



# Midway Messenger

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## WHO'S THAT WALKING DOWN THE ROAD?

In the book of Luke, we encounter several people walking down the road. Note two samples.

On one occasion, we see Jesus and his disciples walking from Capernaum to the city of Nain. They meet a funeral procession, involving the death of the only son of a widow (Luke 7:11-17). Jesus tells the widow, "Do not weep." Then he touches the coffin and everything comes to a halt. Then the Lord says, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak.

Several points of interest are noteworthy. First, when Jesus saw the woman, he "felt compassion" for her (7:13). True, heartfelt compassion is the key to a godly life. It is imperative that we feel compassion for those who do not know our Lord. Second, Jesus loves to give gifts to people. "And Jesus gave him back to his mother" (Luke 7:15). Our Lord wants all of us to have "the free gift of God" which is "eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). To access this gift, one must develop an obedient faith (Romans 5:1-2; Eph.2:8,9; Heb.5:8=9). Third, the power of Jesus had a special intent – to show that He's the One, the Son of God. After this resurrection, the people glorified God saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people" (7:16).

On another occasion, Jesus tells of a man travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho. The man fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him and left him half dead. A priest and a Levite came by but did not stop to help. However, a certain Samaritan did stop and helped the victim, bandaging his wounds and carrying him to a local inn, where he was able to receive more care (Luke 10:30-37). A few reminders are appropriate. Again, the key to following Christ is to "feel compassion" (Luke 10:33). Though the priest and the Levite were likely tending to religious duties of some nature, they failed to have compassion on this occasion. Doing religious things, apart from showing personal, Christ-like love to others, is really no religion at all. Second, excuses are not part of the godly life. The Samaritan was "on a journey" (Luke 10:33) when he stopped to help. He was as busy as anyone else. Jesus' message to us is: Be a neighbor; "go and do the same" (Luke 10:37). --David

## December 22

Bible Study	144
A.M. Worship	172
P.M. Worship	97
Contribution	\$8,475

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am  
Worship 6:00pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00pm

## Remember Our Sick with Cards and Prayers

- Rod Thomas is recovering from having a stint placed in his heart.
- Liam Owens is recovering from tonsil and adenoids surgery.
- Roger Brooks is still at his son's house recovering and getting stronger each day.
- Noel and Wanda Counce both have flu.
- Sheila Steadman, who attends Fairhaven Church of Christ, is recovering from a stroke.

## OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT RESPONSE:**

Ray Wesley came forward this past week, stating he has sinned in missing church and in trying to handle burdens on his own. He asked for forgiveness and prayer. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal.6:2). Ray's address is: P.O. Box 561, Trinity, Al. 35673. Number is: 256-309-1645.

**BOOKMARKS AVAILABLE:**

We have various Bible related bookmarks lying on a table in the foyer classroom. \*Of special interest, per our recent Wednesday night discussion, we have several bookmarks with information dealing with the sin of homosexuality. \*\* Also, with the coming of the New Year, it's a good time to renew our daily Bible reading. There are daily Bible reading bookmarks as well. Look for them!

**GOSPEL SINGING TODAY!**

Dancy's Chapel is hosting the singing at 2 p.m. Midway's fifth Sunday singing is scheduled for this evening at 6. Text your song requests to Aaron at 256-566-8089.

**UPSURGE AND LOCK-IN TONIGHT**

MOULTON CHURCH OF CHRIST. See Matt Addison for further details.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP**

Join us Tuesday evening beginning at 7 p.m., here in the fellowship hall.

**GREAT DAY COMING!**

Ladies day with sister Sheila Butt is planned for Saturday, Jan.25, here at Midway. Sheila does a good job encouraging fellow-sisters in Christ. Let's get the word out about this event.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Today**

5th Sunday Singing. Upsurge after evening service. Lawrence County youth Lock-in at Moulton after Upsurge.

**December 31st**

New Year's Eve gathering in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm.

**January 6th**

Monday meal delivery will resume.

**January 17-18th**

Evangelism workshop.

**January 25th**

Midway Ladies Day.

**Calendar Planning**

Please see the setup in the Fellowship Hall to enter your ideas for the 2020 calendar.

**School Snacks**

We will resume collecting school snacks for area schools.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1	2 (A)Todd & Monica Grimes (B)Mark Biles	3	4	5 (B)Keslee Addison	6	7
8 (B)Elesha Jones	9 (A)Phillip & Jan Waldrep	10	11 (B)Chy Hutto	12 (A)Trent & Anna Hill	13 (B)Bekah Peebles (B)Willard Tucker	14 (B)Patty Huskey
15	16	17 (B)Liz Vandiver	18 (B)Caroline Grover	19 (A)Kenneth & Lori Grover	20 (B)Regina Lee (A)Wendell & Eulene Logan	21 (B)Alison James
22	23 (B)Houston Hutto (B)Sam Carter	24	25	26 (B)Eulene Logan	27	28 (B)Kelli Barker (B)Drake Davis (B)Landon Davis (B)Sherry Chamberlain
29	30 (B)Ethan Carter (B)Tippy Welborn (A)Danny & Sabrina Standridge	31				