

Sunday, November 12		Sunday, November 19	
Greeters	Matt & Shaina Woodruff	Greeters	Houston & Denise Hutto
Bible Reading	Ken Nelson	Bible Reading	Matt Woodruff
Devotional Prayer	Rex Free	Devotional Prayer	Tim LeMay
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Paul Gilliland	Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Roger Thomas	Worship Prayer	Brent James
Lord's Table		Lord's Table	
(B) Marl Fuller	(J) Matt Addison	(B) Chuck Cleghorn	(J) Larry Little
Mark Biles	(O) Jerry Hall	Sam Scott	(O) Casey Pirtle
Frank Pitts	Ben Rogers	Ken Nelson	Kenneth Grover
Brent James	Chris James	Windell Denney	Preston Grover
Announcements	Larry Little	Announcements	Aaron Fletcher
Dismissal Prayer	Danny Standridge	Dismissal Prayer	Harry James
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)		Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Casey Pirtle	-Streaming	Chris James
-Songs/Audio	Harry James	-Songs/Audio	Bryant Addison
Prepare Communion	Tamara Lunsford-Tasha Davis	Prepare Communion	Ashley Gilliland-Melonee Wilkerson
Sunday Evening		Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Nathan Lee	Opening Prayer	Mark Biles
Dismissal Prayer	Tim LeMay	Dismissal Prayer	Marl Fuller
Wednesday, November 15		Wednesday, November 22	
Song Leader	James Rogers	Song Leader	Jamie Patterson
Closing Prayer	Will Fletcher	Closing Prayer	Kenneth Grover
Ushers	Sam Scott-Aaron Fletcher	Ushers	David Scarbrough-Matt Addison
Lock Building	Jamie Patterson-Chris James	Lock Building	Jamie Patterson-Chris James

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MINISTER

DEACONS

Benevolence

Visitations

Education

Missions

Youth

Building & Grounds

Technology

Worship Assignments

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS

November 11

November 16

November 18

November 23

*Please see the elders for all Fellowship Hall requests.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Donna Montgomery

Nov 2

Kennedy Kilpatrick

Nov 2

Kole Kilpatrick

Nov 2

Carleen Gillespie

Nov 4

Dana Patterson

Nov 4

Tim Montgomery

Nov 7

Finn Owens

Nov 9

Anita Peebles

Nov 11

Bryant Addison

Nov 11

David Barker

Nov 11

Tyson Liles

Nov 18

Sasha Scott

Nov 21

Paul Gilliland

Nov 27

Nancy Hester

Nov 30

Happy Anniversary!

Randy & Betsy Gillespie

Nov 5

Casey & Karen Pirtle

Nov 12

David & Kelli Barker

Nov 27

Rayford & Wanda Morgan

Nov 27

November 12, 2023

Midway Church of Christ

HOW WE APPROACH CHRIST

As our Lord came into the city of Jerusalem and into the temple during the week of crucifixion, he was questioned by Jewish leaders. They asked, “By what authority do you do these things?” He replied, “I will also ask you one question...The baptism of John, was it from heaven or men?” They discussed the matter and reasoned among themselves, “if we say from heaven, then he’ll ask, why didn’t you believe in him? If we say, from men, the people will rise against us, for they all hold John to be a prophet.” So, the men said, “we cannot answer.” (Matthew 21:23-27). From this unusual conversation, we can review a few significant matters.

We must be honest as we approach Christ. We know from these Jewish leaders wanted Jesus dead (John 11:45-53). In asking the “authority” question, they were likely hoping Jesus would say something which they could use to officially condemn him (cf. Mark 14:61-64). Let us make sure our reason for coming to Jesus is pure. Some come for social reasons. Some come because their parents do (cf. Acts 7:51,52). Some come for power (3 John 9,10). Others come to harm others (cf.Phil.1:15-18).

We must be discerning (able to recognize truth) as we approach Christ. Jesus gives the proper standard: “Is it from heaven or from men?” This is the measure of all religious activity – whether one is thinking of beliefs, worship, habits, or decisions - the church your neighbor attends – is it from heaven or from men? The entertainment you enjoy – is it from heaven or from men? The home you are providing – is it from heaven or from men? Some people give religion very little thought. Yet, following the commandments and doctrines of men leads to a “rooting up” (Matt.15:6-9,13). Let us “test all things and hold fast to that which is good” (I Thess.5:21).

Courage is likewise needed as we approach Christ. The chief priests were not sincerely driven to find the truth and devote themselves to God. They were more concerned about how they were perceived in the eyes of others. Galatians 1:10 is still good scripture – if we seek to please men, we cannot be servants of Christ.

Finally, surrendering in obedience is required to follow the Lord. Jesus challenges these leaders because he knew they were not obeying God. During Jesus’ time on earth, followers of God were required to believe in Jesus (Acts 19:4); repent of sin (Matt.3:3-12), confess sin (Matt.3:6) and be baptized for forgiveness of sins (Mark 1:4; John 4:1-2). These elements were commanded in view of the coming kingdom (Matt.3:2). Those who complied with these conditions were added to the people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:17).

Come to Jesus with honesty, discernment, courage, and submission.

-David

November 5

Bible Study 107

A.M. Worship 149

P.M. Worship 96

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PRAYERS

- Chloe James is recovering at home from heart surgery. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Liz Vandiver has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- Tim LeMay is dealing with severe back pain. He will be seeing a surgeon Wednesday.
- Phillip Anderson isn't doing well and needs our prayers.

NHC SANTA GIFT SHOP

The residents of NHC nursing home will once again be “shopping without money” at our Santa Gift Shop on December 7th. Donated items for this enjoyable event are much appreciated. Small, unbreakable items such as stationary, jewelry, stuffed animals, kitchen towels, socks, caps, etc. make nice gifts. Please bring your donations to the building by December 3rd. There will be a box near the “Dorcas Room” where you can put items. You are welcome to join us the morning of the 7th at NHC.



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THE BIBLE IS GOD’S UNCHANGING STANDARD

Man is not left to “do his own thing” religiously. He has the Bible, God’s unchanging standard upon which to build his life. Confusion comes when “Every man does that which was right in his own eyes” (Judges 17:6). When man becomes a law to himself and tries to direct his own affairs religiously he always makes a mess. “O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). Man left to himself does not manage his life well. The Bible is God’s spiritual ruler or measuring stick. It is Heaven’s unchanging standard. God has warned us about false prophets. He said there are many of them. “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1). Everything and everyone must be measured by the Bible. Only the truth will set you free spiritually. “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). We need Jesus!



— Charles Box

Opportunity to serve

Midway will be preparing weekend take home food bags for approximately 65 children in our county schools. We will be doing this every weekend during the months of January and April. There will be a designated area in the fellowship hall to place your food items. There will be examples of items in boxes for you to see. Please see Jamie & Dana for any questions.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Applesauce pouches/cups
- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Peanut butter/Cheese crackers
- Snack size Slim Jims
- Microwave Mac & Cheese cups
- Vienna Sausages
- Microwave soup cups, examples-Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Chicken Noodle, etc.
- Fruit Snacks
- Individual pks of Trail Mix.



Upcoming
EVENTS

- **November 16**—Ladies Devo & Dinner, 6:30 pm

PLACES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS (CAN YOU FIND THEM?)

- IN WHAT CITY DOES THE BOOK OF ACTS BEGIN?
- IN WHAT CITY DOES THE BOOK OF ACTS END?
- IN WHAT CITY WAS SAUL CONVERTED?
- IN WHICH CITY DID DEMTRIOUS THE SILVERSMITH OPPOSE PAUL?
- IN WHICH CITY WERE PEOPLE WHOLLY DEVOTED TO IDOLS?
- WHAT WAS LYDIA’S ORIGINAL HOME?
- THE CITY WHERE PAUL MADE TENTS WITH AQUILA AND PRISCILLA
- THE ISLAND FROM WHICH BARNABAS CAME
- WHERE PAUL SAID FAREWELL TO THE ELDERS AT EPHESUS
- IN WHICH CITY WERE THE DSICIPLES FIRST CALLED CHRISTIANS?
- PEOPLE FROM HERE MORE NOBLE BECAUSE THEY SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY
- CORNELIUS’ HOMETOWN

THANKSGIVING

On Wednesday night, November 22, in the auditorium, we will have a devotional with scripture, prayer and songs focused on giving thanks to the One from whom all blessing flow. The teen and adult classes will participate.

ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CONGREGATION

President John F. Kennedy proclaimed, “Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country!” This challenge is a principle that should be the guide for all the citizens of the United States of America. We should desire to be citizens that want better for the future generations of this great nation. We should want to do something for our country. The same thing can be said about members of the Lord’s Church: “Ask not what your congregation can do for you. Ask what you can do for your congregation.” What a wonderful event it would be if all Christians found ways to help the local congregation. So many times we are concerned with how many cards we receive and not with how many we send. We are concerned with how much we are loved, but often fail to consider how much love we have shown. We get upset when someone does not speak to us, but forget that we did not speak to others. Ask what you can do for your congregation. Notice Philippians 1:9-11: “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” We can be people who give love, are filled with knowledge, understand judgment, live excellent lives, and be filled with the actions of righteousness. This article was not written to point out some glaring problem at any congregation, but to help us come to the realization that we are servants of the Lord. Kennedy was asking the nation to do something, and we should be asking ourselves to help build up the local church. We must ask ourselves if we are willing to reach out and be the help that is needed in times such as these.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

We were excited to witness the baptism of Hayley Hamilton this past Wednesday night following midweek services. Hayley has been thinking, listening, and studying scripture. As she examined herself and her past, she came to this wonderful decision. “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16).

BIBLE STUDIES, HERE AND THERE

The men’s Monday night group will meet for two more sessions before the holidays, as they continue their studies in the book of Philippians. The ladies Thursday morning group will be traveling to Athens this week and conduct their class in the facilities where sister Faircloth lives. Another ladies’ night will be hosted this Thursday night in the fellowship hall at 6:30.

MISSIONARY VISIT PLANNED UL

Brother Daniel Gaines, who serves primarily in Tanzania, East Africa, plans to be with at the end of the month. Brother Gaines is scheduled to be with Wednesday night, November 29. We look to hear of his recent travels and this year’s campaigns.