A Day That Will Be</i>	
Closing Prayer	Terry Ford

# SUNDAY EVENING

Opening Prayer	Tommy Johnson
<i>Follow Me / When He Comes In Glory / This World Is Not My Home</i>	
Sermon	Ben Panter
<i>Are You Coming To Jesus Tonight? / There's A Light Guiding Me</i>	
Closing Prayer	Raymond Steadman

## GRIEF SEMINAR with Ron and Don Williams

JANUARY 21ST-24TH, 2018

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Class (Auditorium) *How To Minister To The Hurting*  
 9:30 a.m. Bible Class (Downstairs) *What Parents Need To Know...*  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship *What Jesus Teaches Us About Grief And Loss*  
 4:00 p.m. Special Afternoon Service (Auditorium) *What Everyone Needs To Know*  
 4:00 p.m. Special Afternoon Service (Downstairs) *Widows, Widowers, & Singles*  
 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship *Helping Those Who Are Grieving*

#### MONDAY

6:30 p.m. *What Do You Know About Loss And Grief?*  
 7:15 p.m. *What Does Loss And Grief Really Look Like?*

#### TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. *Things I Wish I Could Tell Others About My Grief*  
 7:15 p.m. *Inappropriate Things People Say And What We Ought To Say*

#### WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. *Feelings And Emotions Of Grief*  
 7:15 p.m. *How To Deal With Grief To Get Better*

## CONNECT WITH US!

### CONTACT US

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FACEBOOK.COM/MIDWAYCHURCHJASPER  
 MIDWAYCHURCHJASPER.NET

Miss something? Head to our website to check out archived sermons and bulletins, or to access our calendar of events for this year!

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

#### ELDERS

James Brown  
 Eddie Bull  
 Keith Gann

#### MISSIONARY

Harvey Starling  
 Worldwide Evangelism  
 P.O. Box 915 Madison, AL 35758

#### DEACONS

Steven Gunter  
 Ryan Hall  
 Ray Huffstutler  
 Ben Panter  
 Randy Panter  
 Jeff Sparks  
 Billy Thompson  
 Larry Thompson

#### PULPIT MINISTER

Mark Howell

#### YOUTH MINISTER

Connor McLean

#### SECRETARY

Sandra Wright



### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
 AM Worship 10:30 AM  
 PM Worship 5:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 PM

JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 17010 HIGHWAY 69 JASPER, AL 35501

# MIRRORS ARE FOR CHECK-UPS

Why do you have a mirror in your home? It is true some mirrors are for decorative purposes, but most are more functional. Mirrors are for check-ups. We look in them to see if there is anything on our exterior that needs to be changed.

There are things on our insides that also need to be inspected. In many people, there are things on the inside that need changing. The real question is how do we know whether things on our inside need changing?

To start with, we must use the right standard by which to measure. Paul wrote of some who "measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another" (1 Cor. 10:12). His conclusion was that "they are without understanding." You see, your faults may not be as severe as my faults but that does not mean your faults are to be dismissed and ignored!

Peter said that Jesus is our example. He is the pattern left by a teacher for his students to copy

as they learn to write. In other words, Jesus is the pattern left for each of us after which we are to pattern our lives.

Once we find the changes that need to be made, we must believe that we can make them. God expects us to change. Paul wrote, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17). When we become a Christian our old way of life is to be replaced with a new way of life. We become brand new people which means:

- Our thinking must change
- Our behavior must change
- Our commitments must change.

Everything that does not measure up to the kind of life Jesus lived must change!

As you look inward this year, be sure to do two things. One, measure by the proper standard and two, believe you can change what needs changing in you.

Mark A. Howell

# CONNECT RETREAT THIS WEEKEND!

We are now only FIVE DAYS AWAY from our annual Connect Retreat! This year, we are making our way to TWO awesome beach houses in Fort Morgan, located in Gulf Shores, Alabama, and for the first time ever, we are splitting our Youth and College into two different locations with several overlapping events and activities. For the 7th-12th graders, Cole Wade will be speaking to us throughout the weekend. We are steps away from the beach, and will be spending our time eating, playing games and activities, writing cards to everyone in attendance, shopping, scavenging and much more! We will be leaving Friday, January 12th

immediately after school, and will return Monday afternoon—If your schedule requires a later arrival or early departure from the retreat, please be sure to let me know ASAP so we can make accommodations accordingly! The cost to attend is \$60 per person, which includes six meals, an awesome shirt, travel, and housing! Be sure to bring money for meals while traveling there and back, and money for a sit down meal on Sunday evening. If you haven't already, grab an info sheet in the teen room—it contains all the info you need about where we will be staying, a packing list, and a waiver that MUST be signed! We will be bringing our BIGGEST GROUP EVER this year, and is on track to be our best Connect Retreat yet! If you have any questions or need any additional information, be sure to let me know!

Connor McLean

# JANUARY EVENTS

**JAN 11TH:** Gus Nichols School of Biblical Studies Spring term begins each Thursday 6:00-8:30 PM.

**JAN 14TH:** Justin Maynard, Missionary to Tanzania, as guest speaker for Bible class, AM & PM Worship. We will have a potluck fellowship meal and meet at 1 PM for afternoon worship.

**JAN 18TH:** Third Thursday class has been cancelled. We will resume next month!

**JAN 21-24TH:** Grief Seminar with Ron & Don Williams. Pick up a copy of the schedule of services and invite your friends that might have suffered a loss.

**JAN 27TH:** Winfield & Eldridge Men's Day. Begins 9:30 AM — Noon with lunch. Theme: Leaders Building Faith in Others.

# COMING IN FEBRUARY

**FEB 4TH-8TH:** Freed Hardeman Lectureship

**FEB 9TH-10TH:** Midway Couples Retreat

**FEB 11TH:** Midway will host Area Wide Youth Series. Worship followed by fellowship meal  
Guest Speaker: Drake Jenkins

**FEB 15TH-17TH:** Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat

**FEB:** Midway Ladies Retreat

# WEEKLY UPDATES:

## LAST SUNDAY:

AM Bible Class	126
AM Worship	168
PM Worship	112
Wed Bible Study	61

Contribution	\$8125
2017 Budget	\$6026
Under Budget	\$2099

## BDAYS & ANNIV:

2	Marie Boyd
3	Rita Geeslin
4	Sue Kiker
7	Paulette Berger
8	Allie Barrentine
9	Danette Blanton, Carol Ford
11	Donna Barnett, Carson Gilliland
12	Lacey Wood
14	Bill Tucker

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## IN HOSPITAL

Larry Posey  
Ridgewood HCC  
Home: 6457 Old Tuscaloosa Rd  
Jasper, AL 35501

Nita Waid  
Ridgeview HCC Room 177B  
For Therapy —Grandmother of  
Leigh Brown

Zac Blanton  
Had knee surgery Wednesday.  
Home: 15829 Hwy 69  
Oakman, AL 35579

Mark Howell  
Had foot surgery on Friday  
@ South Lake Surgery Center  
Home: 2904 Hillcrest Ln Jasper,  
AL 35501

## AT HOME

Luke Wright  
17770 Hwy 69  
Jasper, AL 35501  
Sick with the Flu

Wanda Inglis  
Sick with the Flu  
15304 Hwy 69  
Oakman, AL 35579

Lyle & Marian Gann  
Both sick with the Flu  
1049 Sanders Rd.  
Jasper, AL 35504

John Smothers  
P.O. Box 227 Jasper, AL 35501  
Cousin of Joy Tubbs  
Diagnosed with Cancer

James Gillott  
150 Flora Drive  
Nauvoo, AL 35578

Lois Guin  
1002 Orchard Rd  
Jasper, AL 35501

Kelly King  
6109 Old Port Rd.  
Mulga, AL 35118

Brenda Moon  
7018 Holly Grove Rd.  
Jasper, AL 35501

Louise Henderson  
1410 Pineview Rd.  
Jasper, AL 35504

Jean Griffith  
702 Elliott Blvd.  
Jasper, AL 35501

## SYMPATHY

To the Sam Hood Family —  
funeral services were Tuesday.  
David Hood: 1180 Hunting  
Club Rd. Oakman, AL 35579

To the Becky Vance Family —  
funeral services were Monday.

## HAVE A REQUEST OR UPDATE?

We want to always ensure we are providing the congregation with the most up-to-date information at all times! If you have any updates on would like to make sure a prayer request is added to the bulletin or announced during services, please give this information to one of our elders, ministers, or one of our men making AM or PM announcements!

# YOUTH EVENTS

JAN 7th

Area Wide Youth Series @ Double Springs Church of Christ! This month's lesson will be on the Revival of David! Worship begins at 6 PM, followed by singing & a fellowship meal! The bus will be leaving at 4:50 & will return around 8:45.

JAN 12th

REFLECT: Connect Retreat! This year, we will be making our way to Fort Morgan in Gulf Shores, AL! We will leave Friday immediately after school and return Monday in the late afternoon. Be sure to pick up an info sheet ASAP!

JAN 21st

Teen Devotional! On this Sunday evening, we will meet together after PM Worship for fellowship, singing, and a devotional—all taking place at Connor's house! Dinner will be provided, and after the devo we will watch a movie!

FEB 11th

Area Wide Youth Series HERE @ Midway! Worship will begin at 5:00 PM, followed by an activity and fellowship meal. Drake Jenkins will be our guest speaker for this event, and will be speaking on the Revival of Jonah! —More info TBA. Be sure to make plans to arrive early to help set up!