

Cards & Prayers

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To Our Visitors...

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today. Our church family here is a loving group of Christians who share a common love for Jesus Christ and His church and look for opportunities to share that love with others. We would ask that you please stay after the services so that we can have a chance to meet and speak with you. If you would like to know more about any part of our service, please feel free to ask any of our members.

**SENDING OUR LOVE:** We have been collecting items such as toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, etc. for the residents of the Decatur Work Release. These items were delivered this week. The needs in this work are great and continuous. Please see Jerry Hall if you’d like to help.

**A LITTLE RELIEF:** Our ladies’ class and Dorcas group created very nice holiday bags for cancer patients at the Clearview Center in Decatur. In these bags were items which can make life a little easier for those enduring treatments. These bags were likewise delivered earlier this past week.

**LOCKIN APPRECIATION:** Our annual lock-in is always the Friday evening prior to Christmas. We are thankful for the opportunity to spend time with youth and young families during this time. Of course, such events cannot be carried out without great volunteers. Thank you to Mark Biles, Aaron and Christie, Chris and Heather, and Ken and Bertha for their hospitality and assistance. Of special note: Lauren Hamby, who’s a senior this year, has been to every lock-in possible over the years, often bringing friends with her. We are grateful to all who were able to come!

**FAITH-BUILDING DAY:** Our guest preacher for faith-building day on January 10 will be Kyle Butt. He will be speaking on special topics ranging from stewardship to defending the faith. We plan to have a congregational lunch that day and then an afternoon service at 1 p.m.

**IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY!** With faith-building day just two weeks away, we must work hard to tell folks about it. First, look for flyers in the foyer and on different tables. Second, secure address sheets located near the flyers. We can send flyers to people we know and (with these address sheets) to people we do not know as well. Let’s put our best foot forward to have a great turnout for Faith-building Day!

**GROUP ENCOURAGEMENT:** As we did last month, today there are cards laid out in the fellowship hall for everyone to sign. Look for categories of cards, such as fellow church members, people in the community, folks who are sick or shut-in and those grieving over loss of loved ones. It is comforting to realize several Christians are thinking and praying for you at the same time. “...strive together with me in your prayers” (Rom.15:30).

**PLACING MEMBERSHIP:** Chuck and Jill Cleghorn have made known their desire to work and to worship here at Midway. We’ve already gotten to know them through worship, fellowship and Bible study times. We look forward to working together for the good of the kingdom. Address: 1022 County Road 145, Arley, Alabama 35541. Phone: 205-300-5643

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Mark Biles Todd & Monica Grimes	3	4	5 Keslee Addison
6	7	8 Eleshea Jones	9 Phillip & Jan Waldrep	10	11 Chy Hutto	12 Trent & Anna-Catherine Hill
13 Bekah Peebles Willard Tucker	14 Patty Huskey	15	16	17 Liz Vandiver	18 Caroline Grover	19 Kenneth & Lori Grover
20 Regina Lee Wendell & Eulene Logan Dwayne & Jannie Williams	21 Alison James	22	23 Houston Hutto Sam Carter	24	25	26 Eulene Logan
27 Elders Meeting	28 Drake Davis Landon Davis Kelli Barker Sherry Chamberlain	29	30 Ethan Carter Danny & Sabrina Standridge New Year's Eve Fellowship	31	1 Sam & Ida Scott	2

*Sympathy*

We express our love and sympathy to family of Gerald Fuller, grandfather of Brex and Meleah Fuller and brother of Rachel James, who passed away December 25th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

Remember Our Sick with Cards and Prayers

- Continue to remember Johnny Ryan in your prayers.
- Prayers requested for Randy Johnson, who is in UAB with fluid around his lungs.

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...  
Hebrews 10:22



***PRIVILEGED TO SERVE***

Sunday, December 27	
Bible Reading	Roger Thomas
Devotional Prayer	Nathan Lee
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Andrew Lee
Lord's Table	Tim Hester
Announcements	Mark Biles
Dismissal Prayer	Aaron Fletcher
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	David Barker
Dismissal Prayer	Larry Little
Ushers	Sam Scott-Tom Wilkerson
Wednesday, December 30	
Song Leader	Ben Rogers
Closing Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Ushers	Sam Scott-Tom Wilkerson

Sunday, January 3	
Bible Reading	Matt Addison
Devotional Prayer	James Rogers
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Aaron Fletcher
Worship Prayer	Mark Biles
Lord's Table	Ken Nelson
Announcements	Brent James
Dismissal Prayer	Houston Hutto
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Ben Rogers
Dismissal Prayer	Jerry Hall
Ushers	Aaron Fletcher-Nathan Lee
Wednesday, January 6	
Song Leader	Tim Hester
Closing Prayer	Marl Fuller
Ushers	Aaron Fletcher-Nathan Lee

### TO THE POINT:

- The Bible may hurt you with the truth but it will never comfort you with a lie.
- When life knocks you down to your knees, remember it is the perfect position to pray.
- Hard knocks won't hurt you – unless you are doing the knocking.
- Give Satan an inch and he will be your ruler.
- What if you woke up today with only what you thanked Him for yesterday.
- Search inward, reach outward, look heavenward.
- Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.
- God's blessings grow where they are shared.
- Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.
- A day hemmed in prayer never comes unraveled.
- "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends" ( 1 Cor.13:7,8)

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL		Lock Building
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Chanler Callahan	Calhoun Community College	
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Taylor LeMay	104 East Tuscaloosa St., Florence, AL 35632	
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James Rogers	University of Alabama—Huntsville	
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ELDERS		MINISTER	DEACONS	
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Brent James	256-303-0661		Aaron Fletcher	Jamie Patterson
			Houston Hutto	

## “NEW” THOUGHTS FOR EVERY SEASON

Regardless of what the date is on the calendar, God offers a new life to everyone.

Jesus brought a new teaching to the earth. People said, “What is this? A new teaching with authority” (Mark 1:27). The Lord’s teaching is perfectly connected to the history of God, placed in language anyone can understand and undergirded by miraculous deeds. “He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him” (Mark 1:27).

Jesus brought a new covenant to the earth. Through his teaching, his identity as the Son of God and his sacrifice for our sins, Jesus established a “new covenant” with his followers. Speaking of the Lord’s day communion, he says, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood” (Luke 22:20). Jesus is “the mediator of the new covenant” (Hebrews 9:15).

Jesus brought a new commandment to the earth. Christ teaches, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another” (John 13:34). The idea of loving one another was not new chronologically (Deut.6:5), but Jesus did bring a new and great quality of love. He went on to say, “love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34). “As I have loved you” is the key and is the standard for all that we do.

If we trust the Lord, submit to his word, and love as God loves, we can possess the newness the Lord promises. “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; all things have become new” (2 Cor.5:17). Forgiveness is extended to anyone who believes, repents, confesses their faith in Jesus and is baptized for forgiveness (Rom.10:9,10). In baptism, one is “raised to walk in newness of life” (Rom.6:4). In this process, we put on the new man (Col.3:10). All who gladly receive the word are added to the church (Acts 2:41,47). In the church, Christ is creating “one new man...so making peace” (Eph.2:15).

Again, learning about salvation and growing in the new life is not attached to a time of year or time of life. Moreover, if we truly grasp the new life in Christ, then we automatically see our responsibility is to share this good news at every opportunity (2 Tim.2:2). --David

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