

# MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# MESSENGER

*“Every member a STUDENT, a SERVANT, a SOWER, and a STEWARD”*

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

Rev. David Hall

### SUMMER SCHOOL AT MIDWAY

When you receive this, schools will be out!! Can't you just hear that great reformed theologian singing, "School's out for the summer." Maybe not.

I am such a creature of habit that I still am trained to think of summer as a different season for learning. Some of you will be bringing your children to our Library for Children's Story Time, and others will relax at a beach or mountain cabin with a great book. While you're at it, please enjoy our every expanding list of titles in our Church Library and from our bookstore. Librarian Joyce Talley is doing an absolutely fantastic job.

We will have several new studies launching soon. In evening worship in June, I will begin preaching through the Old Testament classic, 1 Samuel. Join us in evening worship (see last month's cheer for participation in evening worship) for this study. And if you have not been regularly participating in evening worship, why not begin in June when the children are out of school?

In the mornings, in early June I will conclude our series on Acts and move into Romans from there. Our opening studies in Romans 1 will discuss the "gospel of God" before moving ahead to a verse-by-verse exposition of that. Do invite your friends and bring your Bibles for a study of this life-changing material.

And also join us for the special Sunday School Class below, beginning June 6.

There's no shortage of opportunities to learn and grow.

### GUEST PREACHERS

This summer, we have two of the finest preachers in the world passing through. In our pulpit **June 20** (evening and morning) will be Dr. Joel Beeke, who was here for the PCRT conference in 2008. Put this date on your calendars. Then on **July 11**, we'll have the Welsh Baptist pastor, Rev. Geoffrey Thomas in our pulpit. You'll benefit from both of these excellent pastors. Put these dates down for a treat.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL ON JOYFUL PRAISE IN WORSHIP

For six weeks this summer, several Sunday School classes will combine for a 6-week series on "Joyful Praise in Worship." I will be leading (with the assistance of Judy Dodd) a biblical study of the role of hymns and psalms in worship. We will also practice and learn some new songs. Along the way, Judy Dodd will acquaint us with some great hymnwriters, and we will deepen our understanding of why we worship as we do. Join us in the choir loft **June 6-July 11**. This will not be a boring time; I promise.

# *Music Ministry / Diaconate*

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## MUSIC CAMP 2010

June 7-11  
9:00a.m.-12:00 noon

It's back! Plans for Music Camp 2010 are under way. The Music Camp faculty is VERY excited about all we will be doing this year. The camp is for rising K5-12<sup>th</sup> graders, and is for all kids, music lovers or not! The purpose of the camp is to instill an understanding of the role of music in worship, a love for hymns and the psalms, and the musical literacy necessary to be an active participant in the musical elements of worship.

Each day will begin with an assembly under the leadership of Rev. Marc Harrington. Following the assembly, the children will be divided into four sections: Descant (K4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Melody (3-5), Harmony (6-8), and Counterpoint (9-12). We will have sessions in music theory, sight-singing, handbells and choir. Campers will need to be picked up at 12:00 noon Monday through Thursday. On Friday, all campers are invited to a pizza party following the last morning session, and will need to be picked up at 12:30 that day. All drop-off and pick-up will be at the back of the church under the portico. On Sunday evening, June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Music Camp Ringers and Singers will be a part of the 6:00 worship service.

A new feature of this year's camp will be Bach's Lunch. This session will occur Monday-Thursday from 12:00-1:00 p.m., is **optional**, and is open to **middle and high school students only**. Those who wish to participate will need to bring their own "Bach's" lunch. Drinks will be provided. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and cover a little music history while we dine.

Look for the Music Camp Registration form in the bulletins during the month of May. Forms will also be available in the Adult Choir room. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Plan to attend, and bring a friend!

### *Report from the Diaconate*

	April-10	Year to Date
Undesignated Receipts	\$84,458.98	\$374,799.79
Over / (Under) Budget	(\$43,467.52)	(\$136,906.21)
Missions over and above	\$1,040.00	\$4,019.00
Ministries & Misc.	\$4,660.11	\$15,544.09
Expenses	\$137,403.07	\$525,976.55
(Over) / Under Budget	(\$25,051.57)	(\$29,720.55)
Cash on Hand (less restricted funds)	\$100,508.35	
Building Fund	\$4,237.00	\$41,859.00
Building Fund Since Inception		\$7,334,199.00
Daughter Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Daughter Church (Since April 2003)		\$13,380.00

# Missions

## MIDWAY-SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

Stanley and Donna Armes - MTW, South Africa  
stan.arnes@gmail.com  
Peter and Diane Bakelaar - MTW, Japan  
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David and Stacy Bergmark MTW National Associate – Sweden  
dbergmark@gmail.com  
Chris and Jen Bowen – RUF Kennesaw State University  
cbowen@ruf.org; www.ksuruf.org  
Benji & Ester Campbell  
David and Sue Cunningham - MTW, Australia  
Rob and Angie Edwards - RUF, University of Georgia  
Alan and Chinglien Fiol - MTW, Taiwan  
Dan and Rebecca Gregoire – MTW, Slovakia  
Tim and Lois Hunter - WBT Nigeria  
Gary and Linda Johnson – MTW, Sweden  
Scott and Tracy Ketrow - CCC, Italy  
Dale and Nancy Knudson - MTW, Cambodia  
Albert & Jennifer Kona – MTA, Albania  
Endi and Kati Kovacs - CRM, Hungary  
John and Kathy Lesondak - MTW, Slovakia  
Steve and Ann Lutz – SIM  
Tim and Nicole - Restricted, Europe  
David and Jill Martin - MTW, Ukraine  
Demetrios Marmaras - PEF, Greece  
Mike and Robin McMahan - MTW, Ecuador  
Bob and Patty Meredith - NAV, Kenya  
Harry and Julie Miller - PEF, Atlanta/Bulgaria  
Wayne and Amy Newsome - MTW, Japan  
Young and Soon Park - MTW, South Korea  
Andy and Sue Peck - WBT, Orlando  
Clay and Darlene Quarterman - MTW, Ukraine  
Palmer and Joanna Robertson - ABU, Uganda  
Guillermo and Jeannie Salinas - PEF, Mexico  
Chuck and Wyema - Restricted, Europe  
Roger and Dianne Smalling - MTW, Latin America  
John and Liz - Restricted, West Africa  
Jan – Restricted, Europe  
Linda Summer - PEF, The Agape Puppets  
Jim and Catalina Tate - MTW, Ecuador  
Johan and Stephanie Van Der Westhuizen, MTW  
Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher - MTW, South Africa  
Becky White - MTW, Taiwan  
Linda Wixon - MTW, Japan  
Steve and Kathy Womack – WBT, Waxhaw / Africa  
Pat Wood - PEF, Freedom Ministries  
Roy and Kristy – Restricted, Asia

### Mission Organizations supported by Midway

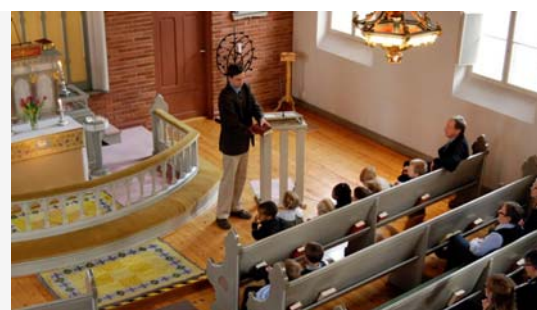
ABU -- African Bible University  
CCC -- Campus Crusade for Christ  
CRM-- Church Resource Ministries  
MTW -- Mission To the World  
MIA - Missions to Albania  
NAV - The Navigators  
PEF - Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship  
Restricted – due to sensitive ministry  
RUF - Reformed University Fellowship  
SIM - Serving in Mission  
WBT -- Wycliffe Bible Translators

Summer is an exciting time for missions as short term teams spread out over the world in fulfillment of Christ's command to go into all the world and make disciples. Yesterday we commissioned two teams during the morning service. Chris and Jen Bowen are leading a group of RUF students to Kenya, and the other 12 people from Midway will be traveling to Albania to minister. Scott, Laura, and Lexi Keesee will spend most of their summer in Albania ministering alongside of Midway supported missionaries

Bertie and Jenny Kona. A team consisting of Sandy Burton, Katie Burton, Kim Burton, Matt Ross, Marc Harrington, Caitlin Attaway, Heidi Pritchett, Ruth Dewhurst, and Phoebe Pritchett will be going to Albania late in June to join the Keesee's and Kona's in ministry. Please remember these individuals by name in prayer as they participate in these trips.

After the morning service we had an excellent missions luncheon prepared by Debbie Taylor and Dena Clapp. Thank you to all who attended and helped to support our Albania ministry this summer.

Our June missionaries of the month are David and Stacy Bergmark. David is the pastor of a church plant in Tranas, Sweden. David and Stacy have three adopted children.



David teaching the Children on Sunday

The church in Tranas welcomed 5 adults and 2 children as new members in March which was a great encouragement to them. Please pray for continued growth in the Tranas church and a potential new church plant in Stockholm. Please pick up one of the bookmarks that will be available in your Sunday school class to learn more about the Bergmarks and how to pray for their ministry.

### Prayer Requests

Please pray for the Gregoire's as they are moving from Trnava to Kosice to continue their language training. Pray especially for their six children during this time of transition.

Pray for the Agape Puppet team as they continue their busy summer travel schedule.

Pray for the Wannemachers in South Africa as they begin their one year home ministry time.

Pray for the Salina's in Mexico as they try to sell their home.

Pray for the Bakelaars as they minister at the Nisshin church plant in Japan. Pray for conversion and spiritual growth of the men at the church. They have 21 men attending regularly which is very encouraging in a Japanese church.

Jim Wolff  
For the Missions Committee

# Announcements

*Thank You!*

“The Joy of the Lord is our Strength”

The Chumley & Winch families find much joy in our Midway Church family. All of you have shown such love and care for us during the loss of my dad. My parents would have celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. They are both an inspiration. My dad was one I aspire to be like when I grow up! Special thanks to the ladies that served up the Fabulous food at the reception. Words cannot describe the sense of comfort knowing we did not have to worry about how to feed all family who came.

“God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort”

In Him,

Melissa Chumley & Jackie Winch



Dear Midway Family,

Thank you for all your expression of love over the last several days. God’s timing is always perfect! I’m overjoyed that I could take care of my Mom until her passing.

A special thank you to all who reached out to her during her 15 years here in Georgia.

Much Love,

Sandy Burton & Family

## Todd Allen Scholarship Fund

Remember as we approach Father’s Day, a great way to honor the men in your family is to make a contribution in their honor or memory to the Todd Allen Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to Midway PCA with Todd Allen Scholarship fund noted in the memo field.



### CHURCH-WIDE COOKOUT Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs. This will be a time of fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to [church.office@midwaypca.org](mailto:church.office@midwaypca.org).

Dear Good News Club **Team**,

WE HAVE LOVED THE EXPERIENCE KAI HAS HAD FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THUR AFTERNOONS. You have taken time to teach, mentor, train, disciple & *listen* (which is so important to Kai - he has a lot to say) to our son. We are greatly appreciative.

My husband is a student ministries pastor in Smyrna, and we have other work related plans tomorrow unfortunately. We pray that the partnership with Still is able to continue... for years to come.....

Eventhough Kai is able to be at many church sevicees and classes, this was a very unique opportunity for him to just be "another" kid learning about the Lord. He did not have the pressures of being the "pastor's kid" at GNBC as we called it (play on CNBC that he thought was cool..)

What an awesome and incredible tool for reaching into the community surrounding Midway.

Our church in Smyrna is next door to Griffin Middle School, and just around the stop sign from King Springs Elementary. We are partners in Education with Campbell HS as well as Osborn HS and Griffin MS, but this has sparked an interest for the children's area to look into partnering with one of the elementary schools near the church as well.

Again,

thank you for every, every extra minute of time you took to prepare, teach, and pray for the students at Still. Kai had two underchurched friends who would have come with him weekly to GNBC ~ but they both had CRCT tutoring every Thursday. There is always next year....

Sincerely,

Phill, Missy, Kai & Kalan (4 yr old brother who took longer naps on Thursdays ~ following 10:00pm Wed. nights @ our church ~THX to GNBC )



## Sip and See Brunch

Please join us to celebrate the birth of Kechia and Zac Magee’s baby boy, Willis Blaine Magee, at a Baby Shower on June 19 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Kechia would like to collect children’s books for Will. His room is decorated in blue plaid and yellow.

## ***Library / Bookstore***

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### **News from the Library: great new titles now in the library:**

The living Paul: An Introduction to the Apostle's Life and thought by Anthony Thiselton

How to Care for Your Pastor by Kent Philpott

The Devotional Life of the Sunday School Teacher

A Sure Guide to Heaven by Joseph Alleine

Concise Theology by J. I. Packer

Conversational Evangelism by N. and O. Geisler

And in fiction:

Deeper Water by Robert Whitlow

Heart's Awakening by Delia Parr

The Sword by Bryan Litfin

### **Bookstore News---this month we have some great titles for the Dads and Granddads in your life!**

The Legacy by Pastor Steve Lawson--read Elder Wes Richardson's review of this excellent book

The Family Worship Book by Terry Johnson. An invaluable resource for fathers leading their families in worship.

A Father's Gift by Kenneth Wingate--Lessons from Proverbs for parents.

For Men Only by Jeff and Shaunti Feldhahn---how to understand the women in your life!

Give the men in your life a gift that will enrich their lives for years to come.

**A STORY TIME** for 4 and 5 year olds will be held in the church library on Wednesdays in June and July, at 10:00 A. M., this summer. Join us for a fun time hearing great stories for great kids! Moms, please plan to stay in the library with your little one. For more information, or to volunteer, please call Joyce Talley at 770-499-8145.

## ***OUR NEW BOOKSTORE BOOK REVIEW***

“THE LEGACY” by Dr. Steven J. Lawson

ATTENTION DADS!!! With the month of June having a day that honors Dads, in spite of our shortcomings, I wanted to share with you a powerful book that I just finished reading. My daughter obtained it at our Spring Enrichment Conference for her husband and it is still available in our new 2 Timothy 2:15 Bookstore. I plan on buying copies for my other sons, as their generation faces even more difficult and different struggles than I did. May it prove beneficial to all who read this book.

The author, Dr. Steve Lawson, is upfront in saying that everything he has to say will come straight from the Bible. He believes that the scriptures are the inspired Word of God and as such, they are timeless and eternal. The Bible is more up to date than tomorrow's newspaper. Through the pages of His word, God is still speaking today to every dad, so we need to discover what God has to say and put it into daily practice.

As the title implies, the theme of the book is about leaving a legacy...a spiritual legacy...to your children. This will be the lasting influence that each father passes down and will be of more significance than any monetary amount that you may give. Each dad needs to leave behind solid values of Godliness and love and the virtues of respect and discipline and the qualities of obedience and hard work. Dr. Lawson uses scripture to show you how to accomplish these goals.

When you begin to read “The Legacy” you may think, “I've already blown it with my children...it is too late”. Dr. Lawson assures you that failure is never final as long as there is the grace of God. Nothing is impossible with God helping us.

It has been said that the job of fathering is the one job that you begin with no experience and by the time you figure it out your children are grown and gone. As a dad with grown children who are “mostly” gone and the granddad of a rapidly expanding tribe, let me encourage you to get this book and pray for yourself to practice those biblical truths that will give YOUR children and grandchildren a legacy far more valuable than silver and gold.

You will find this treasure of a book in our new bookstore that is located within our library. Share it with others and encourage each other to put into practice the helps offered for the greatest job that each of you will ever have.

Happy Father's Day to each of you,  
Wes Richardson

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