

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, December 12	
Bible Reading	Chris James
Devotional Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Ben Rogers
Worship Prayer	Paul Rogers
Lord's Table	Paul Gilliland
Announcements	Mark Biles
Dismissal Prayer	Roger Thomas
Control Room—Streaming	Tim Hester
Control Room—Songs	Aaron Fletcher
Control Room—Audio	David Scarbrough
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Houston Hutto
Dismissal Prayer	Rex Free
Ushers	Sam Scott-Chuck Cleghorn
Wednesday, December 15	
Song Leader	Matt Addison
Closing Prayer	Will Fletcher
Ushers	Sam Scott-Chuck Cleghorn
Lock Building	Brent James-Aaron Fletcher

Sunday, December 19	
Bible Reading	Ken Nelson
Devotional Prayer	Preston Grover
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Aaron Fletcher
Worship Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn
Lord's Table	Jerry Hall
Announcements	Brent James
Dismissal Prayer	Josh Jones
Control Room—Streaming	Kenneth Grover
Control Room—Songs	Chris James
Control Room—Audio	Rex Free
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Marl Fuller
Dismissal Prayer	Sam Scott
Ushers	Chris Hood-Matt Addison
Wednesday, December 22	
Song Leader	Jamie Patterson
Closing Prayer	Danny Standridge
Ushers	Chris Hood-Matt Addison
Lock Building	Brent James-Aaron Fletcher

## December 2021

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

November 28

Bible Study 107

A.M. Worship 130

P.M. Worship 80

Contribution \$6,505

Weekly Budget \$6,000

December 12, 2021

# WELCOME

### ELDERS

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Matt Addison Windell Denney  
Aaron Fletcher Tim Hester  
Houston Hutto Harry James  
Nathan Lee Larry Little  
Jamie Patterson Sam Scott

## DESTITUTE

The apostle Paul says false teachers are “destitute” (I Tim.6:5, KJV). The word carries the idea of being robbed, defrauded, burglarized. One who does not receive the truth has robbed himself of the great treasure of the scriptures and is indeed destitute and spiritually poor.

How does become a false teacher? By becoming destitute of the truth (6:5). This is very serious, for it is through the truth one discovers the way of salvation (I Tim.2:4). In other words, the false teacher “teaches a different doctrine, and consents not to sound words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness” (I Tim.6:3).

What are some habits which can lead to false teaching? The false teachers of Paul's day were “puffed up” (I Tim.6:4), that is, high-minded or conceited. We must not exalt our own ideas above the Savior's teaching. They also are depicted as “knowing nothing” (I Tim.6:4). It's not that they were not learning things. But, what they were learning (because it wouldn't lead to salvation) basically amounted to nothing. These confused men loved “questionings” and “disputes of words” (I Timothy 6:4). Some had rather theorize about religious matters than provide the solid answers found in the scriptures.

What are some consequences of false teaching? Paul says, “envy,” “strife,” “railings,” “evil surmisings,” and “quarrels” (I Tim.6:5). “Evil surmisings” refer to unwarranted suspicion and “railings” refer to hurtful speech. If people would humbly receive the gospel (James 1:21), there would much more peace in this world.

What about motives behind false teaching? In the first century, many sought to use religion as a means of robbing people of money. They supposed “godliness is a way of gain” (I Tim.6:5). Timothy labored in Ephesus for a time. We are familiar with the men who made a living from the worship of the false god called Artemis (Acts 19:24,25). Religious crooks still abound today. The love of money continues to be the root of all kinds of evil (I Tim.6:10), including false teaching. To be destitute of the truth is to be poor indeed.

David (notes from a dear friend and mentor who passed recently -Wayne Jackson)

## Midway Church of Christ

4334 County Road 434 Moulton, AL 35650

Sunday Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am & 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

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Midway Messenger

Remember Our Sick

- Keith Thomas will be having a MRI Tuesday. Continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Karen Harrison continues to need our prayers.
- Remember Judy Barker in your prayers. She will be having more radiation soon.
- Billy Lee, Christie Fletcher’s uncle, is in North Alabama Medical Center, undergoing tests.
- Emma Sue Jackson, sister of Caroline Taylor, is in Helen Keller Hospital and needs our prayers.
- Landon Carr, 9 year old boy that attends school with Will Fletcher, has a brain tumor...Address...696 Old Hwy 24 Trinity, AL 35673. His parents are David and Ashley Carr.
- Van Roberts, brother of Kristi White, who has been on our prayer list, has cancer...Address...1629A Washington Street, Belmont, MS. 38827.
- Judy Sofford, Ricky Kimbrel’s sister, was admitted to the hospital in Georgia with sepsis. Prayers requested for her.

\*There is a complete cards and prayers list on back table.

Love & Sympathy

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Martin and Megan Mapes, in the passing of Martin’s aunt, Faye Anderson. Aunt Faye had been quite ill for several years and she passed from this life this past Thursday afternoon. Martin and Megan cared for her in their home earlier this year. Please remember them in prayer.

December Events

- 12-Kid’s Christmas Party
- 16-Ladies fellowship/craft night
- 26-Elders Meeting
- 26-Group Meetings
- 31-New Years Eve Fellowship

If It Is The Lord’s Church...

- ...then shouldn’t He determine how one enters it?
- ...then shouldn’t He regulate how it should worship?
- ...then shouldn’t He decide who should be qualified to be its leaders?
- ...then shouldn’t He govern what it should do?
- ...then shouldn’t He ascertain who are faithful members?

It is the Lord’s church, He has the right to say how it operates. And He has – in His Word. Let’s endeavor to do everything we can to make sure we are an active part of the Lord’s church.

“And He [God] put all things under His [Jesus’] feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all” (Eph. 1:22-23).

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MOSES AND EGYPT

1. Why did the king of Egypt put the children of Israel into bondage? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. How many years of famine did Joseph predict would strike Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Who adopted Moses? \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Why did Moses kill the Egyptian? \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Where did Moses flee after killing the Egyptian? \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Who was Moses’ wife? \_\_\_\_\_
  8. What did God tell Moses to do before approaching the burning bush? \_\_\_\_\_
  9. What was Moses’ concern about his ability to lead the children of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
  10. Who was to be Moses’ spokesperson? \_\_\_\_\_
  11. What did the children of Israel do to protect their firstborn sons from being killed in the Lord’s last plague on Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
  12. Through which body of water did the children of Israel pass safely? \_\_\_\_\_
  13. To what part of Egypt did Joseph relocate his father and brothers? \_\_\_\_\_
- GENESIS 41:30; 47:11; EXODUS 1:9-10; 2:1-10; 2:11-12; 2:15; 2:21; EXODUS 3:5; 4:10; 4:14-16; 7:10,20; EXODUS 8:22-23; 9:26; 10:23; EXODUS 12:22; 13:21; 14:21-22,29; 15:22.

Ladies Fellowship/Craft Night

December 16th at 6pm,all ladies are invited to a fun night of making and decorating a holiday wreath. There is a sign-up sheet in the back for those who plan to attend.

FREE RESOURCES

Within our wonderful brotherhood, there are valuable tools which can assist us with Bible knowledge and spiritual growth. Many of these resources are offered absolutely free. World Video Bible School (wvbs.org) offers free online Bible courses for students all across the world. They currently have about 30,000 students enrolled. These blessings come free because of generous donations. So, it’s a good work to use personally and to support financially.

MEMORY VERSE LADY

Our Bible teachers challenge our little ones to focus on Bible verses associated with the current lessons being studied. They are currently working on eight verses of scripture. These passages are printed out and available in each class room. Kay Little is our memory verse lady. She’s keeping up with the verses, buttons, ribbons and bulletin boards. Moms and children can send a video - saying their verses to Kay (256-460-7069) or the kids can simply say their verses to Kay or one of the teachers at church. “Suffer the little children to come to me and forbid them not” (Matt.19:13,14).

WITHOUT

Without Jesus as the **FOUNDATION**, the structure of righteousness is built on sand. Without the **TEACHINGS** of the New Testament, the body of Christ has no guide to direct in a dark world. Without **BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP** properly in place, the body of Christ is no longer each member going his own way, doing his own thing. Without **COMMITMENT** from each of the members of the body of Christ, there is no light shining in the community. Without **TEACHERS** for our Bible classes, the next generation’s leadership is unprepared. Without **FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN PARENTS**, children see the value of the Lord’s church like they see the value of eating some vegetables, beneficial but not liked. Without the **LORD CHRIST**, there is no life.

Ron Thomas

LOCK-IN CHANGE

We have decided to push our annual lock-in (originally scheduled for Dec.17) back toward the first of the new year. With the many different great fellowships already taking place, plus the anticipated arrival of Sophia Marie, it seems that altering our usual plans would be better for all. More details and discussions will be forthcoming, but, for now, please note this change.

GUEST TEACHERS, MISSION REPORTS

This evening, Josh Webster, who labors with the campus ministry in Florence, plans to be with us. Please come back this evening at 6. Next Sunday evening, December 19, Caleb Colquitt, from Montgomery, will be with us during worship time. His mission work includes trips to the Ukraine. The Lord willing, brother Vance Hutton, from Double Springs, will be with us for a special day on Sunday, January 16. His emphasis will be “On To Maturity, Heb.6:1). On Sunday evening, January 23rd, brother Kyle Butt will come and bring us up to date on the various works of Apologetics Press. Additionally, as David, Kelli, and Anna, are out of town, Larry Little and Tim Hester will be bringing lessons from God’s holy word.

ADDITIONAL THANK YOU’S

We are thankful to God for those who have taken extra steps recently to provide food and places for our holiday gatherings. The congregational dinner (Dec.3), the men’s breakfast (Dec.11), the women’s brunch (Dec.11) and the children’s party (Dec.12) are always enjoyable and uplifting. \* Likewise, our appreciation to David Scarborough for transporting our collection of winter coats to our brethren at the New Antioch congregation. The Winter Coat Giveaway, held yesterday at New Antioch, helped many families in our community.

Fellowship Hall Reservations

- December 12
- December 16
- December 18
- January 8

\*Please see the elders for all fellowship hall requests.

CYC

If you plan to attend CYC please sign sheet on back table. Deadline for reservations and payment is today.



Challenge Youth Conference

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

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