

MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Rev. David Hall

SPRING ENRICHMENT SERIES WITH STEVE LAWSON, APRIL 16-18

Our church has another incredible opportunity ahead of us with our Spring Enrichment Series, **April 16-18**; please put those dates on your calendars now. Our guest speaker is one of the finest expositors of Scripture in our country, Dr. Steven Lawson, Sr. Pastor of Christ Fellowship Baptist Church in Mobile, AL. Dr. Lawson (besides being the star quarterback of Ann Hall's high school in Memphis!) is a graduate of Texas Tech, Dallas Seminary, and Reformed Theological Seminary. He is a frequent speaker at Ligonier Conferences—why pay to hear him in June when he'll be in your home church in April?—Shepherd Conferences (John MacArthur), and many others.

He is a leading pastor, a father of four grown children, and the author of many books, including *The Expository Genius of John Calvin* and a line of popular books on Christian leaders.

Look for the complete schedule and posters with all session times soon. But reserve these dates to hear an outstanding preacher, whose series of very practical messages will be: “Following Our Good Shepherd.” We look forward to sharing Steve and his ministry with you.

Many things are always perking at Midway. New ministries are beginning, intensity in missions is growing, and our church is increasing in its joy and praise in regular worship. Please see the description of a great scholarship fund that has just begun and a report from David Westall's recent short term trip to Haiti.

TODD ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In November Midway established the Todd Allen Scholarship Fund for Pastoral Studies. This Fund is administered by a Board of Trustees under the oversight of the Session. The purpose of this designated fund is to assist Midway men who are called to preach the Gospel in completing the Master of Divinity degree. Midway currently has six men enrolled in seminary, all of whom have families to support. Because of their responsibilities to their families, these men can afford to enroll only for a limited curriculum. Consequently, the time it will take to complete seminary and begin pastoral ministry is prolonged. With adequate support this scholarship fund will come alongside and assist approved Applicants to complete their degree sooner.

Reverend Allen, who has served the Lord for over 50 years, persevered through seminary while supporting and raising a family. This Fund is named in his honor because of his example and in the hope that many will be inspired to enable more fine men to enter the Gospel ministry.

The Trustees have a goal of raising at least \$100,000 to begin assisting Applicants. We are hopeful that Midway members will generously support the Todd Allen Scholarship Fund. Please know that the Session has established stringent criteria for Applicants - so that financial support will only be provided to men who continue to evidence a call to preach and who are progressing diligently to a Master of Divinity degree.

Please consider supporting the Todd Allen Scholarship Fund for Pastoral Studies - through periodic gifts, memorial gifts, annual contributions, or through any other plan of giving that you may choose. Members could also make a testamentary bequest through a will. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Trustees, who are currently David Hall, Marc Harrington, Jeff Talley, Scott Keese, Ken Dewhurst, and John Garmon.

Pastor cont. / Music Director

HAITI MISSION REPORT

This report is made for the purpose of informing the Midway members about the short term mission trip to Haiti in early February.

The primary purpose of this mission to Haiti was to bring much needed medical supplies to the orphanage supported by RHI. Also a large amount of food was purchased in Santo Domingo to bring into Haiti. A third focus of the mission was to bring encouragement to the orphans and the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Haiti.

The church plant/orphanage is located on the north side of Port-au-Prince. I witnessed the massive destruction throughout the area which was astounding. The buildings and schools I remember from my last visit were now just piles of rubble. I saw where a school not very far from the Church Plant had collapsed killing approximately 200 children and teachers. It was very disturbing to learn no bodies were recovered and the rubble would suffice as a mass grave.

There was also a building I visited on my last trip which has been completely destroyed. The 60 people inside were not recovered, and again another mass grave.

The children of the orphanage were happy to see us, but noticeably more quiet and withdrawn than on my previous visit. I was impressed by how well they were now speaking English. Furthermore, it was clear the older children had assumed leadership positions at the church plant and were like lieutenants in charge of a platoon.

We spoke to the children and had meaningful interactions with them throughout the evening on Saturday.

On Sunday we attended church services with a congregation that lost almost half of its members. Pastors Alan Lutz and Martin Hawley preached the service. Pastor Hawley got extremely ill during the service, and remained ill throughout the remainder of the mission.

After lunch I taught the children how to play the great American game of dodge ball with soccer equipment that we brought with us. We played for about three hours and the children enjoyed the time as did I.

We were able to cross borders without any difficulties, and were able to avoid any excessively dangerous situations.

Midway provided support through the donation and purchase of medical supplies. Money was also given in support of the purchase of food for the orphans. MCCS students wrote letters and made cards which were received with great thanks.

The new well is working great and the church is providing water to people in the community as a mercy ministry.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information on RHI.

Semper Fidelis, David Westall

From the Music Director. . .

“. . . And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19.

In March of 2009, my newsletter article was about The Agincourt Carol, known today by the title “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!” My intent was for us to learn this hymn last year, but that project never got off the ground. So I thought I’d try again this year. Following is the brief history of this hymn I shared with you last year.

The Agincourt Carol, or Agincourt Hymn, is a beautiful hymn with an interesting history. In the year 1415, King Henry V of England waged a battle against Charles VI of France in the Pas-de-Calais region of France. When the victorious King Henry returned to London, a celebration was staged, and this hymn was sung. The original words recounted the battle itself, giving praise to God for His grace and protection. The “newer” words, which are published in our Trinity Hymnal (#155), are from a 15th century Latin hymn, translated by Benjamin Webb in the 1800’s. The text outlines the life of Christ, from his birth through his death and resurrection. The final verse gives praise to the Trinity.

O love, how deep, how broad, how high! How passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals’ sake!

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast, and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew, for us the tempter overthrew.

For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed; For us he bore the cross’s death, for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All honor, laud, and glory be, O Jesus, virgin-born, to thee; whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost, forevermore.

During the next few weeks, Midway Ringers and our adult choir will present this hymn to you in bell and choral formats. Be listening! I look forward to hearing this hymn sung by this congregation.

Missions

MIDWAY-SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

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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

Last month I wrote on the theme “because you took action”. This month I am happy to share with you the results of two recent actions taken by Midway in support of our missionaries. At our January Missions Committee meeting it was decided to divide \$5200, that the congregation had given specifically for missions, between two projects. One project was Rev. Sebastian Heck’s effort to secure a meeting place for their newly planted church in Heidelberg, Germany and the other was for earthquake relief for Re-

formation Hope in Haiti. We have heard back from both ministries about the blessings that our giving helped to bring about. I have excerpts from these reports below.

Sebastian Heck wrote the following: “I just returned from signing the lease agreement on the Landfried Complex Property. From the first time I laid my eyes on this building in September '09 until today, the Lord has proven His faithfulness and provision in amazing ways! I could tell you story upon story of amazing things that fell into place by God's sovereign and masterful providence! (Most recently, I put up a sign outside my current office "For Rent!" - and within 24 hours I found a new tenant willing to take over my lease agreement.)

It was with fear and trembling that I signed on the dotted line, but also with much trust in the Lord's future provision for His small flock in Heidelberg.

We also have a date for the dedication and first worship service. The Lord willing, it will take place on April 18, 2010.

As always, we thank the Lord for your partnership in the ministry. By your support and prayers, you become an essential part of the Lord's work of Reformation here in Germany!”

Rev Jean Paul used the money provided through the giving of the Midway congregation and others to dig a well at the orphanage so that they would have an ongoing supply of water.

He writes: “Jesus is the living water, if anyone drinks from His water, not only will he never be thirsty again, but he will never die. Praise to Jesus our King forever. Greetings my friends, I am blessed to be able to write to you today to send you some pictures. I also want to report to you that our water distribution is one of the most efficient ways of spreading the good name of our King, Jesus Christ. We now serve an average of 4000 people per day with our good, plentiful water, We were blessed by Water Mission, an American agency working in Haiti, who help provide treated water. They came and inspected our well and they gave us a chlorinator and a pool to treat our water. By the grace of the Lord, we are now able to give drinkable water to more than 4000 poor people a day and we are talking about people that only Jesus can give free water to! May the Lord bless all of you for helping us bring lasting hope to Haiti.”

Let’s praise God together that through Midway’s action the Gospel is being spread in Germany, Haiti, and many other places around the world.

Jim Wolff

For the Missions Committee

Announcements

*Bridal Shower-Brunch
in honor of
Miss Amanda Bartlett
(fiancée of Mr. Andrew Hall)*

*Saturday, April 3
10:00 a.m.
in the fellowship hall*

*All ladies are cordially invited to
join us for this event.*

*Amanda and Andrew are registered
at Macy's, Target, Belk, and Pottery
Barn.*

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*Mark your calendars and save  
Saturday, July 24, 2010  
for the Bartlett-Hall wedding.*

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**The Family of**

**Mr. Clyde Hugh "Buck" Kemp, Jr.**

**gratefully acknowledges  
your kind expression of sympathy  
to our family.**

**Our sincere thanks to the many wonderful  
people of Midway and this community for  
your love, support, and prayers over the  
past months of extreme hardship for Dad  
and our family. We are truly blessed.**

**"Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee, God  
wanted me now, he set me free."**

**Sincerely,  
Carolyn Kemp  
Jenni Kemp Gross  
Tommy and Vivian Kemp**

## **Midway Covenant Christian School**

We are now accepting student applications for our K4-3 day program and K4-5 day program. Both of these classes are held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Student must be 4 years old by September 1, 2010.

Also, we have openings in our 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Those classes meet from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

K5 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are currently full but we do keep a waiting list of up to 10 students.

Call the school at 770-590-1866 or visit our website at [www.midwayschool.com](http://www.midwayschool.com).

## **HELP WANTED!!**

*Anyone interested in subbing for the school janitor,  
on an as needed basis please contact Henry Moore  
at 770-789-7798.*

# Nursery Ministry

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## Midway Nursery Ministry Volunteers for Spring 2010

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find someone on this list  
to swap nursery service with you so that our little ones are always well cared for.  
Thank you!*

### MARCH 7

**9:35** Liza Hendrix, Katie Edwards, Mary David, Caron Hobson, Lance & Sonja Cooper

**10:50** Kim, George & Emily Jones, Jennifer Nolan, Lori & Chris Cowley, Rebekah & Michelle, Asa & Aaron Cooper, Emma & Max Jeffries, Sophia & Jeffrey Siewert, Connor & Kate Worley, Charles & Kirt Moore, Leslie Nichols, Kimberly Burton

**5:50** Allie & Katherine Peterson, Julie, Elizabeth & Joseph Bell

### MARCH 14

**9:35** Susan Brookins, Cliff & Christie Cook, Christopher Braaksma, Katy & Ryan Howell

**10:50** Jonathan Jackson, Ann Kistner, Madison Braaksma, Gabe Bostwick, Kendall Butler, Chandler & Whitney Brookins, Sarah & Rachel Howard, Jennifer & Jackson Siewert, Keira & Trevor Hall, Emily Keesee Laura & Lexi Keesee,

**5:50** Barbara Kline, Becky Lewis, Paula Wilson

### MARCH 21

**9:35** Elizabeth Taylor, Joel & Sandy Kroese, John Nichols, Brittany Funk, Catie DeMar

**10:50** Lucy Todd, Grace & Greta Taylor, Amy Griffith, Mattie, Sam Jr, & Mallory Griffith, Zach, Nathan, & Drew Bohannon, Sarah & Anna Dudd, Heather & Anna Kate Cartwright, Mary, Luke & Will Burton, Mary-Grace & Esther Burton, Jocelyn Pharr,

**5:50** Lindsay Moss, Kimberly Smith, Barbara Bokhoven

### MARCH 28 PALM SUNDAY

**9:35** Celise Bell, Doug & Dena Clapp, Dina Dropp, Janice Furlong, Shelley Remington, Betsy Bosak

**10:50** Jeffrey Baxter, Carol DeMar, Sarah Miles, Samantha Clapp, Christina Rodriguez, Richard- Polly Vogh, Katie Wichterman, Sue & Jessica Dudd Taylor Nichols

**5:50** Julie & Leah Knox, Angela Crouse Michael & Katherine Matthews

### APRIL 4 EASTER

**9:35** Gail Griffin, Mary Katherine Keel, Jeremy & Theresa Fix, Bob Tango

**10:50** Chris Cowley, Maggie & Sarah Eller, Terri & Melody Kayler, Becca Leslie, John & Brandi Marchant, Allie & Katherine Peterson, Shari & Allison Purdue, Claire & Courtney Pursley, Tammy, Nick & Noah Robertson, Sierra Way

**5:50** Jerry & Becky Blades, Charles & Kirt Moore, Sandra Westerfield

### APRIL 11

**9:35** Alicia Bartlett, Susan Brookins, Ruth Dewhurst, Jeannie Fair, Kim Matthews

**10:50** Chandler & Whitney Brookins, Hanson Ellis Davenport, Ken Dewhurst, Erin Fair, Anna, Libby & Mattie Grace Hankal, Larry & Mary Judy, Michael & Katherine Matthews,

Lee Tebbens, Jennifer & Jackson Siewert,

**5:50** Becky Lewis, Breanna Robinson, Stefanie Smit,

### APRIL 18

**9:35** Lisa Brock, Julie Dykstra, Dan & Karen Widner, Chris Spicer

**10:50** Julie, Elizabeth & Joseph Bell, Bryant & Charles Brock, Tabby & Priscilla Brock, Derek & Amy Spicer, Kimberly Burton, Julie & Leah Knox, Jane McBrayer, Bobbi & Michelle Mitchell, Jennifer Nolan, Jean Ross, Jeffrey & Sophia Siewert,

**5:50** Laura Joseph, Austin & Tyler Joseph, Lindsay Moss

### APRIL 25

**9:35** Lance & Sonja Cooper, Liza Hendrix, Cliff & Christy Cook

**10:50** Sarah Miles, Kim, George & Emily Jones, Anne & Emily Hart Herbert, Leila Chumley, Samantha Clapp, Rebekah & Michelle, Asa & Aaron Cooper, Laura & Lexi Keesee, Ann Kistner, Christina Rodriguez, Gabe Bostwick, Kendall Butler

**5:50** Nancy, Phoebe & Calli Pritchett,

# Youth Calendar / Announcements

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## CALENDAR OF YOUTH

### FALL EVENT:

#### Weekly Events

-Sun. School – 9:45AM

-High School in Youth Assembly

-Middle School in Gym Room

-Wed. Night -7:00 PM

Bible Study - 7:00-8:15 PM

-1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month

(Middle School & High School, Boys and Girls)

#### Monthly

Mar. 13 – Service Day @ TBA

Mar. 14 – MS Grandslam

Mar. 28 – HS Homerun @ Hankal's

Apr. 5-8 – HS Missions Trip – Dalton, GA

Apr. 11 – MS Grandslam

Apr. 25 – HS Homerun @ TBA

Apr.30-May 2 – MS Retreat

May 9 – MS Granslam

May 23 – HS Homerun @ TBA

Please check the Youth Calendar on the Church web page for up to date calendar info:

<http://www.midwaypca.org/youthcal.html>

## UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS:

- **Music Camp** June 7-11<sup>th</sup>
- **Camp Westminster** the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>
- **Vacation Bible School** July 26-30<sup>th</sup>

## *Helping Hands*

If you would like to be on a contact list for “The Helping Hands Ministry” please get in touch with Karen Barnett, at 770-422-0926 or [dkbar-net@bellsouth.net](mailto:dkbar-net@bellsouth.net). You will be notified whenever there is a need in our congregation for meals or practical assistance.

## *Flowers*

There are two opportunities open to our congregation to help beautify our sanctuary during our worship services. One is to provide flowers for our Sunday services during the remaining winter and early spring months. Another opportunity is to purchase an Easter lily plant to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter services. A floral arrangement and/or an Easter lily plant may be given in honor or memory of an individual or special occasion and the names will be printed in our worship bulletin.

To participate in either or both of these ministries of service please sign up on the appropriate sheets located on the WIC table in the hallway (the table with the lamp on it). Starting March 7th look for sign-up sheets for purchasing Easter lily plants circulating in the Sunday school classes. Lilies are \$8 each. Please put cash or check made out to WIC in the attached envelope. For questions call Jane Warner 678-402-1365.

## ***Little known facts about Wednesday Fellowship Dinner.....***

- It is a self-supporting ministry. Money collected purchases food, paper products, linens, etc.
- It is a **volunteer** supported ministry. The dinner coordinators are volunteers; not paid staff.
- It takes 7-8 hours per week to produce a Wednesday Fellowship Dinner (planning, shopping, preparing and cleaning).
- 66% of the volunteers choose to volunteer **EVERY** week.
- There are consistently 250 names on the reservation list each week.
- There are consistently 200 people served each week.
- There are consistently 30 people who do not **cancel** their reservation each week.
- To cancel or make a reservation (or volunteer), call or email Dena Clapp at 770-590-1866 or [dena.clapp@midwayschool.org](mailto:dena.clapp@midwayschool.org).
- Dinner is served from **5:30 – 6:30**. To-go plates should be requested during this time. They can be made when you go through the line to eat, depending on how many hungry people are in line, **OR**, come back by 6:30 to get to-go plates.
- The servers are serving the portions the coordinators tell them to serve based on the number of people for which food has been purchased.
- The servers **do not know** which children are on the reservation list for an adult plate.
- An adult plate is not necessarily a double entrée but usually larger portions of everything.
- Second helpings are **sometimes** available around 6:30 when most everyone has been served.
- For sanitary reasons, please use the **ice scoop** and **touch only one** dessert plate.
- **It is HELPFUL if you take your dishes to the dishwasher as soon as you are finished eating. You can return to your table to visit.** This allows the volunteers to get the dishes done quicker so they can relax, visit or go home early too.
- Even though notes are taken every week to compare how much food is cooked versus how much food is left over (or ran out), it has been determined that preparing just the right amount of food each week is **impossible!!**

## ***Diaconate Report***

|                                      | January-10     | Year to Date  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Undesignated Receipts                | \$78,507.08    | \$78,507.08   |
| Over / (Under) Budget                | (\$49,419.42)  | (\$49,419.42) |
| Missions over and above              | \$0.00         | \$0.00        |
| Ministries & Misc.                   | \$470.00       | \$470.00      |
| Expenses                             | \$107,027.93   | \$107,027.93  |
| (Over) / Under Budget                | \$5,323.57     | \$5,323.57    |
| Cash on Hand (less restricted funds) | \$206,769.47   |               |
| Building Fund                        | \$3,916.00     | \$3,916.00    |
| Building Fund Since Inception        | \$7,234,226.42 |               |
| Daughter Church                      | \$0.00         | \$0.00        |
| Daughter Church (Since April 2003)   | \$13,380.00    |               |

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