

# SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader	James Brown
<i>Praise Him! Praise Him! / He's My King</i>	
Scripture Reading	Christopher Dukes
Opening Prayer	Mike Morton
<i>One Day! / There Is A Fountain</i>	
Lord's Supper	Mike Dickinson
Lyle Gann, Jeff Harbison, Philip Lollar, Zac Blanton	
<i>I Know Who Holds Tomorrow / Restore My Spirit</i>	
Sermon	Connor McLean

## NOT ABOUT ME JAMES 2:1-5

We often go to great lengths to get what we \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ did whatever it took to make things go his way.  
2 Samuel 12:7-9

We want to be \_\_\_\_\_, and be recognized as the \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ brings us a completely different idea.

The mother of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ asked for the best.  
Matthew 20:25-28

The \_\_\_\_\_ you live for \_\_\_\_\_, the better.

Don't forget those who will gladly take the \_\_\_\_\_.  
James 2:1-5

Our life doesn't need to look like we are \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Life is not about \_\_\_\_\_, it's about \_\_\_\_\_.

The battle with \_\_\_\_\_ will be a life-long struggle.

Are you capable of \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ of others?

<i>Jesus The Loving Shepherd / Teach Me Lord To Wait</i>	
Closing Prayer	Billy Thompson

# SUNDAY AFTERNOON

## FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING

Our men of all ages are encouraged to choose a song to lead

Opening Prayer	Gary Reno
Closing Prayer	Ryan Berger

# YOUTH CAMPAIGN

In less than eight weeks from today, our Youth Ministry will be conducting their annual Youth Campaign! Each year, several of our teens decide to dedicate their week reaching out to communities of people in a designated location, usually far from home, spreading the Gospel and inviting them to find their place in the body of Christ and in the Church! This week of campaigning is an unforgettable, incomparable, and selfless experience for all of our youth involved. In order to make this trip possible, and to keep it affordable for all of our youth who have an interest in attending, we must raise \$4,000 for the evangelistic portion of this campaign. This year, we are making our way to Lynchburg, Virginia for several days of door-knocking as well as a Gospel Meeting. We will be departing on Friday, June 15th, and will return the following weekend. Because we are expecting our largest group of Midway members to ever attend, we are also asking for a larger contribution goal—those who are participating in this year's campaign will be paying for the remainder of the cost, so any small amount contributed helps! If you have any questions about this year's campaign and are interested in any additional ways you can help out, please let us know! We thank you in advance for your generosity in making this year's campaign in Lynchburg possible, and we ask that you will pray for this effort as our week in Virginia draws closer!

## CURRENT AMOUNT RAISED:

\$0 \$4000

Each week, we will be updating the total amount of funds raised for this year's campaign efforts. If you are planning on attending campaign this year, let Connor know ASAP! Please give any donations to one of the elders, Mark, or Connor, with "youth campaign" in the FOR line.

## CONNECT WITH US!

<b>CONTACT US</b> OFFICE PHONE: (205) 221-2760 OFFICE@MIDWAYCOFC.COM	<b>ON THE WEB</b> FACEBOOK.COM/MIDWAYCHURCHJASPER MIDWAYCOFC.COM
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

<b>ELDERS</b> James Brown Eddie Bull Keith Gann	<b>DEACONS</b> Steven Gunter Ryan Hall Ray Huffstutler Ben Panter Randy Panter Jeff Sparks Billy Thompson Larry Thompson	<b>PULPIT MINISTER</b> Mark Howell  <b>YOUTH MINISTER</b> Connor McLean  <b>SECRETARY</b> Sandra Wright
<b>MISSIONARY</b> Harvey Starling Worldwide Evangelism P.O. Box 915 Madison, AL 35758		



<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP</b>	
Bible Study	9:30 AM
AM Worship	10:30 AM
PM Worship	5:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Bible Study	6:30 PM

APRIL 22nd, 2018 17010 HIGHWAY 69 JASPER, AL 35501

# THE EXCELLENT ONES

*"As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight"(Psa 16:3).*

In the passage above, David revealed his love for his kinsmen. They were God's people, which made them majestic and noble. That's high praise for people who weren't perfect. David's fellow-Israelites made their share of mistakes. They had their flaws. They committed their sins. Yet, inspired of the Holy Spirit, David called them "excellent" – warts, blemishes, and all.

Does David's complimentary language imply approval of sin? Hardly. Every adult who has ever received proper commendation, even commendation directly from God, has received it in spite of his or her sins (except Jesus, of course, who was sinless). David's assessment of God's people was a general statement intended to highlight their exalted status as God's chosen ones.

God still has an exalted opinion of his people today, even though we are far from perfect. Christians are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession" (1 Pet. 2:9). "But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love" (Psa. 147:11). God loves us so much that he calls us his children (1 John 3:1). Jesus is not ashamed to call us his brothers and sisters (Heb. 2:11).

But doesn't God know we have weaknesses and flaws? Yes. Doesn't he know that we mess up from time to time and sin? Yes. Doesn't he know that we can't be perfect no matter how hard we try? Yes. God doesn't love perfect people only. He loves YOU (1 John 4:8, 19). He chose YOU (Eph. 1:4). He honored YOU (Heb. 2:6-8).

Doesn't that make you want to serve him with all your heart?

Eddie Parrish

# GRADUATION RECEPTION NEXT MONTH!

It's been TWO years since we've had a graduation reception, but I still feel like this momentous time has arrived way too quickly! In a few weeks from now, we will have a reception honoring all of our graduating Seniors for the 2018 school year! After evening service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall to enjoy a meal together, followed by a special slideshow presentation honoring all of our graduates, their accomplishments, future plans, and families. We will also be recognizing all of our graduating Kindergarteners, as well as our College undergrad, Graduate Students, and any others who have made further education

achievements. This year, we have three High School Seniors who we will be honoring and recognizing during this reception:

Dax Dickinson  
Jasper High School

Trace Medders  
Oakman High School

Brianna Thompson  
Oakman High School

We encourage you to join us for this time together as we honor these incredible young people, celebrating their past, present, and future both in education and in the Lord's Church. We have set up a table in the foyer to recognize each one of our Seniors, and we are so incredibly proud of each of their accomplishments, and we can't wait to celebrate during this time together!

Connor McLean

# YOUTH EVENTS

APR 22nd

Girl's Devotional! Tonight, following evening service, all of our 7th-12th girls are invited to Gamble Park for a devotional. Be sure to bring with you a lawn chair, blanket, or eno, and don't forget to pick up dinner before you arrive!

APR 29th

Teen Devotional! Following evening service, all 7th-12th grade are invited to head over to Connor's house for singing and a devotional. Dinner will be provided, and plan to stick around for a movie after devo!

MAY 27th

2018 Graduation Reception! Following PM service, all Midway families are invited to make their way into the fellowship hall for a celebration honoring our graduates. Dinner will be provided, followed by a special presentation!

MAY 28th

Exo Day One! As we begin the summer, we will have Exo Days every other Monday! During our time together, we will be conducting service projects, followed by a devotional together at the building — go ahead and plan to spend the day with us as we help others and grow together!

# EVENTS IN APRIL

APR 22nd

Hamilton Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders - Speaker for TV program *In Search of the Lord's Way*. Begins 7 PM Sunday-Wednesday.

APR 22nd

Whitson Place one-day Spring Gospel Meeting. Speakers are Rick Wade @ 9:30 AM, Cole Wade @ 10:30 AM, and Joseph Manasco @ 1:00 PM. There is also a fellowship meal at 12:00 PM.

APR 28th

Fayette Church of Christ Ladies Day. Heartbeat of the Home, with guest speaker Wendy Wadley. Registration opens at 9:00 am, and class begins at 9:30 am. Lunch will be provided.

APR 29th

The Clove Hill Church of Christ in Parrish invites everyone for a meal from 12:30 - 1:30 PM, followed by singing and preaching from Elijah Anthony.

# SCIENCE & ETHICS SEMINAR

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Miller *of Apologetics Press*

*Held in the Auditorium @ Midway*

THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 28-29th

Saturday at 6:00 & 7:00 PM, Sunday at 9:30 & 10:30 AM

(No fellowship meal, evening service at 5:00 pm)

# WEEKLY UPDATES:

## LAST SUNDAY:

AM Bible Class	112
AM Worship	173
PM Worship	105
Wed Bible Study	91

Contribution	\$7279
2018 Budget	\$6026
Over Budget	\$1253

## BDAYS & ANNIV:

24	Larry Thompson
25	Tommy Burgett
27	Mark Davis
	Ric & Amber Gilliland
28	Bob Davis
	Harrison Howell
29	Kelly Blanton
30	Maribel Calloway
	Gage Reid

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## IN HOSPITAL

Jamie Long  
UAB — now in room following a liver transplant.

Kelly Poe  
Mother of Jack Poe and friend of Panter and Hall families. Sent to Baptist Princeton in Birmingham with a blood clot in leg.

Scott Myers  
Brother of Bo Myers  
Was taken to Alexander City hospital with heart issues.

Louise Henderson  
1410 Pineview Rd.  
Jasper, AL 35504

Kelly Diehl  
3703 Turkey Run  
Jasper, AL 35504

Kelly King  
6109 Old Port Rd.  
Mulga, AL 35118

## SYMPATHY

We extend our condolences to the family of *John Larry Panter*. Funeral services were Tuesday in Adamsville. He is survived by his wife, *Gloria Panter*, and brother, *James Panter*. 250 Valley Dale Dr. Jasper, AL 35504

## HOME & HOSPICE

Eugene Wiggins  
Friend of Sandra Wright.  
Home: 281 Shumack Rd. Frisco City, AL 36445

Kathy Gunter  
will be having surgery to repair rotator cuff this Wednesday at Brookwood Medical Center

William Tucker  
2500 Grace Drive  
Jasper, AL 35504

## MISSION WORK

Eddie Bull and James Brown will be making their way to Romania next month, working with and speaking to those in the established congregations throughout that area. Please pray for their safety and for a successful effort in the work they do.

## IN TREATMENT

Eric Markham  
Diagnosed with lymphoma, nephew of Jean Willcutt.  
Home: 2728 7th Place NE  
Birmingham, AL 35215

Jessica Brown  
1071 Kings Mill Rd  
Oakman, AL 35579

Jean Griffith  
702 Elliott Blvd.  
Jasper, AL 35501

## INDIAN CREEK

A cookbook to sell for Indian Creek Youth Camp is being made: if you would like to contribute your recipes, please send up to 5 recipes per name to: ICYCrecipes@gmail.com