

Sunday, February 25		Sunday, March 3	
Greeters	Houston & Denise Hutto	Greeters	Mike & Cathy Terry
Bible Reading	Houston Hutto	Bible Reading	Paul Rogers
Devotional Prayer	Brent James	Devotional Prayer	Preston Grover
Song Leader (AM & PM)	Ben Rogers	Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers
Worship Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn	Worship Prayer	Roger Thomas
Lord's Table		Lord's Table	
(B) Brex Fuller	(J) Chris James	(B) Ben Rogers	(J) Paul Gilliland
Larry Peebles	(O) Harry James	Frank Pitts	(O) Sam Scott
Roger Jones	Paul Rogers	Rayford Morgan	Ken Nelson
Rayford Morgan	Kenneth Grover	Jimmy Jones	Casey Pirtle
Announcements	Mark Biles	Announcements	Matt Addison
Dismissal Prayer	Roger Thomas	Dismissal Prayer	Mark Biles
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)		Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Tim Hester	-Streaming	Kenneth Grover
-Songs/Audio	Will Fletcher	-Songs/Audio	Will Fletcher
Prepare Communion	Jennifer Addison-Keslee Addison	Prepare Communion	Jennifer Addison-Keslee Addison
Sunday Evening		Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	James Rogers	Opening Prayer	Jamie Patterson
Dismissal Prayer	Ken Nelson	Dismissal Prayer	Brent James
Wednesday, February 28		Wednesday, March 6	
Song Leader	Mark Biles	Song Leader	Tim Hester
Closing Prayer	Roger Thomas	Closing Prayer	Aaron Fletcher
Ushers	David Scarbrough - Paul Gilliland	Ushers	Matt Woodruff - Chuck Cleghorn
Lock Building	Jamie Patterson-Matt Addison	Lock Building	Sam Scott - Brent James

ELDERS

Roger Thomas Harry James

Brent James Sam Scott

Nathan Lee

MINISTER

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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

February 10 & 11

March 9 & 10

April 6

April 17

April 20

April 28

May 18

June 22

August 10

November 2

December 8

December 20

**Please see Harry James for all Fellowship Hall requests.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Megan Pitz	Feb 4	Steve Chamberlain	Mar 3
Judy McCaghren	Feb 6	Braxton Fuller	Mar 8
Jane Biles	Feb 7	Doris Porter	Mar 10
James Rogers	Feb 10		
Anna Hill	Feb 11		
Julie Carter	Feb 15		
Jennifer Addison	Feb 17		
Jacob Hutto	Feb 18		
Roger Thomas	Feb 21		

Happy Anniversary!

Bradley & Brittany Liles Feb 17

February 25, 2024

Midway Church of Christ



PROPERLY CLOTHED

Salvation is presented in scripture as being properly clothed.

In obeying the gospel, we put on Christ. “As many of you as were baptized into Christ, did put on Christ” (Gal.3:27). What is the condition of those who refuse baptism into Christ?

Putting on Christ and growing in Him involves several qualities.

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires” (Romans 13:14).

“Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble” (I Peter 5:5,6).

“...and to put on the new man, created in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph.4:22-24).

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive” (Col.3:12,13).

The virtuous woman is clothed with “strength and dignity” (Proverbs 31:25).

Isaiah prophesied that Christians would be clothed with “the garments of salvation” and covered with “the robe of righteousness” (Isa.61:10).

On judgment day, the Lamb’s bride is to be clothed in fine linen, “bright and pure...which is the righteous deeds of the saints” (Revelation 19:6-8).

The Laodicean Christians who thought they were “rich” were actually, according to Jesus, “poor, blind and naked” (Rev.3:17).

— David

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Prayers

- Neil LeMay is now at home.
- Chris James is at home recovering from back surgery.
- Eulene Logan is in Lawrence Medical Center Rehab room 179.
- Larry and Anita Peebles are struggling with health issues and need prayers.
- Richard Adkins continues to need prayers.
- Ronald Hill isn't doing well. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to the proud grandparents, Jimmy & Eleshea Jones, on the arrival of their new grandson, Samuel James Jones. He was born Tuesday, weighing 8 lbs 12oz. All are doing well.



GOD'S CHILD

She searches the crowd for him. Is he listening? Is he behaving himself? It was such a short time ago when she would complain, "I did not hear a word the preacher spoke," but now her thoughts are distracted for another reason. Now her children are not beside her—they are "too big." Her arms ache for a child squirming there all through church.



She stands to sing and her body sways as if rocking a child. Where did the years go? Was it worth all those frustrating Sunday mornings? Sunday nights? Wednesday nights? Oh, there he is; look at him...he's singing. His eyes are attentive. She feels so much joy. Look! There's my child. No, he's God's child!

— Bulletin Digest

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DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE ROMAN EMPIRE?

I am amused and baffled by what amuses and baffles our culture. Trends rise and fall and what is new today is despised and forgotten tomorrow. A video trend today is to ask men how often they think about the Roman Empire. Apparently, it's a thing now to be amused at (particularly men) who think of the Roman Empire daily or weekly (I know, I don't understand it either).



If you are in the New Testament at all in daily Bible reading, chances are, you're thinking about the Roman Empire. It was "in the days of these kings" that God set up a "kingdom which will never be destroyed" (Dan. 2:44). Did you ever ask the question, "why during the Roman Empire?" (See, you're thinking about it!) Here are just a few reasons culturally why this was "the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4):

The Pax Romana. "Roman Peace" governed the largest empire in the world during the time of Christ. It provided a general rest from fear of attacks from barbarians from about 27BC to 180AD. Over two million square miles of territory enjoyed peace, enabled movement between provinces (states), and provided easy freedom of travel (Consider Mary and Joseph going to Egypt after Jesus was born or Paul on his missionary journeys).

An Open Road. In the infrastructure of Rome, there was an estimated 50,000 miles of paved roads (29 highways from Rome). Remember, "all roads lead to Rome" is not just a saying! There were strict rules for building them and they were not done haphazardly. In fact, many of these are still around today. When the disciples were scattered going everywhere "preaching the word" I wonder what they used to move from place to place (Acts 8:4).

A Common Language. Three hundred years before Rome, Alexander the Great of the Greeks did culturally what the Romans did militarily. Alexander spread common Greek throughout the known world that he conquered. Greek was a language no one had problems speaking or understanding in the Roman Empire (Acts 21:37-40). Our New Testament comes entirely in that dead language!

A Starving World. Consider that both Jews and Gentiles were ready at this time for a loving and merciful God to send a Savior. It is our God who chose to be born of a poor Jewish family and to provide the gospel power of salvation to both Jews and Gentiles (Rom. 1:16)! Even when persecution began, the church so valued the gospel, that they continued to flourish because their hope in Jesus provided a peace that no other Kingdom ever would or could!

— Andy Baker

Upcoming
EVENTS

- **March 9**—Men's Day with Vance Hutton
- **March 10**—Friends & Family Day with Tim Orbison

OUTREACH TOOLS

Last Sunday morning in the sermon, we focused on the importance of sharing the gospel with others. "The implanted word is able to save our souls" (James 1:21). We are in possession of many tools which can help us speak with others about Christ. Please see the displays in the foyer and also look for a pocket-sized Bible reference booklet in the back. As we mentioned in the sermon, the church is indeed a "lifeboat" and millions are drowning in sin and heading toward destruction (I Tim.6:9).



EVERY MONDAY

Food delivery is a good work which can involve several members. Every Monday, about 4 p.m., a nice meal is prepared and delivered to different people who need some additional encouragement. If you can help prepare or deliver this meal, please see Beth James.

WHAT ABOUT THAT LAND OF REST?

Last Sunday evening, we stressed longing for that heavenly land of rest. Note the following ideas:

- We will rest in a new body (Phil.3:21). We strain and groan in this present mortal body (2 Cor.5:2-4), but a body much better awaits the faithful.
- We will rest in a new environment (Rev.21:4). In that land, there will be no more tears, death, crying, mourning or pain.
- We will rest in a new and enhanced relationship with God (I John 3:2,3). We will see Him even as He is.
- We will rest in a new and higher level of joy (Psalm 16:11). At the Lord's right hand, there are pleasures forevermore.
- We will rest in a new level of service. We will rest from our earthly labors (Rev.14:13) and be renewed in many more heavenly services (Rev.7:15).

OVERCOMING FEAR

How do we overcome the fear of sharing the gospel?

Remember this is a crisis. Those who do not obey will meet the vengeance of God (2 Thess.1:8). A firefighter will push fear aside and save the person in the burning building (cf. Jude 23).

Remember to do it daily. The more we practice, the more familiar a situation is, the less fear there will be (Luke 9:23).

Remember to grow in love. Perfect love removes fear (I John 4:17,18). The more we love like God, the less fear we will have.



REMEMBER THE TRAVELERS

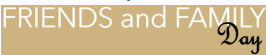
Be sure to remember our CYC group who will be traveling back from Pigeon Forge today. This annual youth retreat provides Bible-based lessons and good Christian fellowship for young people who travel from many different areas in the country. Thank you to Jamie and Aaron for driving the bus this year.



FAMILY WEEKEND JUST AROUND THE CORNER

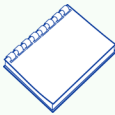
What a great opportunity awaits us in just two weeks! Men's day is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 9. Brother Vance Hutton from Double Springs will teach for the men's sessions. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Our annual Family and Friend Day is scheduled for Sunday, March 10. Brother Tim Orbison from Gurley, Alabama will be our guest preacher. Services for Family Day will be 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 2 p.m. A congregational lunch will be enjoyed as well. This weekend provides the opportunity to renew ourselves in the Lord and invite friends and family members to be join us in worship.



TRAINING SESSION REPORT

Last Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m., our young men enjoyed a period of Bible learning. We discussed the importance of building on the foundation of Jesus (cf. I Corinthians 3:11). Preston Grover led the boys in the song – The Wise Man Built his House Upon the Rock. We then reviewed the seven parts of the Biblical foundation. Plus, we played with the Jenga blocks, which impresses upon us the importance of a foundation. Finally, the boys briefly discussed the upcoming devotional at the Arley church of Christ, Sunday evening, March 3.



THE BOOKLET AND THE LIST

Please look on the back table for a booklet containing brief devotionals regarding the weekly communion. These articles were compiled by our brother Wiley Dean. They are helpful for men leading the communion and are useful for anyone desiring to think a little more broadly on the death of Jesus. Please sign the list next to the booklet if you would like a copy. We plan to make several copies of the booklet soon.