

Sunday, March 19	
Greeters	Jamie & Dana Patterson
Bible Reading	Sam Scott
Devotional Prayer	Nathan Lee
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland
Worship Prayer	Ken Nelson
Lord's Table	
(B) Houston Hutto	(J) Tim Hester
Roger Jones	(O) Kenneth Grover
Frank Pitts	Rayford Morgan
Larry Peebles	Roger McCaghren
Announcements	Larry Little
Dismissal Prayer	Danny Standridge
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Chris James
-Songs/Audio	Mark Biles
Prepare Communion	Kelli Barker-Anna Hill
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Tim LeMay
Dismissal Prayer	Roger Thomas
Wednesday, March 22	
Song Leader	Harry James
Closing Prayer	Casey Pirtle
Ushers	Jamie Patterson-Matt Addison
Lock Building	Brent James-David Barker

Sunday, March 26	
Greeters	David & Kelli Barker
Bible Reading	Josh Jones
Devotional Prayer	Aaron Fletcher
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Chris James
Lord's Table	
(B) Rex Free	(J) Brex Fuller
Preston Grover	(O) Jerry Hall
Windell Denney	Tom Wilkerson
Tim LeMay	Bryant Addison
Announcements	Brent James
Dismissal Prayer	Paul Rogers
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Tim Hester
-Songs/Audio	Will Fletcher
Prepare Communion	Benita James-Beth James
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Matt Addison
Dismissal Prayer	Marl Fuller
Wednesday, March 29	
Song Leader	Mark Biles
Closing Prayer	Danny Standridge
Ushers	Sam Scott-Chuck Cleghorn
Lock Building	Brent James-David Barker

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3 Steve Chamberlain	4
5	6	7	8 Braxton Fuller	9	10 Doris Porter	11 Josh Jones Liam Owens Men's Day
12 Betty Alvis	13	14	15	16 Kinzee Peebles	17	18 Paul Rogers Brent & Beth James
19	20	21	22 Will Fletcher Beth James	23 Gemma Delashaw	24	25 Building Work Day Supper Outing
26 Elders Meeting Card Signing	27 Terry Mapes Tim & Donna Montgomery	28 Hannah Fuller	29	30 Heather Hood Kylie Beth Hood	31	1 Dinner & Singing

Midway Church of Christ

FAMILY IMPACT

There is a principle about family and church which must be underscored. The principle is this – strong Biblical families build strong churches. In discussing leadership, Paul states, “If someone does not know how to take care of his own household, how will he take care of the church of God” (I Tim.3:5)? In other words, let the Lord build the home (Psalm 127:1-2) and the Lord will build the church (I Cor.3:5-7).

Note a few instances wherein godly plans of God. Brothers, Andrew and (John 1:40-42; Mark 1:16-20) became Aquilla and Priscilla (Acts 18:1-3; team for the Lord. Philip, his wife and able to teach the gospel to many (Philemon 1-2). These families brought the apostle Paul (I Cor.16:18; Philemon 20).



families have been used mightily in the Peter, and brothers, James and John soul winners for Christ. Rm.16:3-5) were a mighty husband-wife four virgin daughters (Acts 21:8,9), were people. Stephanus and his household (I ministry of the saints.” Philemon and his their house for regular assemblies “spiritual refreshment” to the heart of

What, then, is God’s strategy for bringing children and youth to the Lord? “Bring them up in the instruction and discipline of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). His strategy obviously is for youth to be impacted by “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17). Now, who, yes, who does God want to teach the children? Look carefully to the word of God and note “fathers” (Eph.6:4) and “parents” (Eph.6:1). And, note that the older women are to train the younger women to love their husbands and to love their children (Titus 2:4). The “what” and the “who” is crucial; scripture says be careful here lest we “blaspheme the word of God” (Titus 2:5).

W.T. Allison, gospel preacher of last generation, would often come to Faulkner University, and tell the Bible students there, that the order of God is to teach the parents so they can teach their children.

--david



♦ SICK & PRAYERS

- Mary Louise Thomas needs our prayers.
- Collins Bailey will be going to Boston for further testing and surgery April 6th. Keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Continue to remember James and Peggy Biles, Marks Parents, in your prayers as they go through difficult times after losing their home.
- Continue to remember Jason and Misty Cartee as Jason goes through treatments in Nashville.
- Henry Mapes, came home from the hospital yesterday. Wesley remains in NICU.

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Nathan Lee		
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Deacon: Windell Denney		
<b>Visitations</b>		
Deacons: All		
<b>Education</b>		
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto		
<b>Missions</b>		
Deacon: Larry Little		
<b>Youth</b>		
Deacon: Matt Addison		
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>		
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Aaron Fletcher		
<b>Technology</b>		
Deacon: Tim Hester		
<b>Worship Assignments</b>		
Deacon: Matt Addison		

BAPTISMS

- There are several different types of “baptisms” in the New Testament.
- The Holy Spirit baptism (Acts 1:5), promised only to the apostles and the household of Cornelius (Acts 10:44-48; Acts 11:15,16) in order to reveal and confirm the truth (John 16:13; Mark 16:20). This baptism is not available today because “all truth” has been revealed and confirmed (John 16:13).
  - The baptism of suffering. This refers to the suffering Christ endured on the cross and the subsequent suffering the apostles would receive on His behalf (Mark 10:35ff).
  - The baptism of fire refers to the eventual punishment of hell awaiting the rebellious and unfaithful (Matt.3:10-12).
  - John’s baptism was for the remission of sins in anticipation of and faith in the One coming after him (Acts 19:4).
  - Today, there is only “one baptism” (Eph.4:5). The sinner who has never obeyed Christ is commanded to be immersed for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21), predicated on his penitent faith (Mark 16:16). This submission to God’s will begins the relationship with Christ (Gal.3:27) and adds one to the Lord’s church (Acts 2:41). May we faithfully teach the good news to as many as possible.

Pursue Righteousness

Numerous times in Scripture the Lord encourages us to “pursue righteousness.” The term righteousness is variously used, sometimes referring to virtuous or obedient living and other times referring to the condition of being made innocent by God and thus acceptable to Him.

The idea is this: The Lord expects us to live a life of obedience and virtue. Additionally, in His grace and mercy, the Lord offers us the only hope we have to be declared innocent. Thus, in a sense, to pursue righteousness is to pursue a life with God now and to dwell in His presence forever!

“The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but He loves him who pursues righteousness” (Prov. 15:9).

“Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor” (Prov. 21:21).

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Matt. 5:6).

Bart Warren

friends and family day

Our annual Family and Friend Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 30. This day helps us renew old friendships and reach out to many with the gospel of Jesus. Our services will be at 9:30, 10:30 a.m., with a 1 p.m. evening service. Brother Adam Faughn from Pudacah, Kentucky plans to be with us as our guest teacher. A congregational lunch will also be enjoyed. Let’s make our plans to be here and pray fervently for a good day!

GOOD RELATIONS

A preacher’s work with the brethren exists on two principles. First, it is a partnership. Paul thanked the church in Philippi for their fellowship or partnership in the gospel. They had assisted him in the work in many different ways (Phil.1:5; 4:15,16). Second, a preacher is a brother in Christ, a fellow member of God’s family. In this regard, it was great to have brother Marlon Rutherford with us Sunday. His lesson on the be-attitudes (Matthew 5:3ff) and his mission report on Sunday evening, were uplifting and sobering. “The hand of the Lord was with him” (Luke 1:66).

DO NOT BELIEVE HIM

- ♦ Satan promises the best, but he pays with the worst.
  - ♦ He promises honor and pays with disgrace.
  - ♦ He promises pleasure and pays with pain.
  - ♦ He promises profit and pays with loss;
  - ♦ He promises life and pays with death.
- Thomas Brooks
- “Your adversary the devil...” (I Peter 5:8)

BLESSINGS FROM MEN’S DAY

Our recent men’s day brought several blessings from our Lord. The fellowship was encouraging. Men were present from several different congregations and a good number of our own men participated as well. Brother Matt Heupal did a fine job presenting the lessons. Matt works as a minister in Florence and works daily with the Mars Hill Bible School. The lessons focused on leadership in the home, church, and for the future. Please look for these presentations on our facebook, website or get a copy on a CD .



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Here at Midway, maintaining the buildings and grounds is no simple task. Yet, our congregation always responds abundantly. We have a great grass-cutting and grounds-keeping crew. They are already at work this year. Likewise, a hard-working group of ladies keeps the inside of our building looking beautiful. These are ongoing jobs and takes constant dedication. We are thankful for one another.



UNAPOLOGETIC APPEAL

Because we have a wonderful brotherhood, we are blessed with many and various outreach materials. Please take advantage of these blessings. We make this appeal from time-to-time, but this is done for very good reasons.

There are people in our midst who are searching for the truth. These materials can help. Many people are not comfortable being approached directly, but are willing to read and study teachings on their own. We are commanded to “sow the seed” (I Cor.3:6,7) and we believe God will “give the increase” (I Cor.3:6,7). Some Christians are not comfortable speaking out loud about the truth; so, these materials give us the opportunity to still serve in this capacity.



- **March 25**, Church grounds work day.
- **March 25**, Supper Outing to Brandin’ Iron Steakhouse
- **April 1**, Dinner and Singing, Brent James home
- **April 2**, Easter Egg Hunt
- **April 30**, Friends & Family Day, Adam Faughn