

Sunday, January 21		Sunday, January 28	
Greeters	Tom & Melonee Wilkerson	Greeters	Sam & Ida Scott
Bible Reading	Will Fletcher	Bible Reading	Kenneth Grover
Devotional Prayer	Paul Rogers	Devotional Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers	Song Leader (AM & PM)	Ben Rogers
Worship Prayer	Nathan Lee	Worship Prayer	Sam Scott
Lord's Table		Lord's Table	
(B) Jerry Hall	(J) Rex Free	(B) Ken Nelson	(J) James Rogers
Matt Addison	(O) Jamie Patterson	Matt Woodruff	(O) Paul Gilliland
Preston Grover	Marl Fuller	Frank Pitts	Will Fletcher
Rayford Morgan	Chuck Cleghorn	Nathan Lee	Jimmy Jones
Announcements	Sam Scott	Announcements	Chris James
Dismissal Prayer	Kenneth Grover	Dismissal Prayer	Houston Hutto
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)		Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Chris James	-Streaming	Kenneth Grover
-Songs/Audio	Harry James	-Songs/Audio	Bryant Addison
Prepare Communion	Bonita Jones-Regina Lee	Prepare Communion	Tamara Lunsford-Tasha Davis
Sunday Evening		Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Larry Little	Opening Prayer	Roger Thomas
Dismissal Prayer	Danny Standridge	Dismissal Prayer	Casey Pirtle
Wednesday, January 24		Wednesday, January 31	
Song Leader	Paul Gilliland	Song Leader	James Rogers
Closing Prayer	Paul Rogers	Closing Prayer	Marl Fuller
Ushers	Casey Pirtle-Aaron Fletcher	Ushers	Matt Addison-David Scarbrough
Lock Building	Larry Little-Aaron Fletcher	Lock Building	Larry Little-Aaron Fletcher

ELDERS	
Roger Thomas	Harry James
Brent James	Sam Scott
Nathan Lee	
MINISTER	
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DEACONS	
Benevolence	
Deacon: Windell Denney	
Visitations	
Deacons: All	
Education	
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto	
Missions	
Deacon: Larry Little	
Youth	
Deacon: Matt Addison	
Building & Grounds	
Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Aaron Fletcher	
Technology	
Deacon: Tim Hester	
Worship Assignments	
Deacon: Matt Addison	

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS
January 26 & 27
February 10 & 11
March 9 & 10
April 6
April 17
April 20
April 28
June 22
August 10
November 2
December 8
December 20
*Please see Harry James for all Fellowship Hall requests.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY			
Jagger Pitz	Jan 5	Tim LeMay	Jan 6
Erin Rogers	Jan 6	Anna Barker	Jan 7
Debbie Hicks	Jan 10	Brittany Liles	Jan 13
Chandler James	Jan 17	Kay Little	Jan 17
Larry Little	Jan 21	Louise Thomas	Jan 21
Lori Grover	Jan 22	Mytris Jones	Jan 27
Happy Anniversary!			
Sam & Ida Scott	Jan 1		
Jacob & Chy Hutto	Jan 8		
Larry & Anita Peebles	Jan 14		



January 21, 2024

# Midway Church of Christ

## BE RESPONSIBLE

Every command given to us under the new covenant of Jesus implies both the ability and responsibility to obey. “We must obey God” (Acts 5:29). Moreover, the commands of God are always related to us in a personal manner. For example, in pertaining to giving, Paul says, “let every one of you lay by in store” (I Cor.16:1-2). Also, note Peter’s answer to the sinners’ plea: “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). Likewise, judgment day will be conducted on the personal level. “So then each of us will give an account of himself to God” (Romans 14:12). We see the phrases, “every one of you,” “each of us,” so we must be responsible to God.

In a recent youth class, we noted three tendencies which seem to detract from being responsible.

There is the tendency to blame other people or surrounding circumstances for our failures. Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent, but God still held them both accountable for their transgressions (Genesis 3). Those invited to the feast (in Jesus’ parable of the great banquet), made excuses: “The first man said, ‘I have bought a field and I must go out and see it’; another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them;’ another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come’” (Luke 14:17-20). Blaming other people or life conditions does not please God.

There is the tendency to compare ourselves with others. In one of the Lord’s prayer-parables, the Pharisee compared himself to extortioners, adulterers and tax collectors and thought, by that standard, he was pleasing to God. But he failed to be responsible for his own sins. Jesus commends the tax collector in the story because he offered a personal, sincere, and penitent prayer (Luke 18:9-14). As members of the body of Christ, the ear should not say, ‘because I am not the eye, I do not belong in the body’ (I Cor.12:16). The Lord has made each of us in his own image and given us particular means to serve Him (cf.I Cor.12:18). Comparing ourselves with others and comparing others against others is sinful (2 Cor.10:12).

There is the tendency toward slackness in responsibility. The rich young ruler walked away from Jesus (Matthew 19:22). Many follow his example. But Paul instructs, “Each man shall bear his own load” (Galatians 6:5). Jesus says, “To whom much is given, much shall be required” (Luke 12:48). Stand up. Be responsible.

— david



Prayers

- Eulene Logan will be having surgery tomorrow.
- Tim LeMay will be having back surgery Tuesday.
- Continue to remember Marie Faircloth in your prayers.
- Continue to remember Richard Adkins in your prayers.
- Lisa Lambeth, Julie Pitt’s sister, is awaiting test results.

MEN AT WORK

Our young men plan to meet at 5 in the teen room today. They continue to learn about leading in worship. Today, we will focus on how to speak up during worship. The boys are also planning to lead the Spruce Pine congregation in worship next Sunday evening, January 28.



MISSION EMPHASIS



With the great commission constantly on our hearts, we are always anxious to hear about different means of spreading the gospel. Next Sunday morning during worship, Larry Little will present a lesson on some of the works in which he is involved. (David will be speaking at a family day in Georgia next Sunday morning).

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LADIES DAY—SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Speaker: JJ Davenport

- Sign-ups for lunch and table decorations are on the back tables. See Christie, Bertha or Karen for other ways you can help.
- We need several door prizes - \$10-15. See Cathy Terry for information.
- Wednesday evening following services, several men are needed to help move tables and chairs.



CAN'T SWIM, BUT DOES

The Byram River in Greenwich, Connecticut, at the crest was running twelve to fifteen feet deep. A family picnicking at the edge watched in horror as their two-year-old daughter fell into the water. Her 23-year-old mother, who could not swim and was horrified by water, jumped in and pulled her little girl to safety. The headlines the next day said, “Mother Who Couldn’t Swim, But She Does, and Saves Daughter.”

Provided the proper motivation, we all can do far more than we believe we can. Many who are afraid of water have been baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Some who are afraid of public speaking have become preachers of the gospel (Ro- mans 10:14–15). Some timid souls have won many to Christ (Proverbs 11:30). A lot of folks who thought they could never serve Christ effectively found a spark of zeal and love and become great workers.

What could you do for Christ if you set your mind to it?

Upcoming EVENTS

- Tonight—Daniel Gaines Tanzania Mission report
- Tonight—Lawrence County Devo at New Antioch
- January 27—Ladies’ Day
- January 28—Young men conducting services at Spruce Pine
- February 4-8—88th annual Freed Hardeman lectureships
- February 11—Bridal Shower for Allyson James
- February 14-18—Great smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat
- February 23-25—CYC Pigeon Forge
- March 9—Men’s Day with Vance Sutton
- March 10—Friends & Family Day with Glenn Colley

MONDAY NIGHT CLASS



Men’s class is slated to begin tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Our studies will focus on the book of Hebrews – God Speaks Today Through His Son. The book of Hebrews states this fact (Hebrews 1:1-2), then proceeds to show why Jesus is “the great shepherd of the sheep” (Hebrews 13:20). Our Monday class is always practical and enjoyable. We encourage discussion in a relaxed setting. All men are invited to participate.

INTERESTING TOPICS

The House to House, Heart to Heart paper is published and sent out twelve times a year. Some of the upcoming topics include: January – How Good Do I Have to Be? February – Can God Really Forgive Me? March – What is the Bible? April – Worthy of Praise. Most of these issues can be found online. Let’s use every available resource to help bring people back to God!



COME HOME

We mentioned last week that House to House will be sending out a special issue about “Coming Home.” We are like sheep and, so, we stray at times (Isaiah 53:6). We all know family members and friends who have wandered away from the truth (cf. James 5:19-20). Two prominent ideas: we must be sure of our own salvation (2 Peter 1:10-12) and we must seek to restore a fallen brother back to His Lord (Galatians 6:1-2). The special HTH issue is being sent out in the month of May. Between now and then, we have many opportunities to reach lost sheep – every service, Bible class, and devotional is an opportunity; the upcoming ladies’ day, men’s day, and family day are opportunities as well. Let us renew our efforts to reach the struggling soul before it is too late.



GOD IS IN HIS UNIVERSE

What a deep freeze we experienced this week! Certainly, we are grateful to God for providing shelter, heat, and food. The different seasons of the year are one of the many signs that God is still in control. “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22). The Lord would have us use this reality and think about the power of His word and the needs of the soul. “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:10,11).



THURSDAY MORNING CLASS

Our Thursday morning ladies class continues their studies entitled: Mastering the Ancient World. This study requires one to dig a little deeper in Bible study, learning how passages relate to different features of the ancient world. Class begins every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

FOR THE KIDS

ENGRAVING HEAVENLY TRUTHS—Every Sunday evening at 5:45 sharp, we will meet at the front with our little ones and learn/review basic Bible facts. This past week, we studied seven facts about Noah. The Bible is a treasure-house of knowledge – knowledge our little ones need to know in order to possess a foundation built upon the Lord.



SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT

At the time of printing the bulletin, Daniel Gaines is still planning to be with us during tonight’s worship services. He lives in Kentucky and travel is at best tricky, following a wintry week. We are thankful for the gospel efforts which continue in Tanzania and look forward to hearing more about the work this evening.