

MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Rev. David Hall

A Wonderful Time to be a Preacher

I always tell folks that this season of the year is an absolutely wonderful time to be a preacher. What a privilege to participate in the worship services, to observe the calm beauty of holy worship, to pray with many of God's saints, and to proclaim the glories of Christ's passion and resurrection.

This year will be unique as we enjoy all our Holy Week services in our new sanctuary. Please let me thank you again for your patience during our transitions and for your support of our building endeavors. We believe you'll be encouraged by the following services, and will you please make an effort to invite an unchurched friend or co-worker to one of these services.

- *Palm Sunday Communion*, April 5 at 11:00 AM. Along with children and combined choirs, the sermon will be on the suffering of Christ before we have our first communion in a morning service in our new sanctuary.
- *Maundy Thursday Communion*, April 9 at 7:00 PM. This service is one of the most moving and touching of our services. In contrast to the exhilaration of Easter, the Maundy Thursday service calls us to meditate on Christ's humiliation and sacrifice for us.
- *Easter*, April 12 at 11:00 AM. Join with your families to celebrate the eternal-life-giving resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us also pray that our church will use this first Easter in a new place of worship for outreach.

Some of you have been responding to our call to prayer for these services. We look forward to joyous worship with you and many others at this wonderful time of year. And if you note visitors nearby or someone you don't know, please take an opportunity after the service to welcome visitors.

Thank you for participating in the ministry by prayer, attendance, and showing hospitality.

Elder Paychecks

The third week of March provided a large payment to your elders. Most folks may not know how elders are paid. They are *not* paid with money, nor are they paid with easy assignments, nor are they paid with compliments. Other than the gratification that comes from knowing that one is serving God, I always tell elders that about the only paycheck they may receive is the feeling of joy as God brings new members to our church and the elders get to hear their personal testimonies.

In one week, your elders got to hear testimonies from 23 different people who joined with our church. Both at the regular monthly meeting of March 16 and on Sunday March 22, your elders had the joy and privilege of hearing young and old, black and white, married and single, southern and not, give their testimonies, take their membership vows, and unite with your church.

We cordially welcome the following into our church:

Rod and Celise Bell
Dan and Angelia Crouse
Ryan and Katy Howell
Hugh and Becky Lewis
Jim and Nannie Sue Millard
Patrick and Jocelyn Pharr
Tim, Tracy, Eli, and Sarah Miller
Mattie, Samuel, and Mallory Griffith
Lindsey Moss
Katie Bedingfield
Richard and Mary Katherine Davenport

I thank God that your elders received their paychecks recently, and more checks will arrive soon. You, too, will have the joy of greeting new members in our Narthex after they are announced. We have to ask in thankfulness, "What will the Lord do through all these new people joining our church as they begin to put their gifts to use?!" How Bout Them New Members!

From the Pastor cont. / Assistant Pastor

“How Bout Them _____”

In the fall, many Georgia football fans can be heard saying, “How bout them Dawgs,” an expression that would not make good grades in a Grammar class but one that shows enthusiasm over some accomplishment, usually by an outstanding football team.

By now (or shortly), folks in church may be overheard saying some of the following:

- “How bout them Pipes!” As our new organ begins to be used in worship, give thanks that God has provided such an excellent instrument.
- “How bout them Steeple Panels.” Many have asked about the arrival and mounting of our steeple, and it should be up by Easter.
- “How bout them Youth!” Pastor Smit has just returned from a middle school retreat with over 30 participating, and we have over 40 high schoolers signed up for summer RYM camp. Many parents are thrilled with the developments in our youth ministry.
- “How bout them Singers!” Our choir is doing a fantastic job leading us in congregational singing and anthems. “Wow!” is the comment that comes from many people.
- How bout them Deacons!” Have you noticed how hard, how willingly, and how sacrificial our deacons are? They are really working hard and doing a great job to facilitate our worship and ministry. We thank God for them.

Could it be that “How Bout Them _____” will be one expression of praise on our lips this April? Be sure to encourage these and others who are doing such a fine job.

Let us praise God together.

CUTTING FLOOR: Calvin on Joshua 7

John Calvin commented on many books in the Bible. His last commentary was on the book of Joshua. At the apex of his insight, I have found his commentary helpful in preparing sermons for our evening sermons. Below are a few tidbits from his commentary on Joshua 7.

(v. 1) “It is well known that weeds creep in stealthily, grow apace and produce noxious fruits, if not speedily torn up. The reason, however, why God charges a whole people with a secret theft is deeper and more abstruse. He wished by an extraordinary manifestation to remind posterity that they might all be criminated by the act of an individual, and thus induce them to give more diligent heed to the prevention of crimes.”

“Nothing, therefore, is better than to keep our minds in suspense until the books are opened, when the divine judgments which are now obscured by our darkness will be made perfectly clear. Let it suffice us that the whole people were infected by a private stain; for so it has been declared by the Supreme Judge, before whom it becomes us to stand dumb, as having one day to appear at his tribunal.”

On Joshua’s prayer in v. 8 (and the notation that some sin was mixed in it), Calvin observes, “We are hence taught that saints, while they aim at the right mark, often stumble and fall, and that this sometimes happens even in their prayers, in which purity of faith and affections framed to obedience ought to be especially manifested.” Calvin cannot fault God for his actions, noting on v. 10: “At the same time we have a rare example of clemency in the fact, that while the condemnation verbally extends to all, punishment is inflicted only on a single family actually polluted by the crime.”

Note: if any of you are interested in following some of the events of Calvin500, be sure to check our blog at www.calvin500blog.org.

News from Assistant Pastor Michael Brock

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining Midway, please let them know about the next scheduled New Member Class which begins April 26 during the Sunday School hour. They can watch for details in the bulletin over the next few weeks.

Please be sure to go out of your way to meet the many new members who have joined Midway. Since you may not know whether or not someone is new to Midway (maybe you went to different worship services when we had two services), you can say simply, “I’m not sure if we’ve met, I’m _____.” Then you can presume they have been members at Midway a long time and say something like, “Have you been at Midway for a long time?” or “I bet you’ve been a member here a long time?” This is better than presuming they are new and then finding out they have been here many years, wouldn’t you agree?

Our Wednesday night activities will not meet the week of Spring Break - April 8. The Crown Financial Ministries DVD series is completed. Adult class options include the Bible Study and Prayer Time with Joe York; also, the Knowing God book study continues with Warren Jackson.

Children's Ministry / Youth Ministry

The Children's Assembly Room: A Work in Progress by Marc Harrington

Over the last two months, many associated with the Midway children's ministry have been working to develop and decorate the new assembly room located downstairs from the sanctuary. A few things stand out in my mind when I think about what a children's room should look like.

First, it should be functional. The sounds and sights in the room should not encumber the activities that take place there. Since the majority of what we do in this space involves teaching, singing and having fun with the children, I'm happy to report that the resounding echo that once accentuated the sounds of children whispering, squirming and fidgeting—to a point that washed out adult voices—has been removed. In place of the youthful echoes, teachers and other adult voices are heard loud and clear. Many thanks to our building committee and generous donors who provided the ceiling tiles that absorb rather than transfer youthful chatter.

In addition, we have two screens up front on each side of the stage where our music and lessons are projected. I'll admit that my first impression of big screens was that of movies and homemade videos used to distract and entertain children. While we hope to occasionally show movies and have fun with the screens, we most look forward to using them to help children learn the great hymns and lessons of our faith. These screens are much more functional (and easier to view) than the old overhead projector I once used. Once again, thank you to all who gave to help make this possible.

A children's assembly room should also tell a story or, at the very least, make a visual impression through pictures—pictures that reinforce a God-centered view of the Church. Gradually we are having scenes from the bible painted throughout the room that emphasize how God revealed Himself to us through the great covenants of scripture. You can already see scenes from creation in the back corners of the room and in a short while you will notice additional scenes that involve God's great acts in history through his covenant representatives: Noah, Abraham, Moses, David and Christ.

And finally, a children's assembly room should be "kid-friendly". There is plenty of room for fun, relaxing, arts, crafts, games and puppet shows or at least there will be when we're done with all we have planned. In the coming weeks you'll notice bean bags, rugs, cushioned mats and a chalk board that will make an already great room even better suited for children.

Throughout this process I have been reminded that all we do should point our people to the great triune God who reveals Himself in the bible. It is my prayer that God will use what we do in the children's assembly to assist parents in building

a solid, biblical foundation in the lives of their children. Drop by and take a look sometime!

Announcements:

- May 16th—Mother-daughter luncheon in the fellowship hall from 12:00-1:30pm
- Music Camp dates June 1st – 5th
- The dates for Camp Westminster this summer are June 7th-12th. For those interested, information is available at the children's ministry table or at www.campwestminster.org. If you are planning on taking advantage of the scholarship contact Marc Harrington before you register.
- This year's VBS dates are July 27th-31st.

Biblical Masculinity

Pastor Joel Smit

This Spring we have started a new study in the High School Sunday School regarding biblical manhood and womanhood. The Bible has a lot to say on how God has made us and what roles we are to fulfill in life. In many ways we are equal and similar, and many ways we are different and distinct. Yet together, both male and female, are a reflection of God, who has made us in His image.

One of the primary roles that I have as a Pastor of youth is to help encourage and support our young men in their spiritual growth and maturity. These young men will be future leaders of families, churches, and even society, so we desire to give them all the resources and training we can before they endeavor on this important task. Last month, I presented an article from Dr. Albert Mohler. Here is another article that was written on qualities that our young men should possess:

When does a boy become a man? The answer to this must go far beyond biology and chronological age. As defined in the Bible, manhood is a functional reality, demonstrated in a man's fulfillment of responsibility and leadership. With this in mind, let me suggest thirteen marks of biblical manhood. The achievement of these vital qualities marks the emergence of a man who will demonstrate true biblical masculinity.

1. Spiritual maturity sufficient to lead a wife and children. *The Bible is clear about a man's responsibility to exercise spiritual maturity and spiritual leadership. Of course, this spiritual maturity takes time to develop, and it is a gift of the Holy Spirit working within the life of the believer. The disciplines of the Christian life, including prayer and serious Bible study, are among the means God uses to mold a boy into a man and to bring spiritual maturity into the life of one who is charged to lead a wife and family. This spiritual leadership is central to the Christian vision of marriage and family life.*

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A man's spiritual leadership is not a matter of dictatorial power, but of firm and credible spiritual leadership and influence. A man must be ready to lead his wife and his children in a way that will honor God, demonstrate godliness, inculcate Christian character, and lead his family to desire Christ and to seek God's glory. Spiritual maturity is a mark of true Christian manhood, and a spiritually immature man is, in at least this crucial sense, spiritually just a boy.

2. Personal maturity sufficient to be a responsible husband and father. Christians often speak of raising boys to be men. In the face of today's cultural onslaught, this is an important goal. However, it is just not enough. Biblical manhood is always defined in terms of functions, roles, and responsibilities. True masculinity is not a matter of exhibiting supposedly masculine characteristics devoid of the context of responsibility. In the Bible, a man is called to fulfill his role as husband and father. Unless granted the gift of celibacy for gospel service, the Christian boy is to aim for marriage and fatherhood. This is assuredly a counter-cultural assertion, but the role of husband and father is central to manhood. Boys must be raised to see themselves as future husbands and fathers. They must be taught what to look for in a godly wife and how to fulfill all of the responsibilities that Scripture invests in a husband and father. Marriage is unparalleled in its effect on men, as it channels their energies and directs their responsibilities to the devoted covenant of marriage and the grace-filled civilization of the family. Boys must be taught what it means to be a husband, how to respect and honor marriage, and how to earn the respect and confidence of a wife. Similarly, boys must be taught about the responsibilities of fatherhood. Christians must reverse generations of inattention by speaking directly and clearly to boys about their future responsibilities, including the care, training, education, protection, and discipline of children. They must aspire to be the kind of man a Christian woman would gladly marry and children will trust, respect, and obey.

3. Economic maturity sufficient to hold an adult job and handle money. Advertisers and marketers know where to aim their messages--directly at adolescent boys and young men. This particular segment of the population is inordinately attracted to material goods, popular entertainment, sporting events, and other consumer options. The portrait of young manhood made popular in the media and presented as normal through entertainment is characterized by economic carelessness, self-centeredness, and laziness. A real man knows how to hold a job, handle money with responsibility,

and take care of the needs of his wife and family. A failure to develop economic maturity means that young men often float from job to job, and take years to "find themselves" in terms of career and vocation. Once again, an extended adolescence marks a huge segment of today's young male population. A boy must be taught how to work, how to save, to invest, and to spend money with care. He must be taught to respect labor, and to feel the satisfaction that comes from a job well done, and a dollar honestly earned. Too many boys are coddled and entertained, demonstrating a laziness that will be highly detrimental to their future prospects as husband and father. Slothfulness, laziness, and economic carelessness are marks of immaturity. A real man knows how to earn, manage, and respect money. A Christian man understands the danger that comes from the love of money, and fulfills his responsibility as a Christian steward.

4. Physical maturity sufficient to work and protect a family. Unless afflicted by injury or illness, a boy should develop the physical maturity that, by stature and strength, marks recognizable manhood. Of course, men come in many sizes and demonstrate different levels of physical strength, but common to all men is a maturity, through which a man demonstrates his masculinity by movement, confidence, and strength. A man must be ready to put his physical strength on the line to protect his wife and children and to fulfill his God-assigned tasks. A boy must be taught to channel his developing strength and emerging size into a self-consciousness of responsibility, recognizing that adult strength is to be combined with adult responsibility and true maturity.

5. Sexual maturity sufficient to marry and fulfill God's purposes. As a boy develops into a man, he becomes aware of the sexual powers God has put within him. In an age saturated with distorted sexuality, bombarded with sexual stimulation, and confused by unbridled sexual passion, boys must be taught to discipline their sexual energies into anticipation of marriage. Even as the society celebrates sex in every form and at every age, the true Christian man practices sexual integrity, avoiding pornography, fornication, all forms of sexual promiscuity, and corruption. He understands the danger of lust, but rejoices in the sexual capacity and reproductive power God has put within him, committing himself to find a wife, and to earn her love, trust, and admiration--and eventually to win her hand in marriage. Boys must be taught to respect this incredible gift, and to protect this gift until, within the context of holy marriage, they are able to fulfill this gift, love their wives, and look to God's gift of children.

Youth Ministry cont.

Male sexuality separated from the context and integrity of marriage is an explosive and dangerous reality. The boy must understand, even as he travels through the road of puberty and an awakened sexuality, that he is accountable to God for his stewardship of this great gift.

6. Moral maturity sufficient to lead as an example of righteousness. *Stereotypical behavior on the part of young males is, in the main, marked by recklessness, irresponsibility, and worse. As a boy grows into manhood, he must develop moral maturity as he aspires to righteousness, learning to think like a Christian, act like a Christian, and show others how to do the same. The Christian man is to be an example to others, teaching by both precept and example. Of course, this requires the exercise of responsible moral reasoning. Boys will not learn this on their own, but must be taught. True moral education begins with a clear understanding of moral standards, but must move to the higher level of moral reasoning by which a young man learns how biblical principles are translated into godly living and how the moral challenges of his day must be met with the truths revealed in God's inerrant and infallible word. Biblical manhood does not develop in a vacuum. A boy's most important teacher is his dad, and one of a father's chief responsibilities is to instruct and inspire his son into true manhood.*

http://www.albertmohler.com/commentary_read.php?cdate=2005-04-21

To read Part 2:

http://almohler.com/commentary_read.php?cdate=2005-04-22

Youth Dates

April 1 – 1st of RYM Payments Due.

April 6-9: Senior / Junior Trip – Pensacola, FL

April 8 – NO WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES

April 9 – Maundy Thurs. Service – 7PM.

April 19 – Homerun @ The Keesee's

April 26 – Youth Service: Recognizing graduating Seniors, 6PM.

(Reception to follow)

REMEMBER TO SEE OUR NEWLY UPDATED YOUTH

PAGE ON CHURCH WEB SITE:

NOW WITH YOUTH CALENDER!!

<http://midwaypca.org/youth.html>

Music Ministry / Diaconate Report

From the Music Director . . .

As we come to the final two months of this school year, I thought it would be good to remind those involved with the children's and handbell choirs of our upcoming events.

- April 1 Dress rehearsal for *Midway Singers* and *One Accord* in preparation for Palm Sunday.
- April 5 *Midway Singers* & *One Accord* will sing for the 11:00 Palm Sunday service.
- April 8 No rehearsals for children's choirs (Spring Break). Adult choir will rehearse as usual, 7:00 p.m.
- April 9 Maundy Thursday service; adult choir will sing.
No bell choir rehearsal this evening.
- April 26 Handbells will ring for the 11:00 service
One Accord will serve as the choir for the 11:00 service. ***Please note this addition to our calendar!***
- May 13 Dress rehearsal for the Children's and Handbell Choirs Spring Recital, 5:30-6:55. This is the final children's choir rehearsal for this school year.
- May 14 Final Bell Choir rehearsal for this year.
- May 17 Children's and Handbell Choirs Spring Recital, 6:00 p.m.
- May 18 Handbell Choir bell polishing party, 6:30 p.m.

Thank you to all of the singers in our children's choirs. You are doing a great job! Thank you to the parents of our young singers for your support in getting the children to the weekly rehearsals. And last but not least, thank you to the bell choir members for your faithfulness and commitment to this ministry. Please feel free to call me with questions regarding this listing of events for the remainder of our year.



DIACONATE REPORT

	<u>February-09</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Undesignated Receipts	\$143,865.99	\$205,800.55
Over / (Under) Budget	\$13,414.52	(\$55,102.40)
Missions over and above	\$1,826.00	\$5,369.17
Ministries & Misc.	\$500.00	\$1,300.00
Expenses	\$144,441.78	\$270,756.02
(Over) / Under Budget	(\$29,134.72)	(\$40,141.90)
Cash on Hand	\$96,842.57	
Building Fund	\$133,431.32	\$138,789.96
Building Fund Since Inception		\$6,737,057.03
Daughter Church	\$20.00	\$60.00
Daughter Church (Since April 2003)		\$13,300.00

For the Diaconate
In His Service
Christopher Braaksma & Eric Klein

Nursery Ministry

Midway Nursery Ministry

APRIL 5

9:35 Kelly Stout, Shelley Remington, Shannon Howard, Christopher Braaksma, Elizabeth Taylor, Laura Klein, Katie Bedingfield

10:50 Kimberly & Morgan Kennedy, George, Kim & Emily Jones, Kip & Will Howard, Lori & Chris Cowley, Mary Burton, Luke, Will & Mary Grace Burton, Madison Braaksma, Grace & Greta Taylor

5:50 Paula Wilson, Barbara Bokhoven, Emily Hart Herbert

APRIL 12

9:35 Dan & Karen Widner, Cheryl Marsh, Patricia Hall, Janice Furlong, Susan Brookins, Liza Hendrix

10:50 Katie, Maribeth, Christy, & Julia Wichterman, Richard & Polly Vogh, Lee Tebbens, Keira Hall, Lori, Allie, & Katherine Peterson, John, Leslie & Taylor Nichols, Whitney Brookins

5:50 Charles & Kirt Moore, Julie & Leah Knox

APRIL 19

9:35 Carol & Catie DeMar, Bob Tango, Tom & Anna Campbell, Chris Spicer

10:50 Laura Keesee, Melissa Klein, Leila Chumley, Jill & Lucy Barrett, Amy & Sam Griffith & Family, Anna & Sarah Dudd, Denise Monroe, Amy & Derek Spicer

5:50 Julie Bell, Barbara Kline, Michael & Katherine Matthews

APRIL 26

9:35 Becky Jackson, Jeannie Fair, Dina Dropp, Nikki Allen, Mary Katherine Keel

10:50 Tammy Robertson, Nick & Noah Robertson, Jean Ross, Jen Nolan, Heather & Anna Kate Cartwright, Ann Kistner, Max & Emma Jeffries, Samantha Clapp, Anna & Libby Hankal, Maggie & Sarah Eller, Katie & Kimberly Burton

5:50 Jerry & Becky Blades

MAY 3

9:35 Sandy & Joel Kroese, Laura Klein, Julie Dykstra, Lisa Brock, Alicia Bartlett

10:50 Jennifer, Jackson, & Sophia Siewert, Shari & Allison Purdue, Jocelyn Pharr, Brandy & John Marchant, Becca Leslie, Chris Cowley, Brock Family

5:50 Dave & Sandra Westerfield, Kimberly Smith

MAY 10

9:35 Liza Hendrix, Theresa & Jeremy Fix, Cliff & Christie Cook, Susan Brookins

10:50 Kate & Connor Worley, Jeffrey & Paige Siewert, Nicole Neumeier, Larry & Mary Judy, Anne & Emily Hart Herbert, Kendall Butler, Gabe Bostwick, Whitney Brookins, Jeffrey Baxter

5:50 Pritchett Family

MAY 17

9:35 Caron Hobson, Ruth Dewhurst, Lance & Sonja Cooper, Kim Matthews, Kelly Stout

10:50 Bobbi & Michelle Mitchell, Ken Dewhurst, Terri & Melody Kayler, Rachel & Sarah Howard Cooper Kids, Julie, Sarah & Elizabeth Bell

5:50 Laura, Austin & Tyler Joseph

MAY 24

9:35 Shelley Remington, Jennifer Pursley, Shannon Howard, Katie Edwards, Christopher Braaksma, Cheryl Marsh

10:50 Chase Wallen, Kim & George Jones, Emily Jones, Kip & Will Howard, Katherine Godwin, Madison Braaksma, Zach, Nathan & Drew Bohannon

5:50 Claire & Courtney Pursley, Stefanie Smit,

MAY 31

9:35 Karen & Dan Widner, Elizabeth Taylor, Janice Furlong, Doug & Dena Clapp,

10:50 Richard & Polly Vogh, Grace & Greta Taylor, Lori, Allie & Katherine Peterson, Kimberly & Morgan Kennedy, Scott & Samantha Clapp, Mary & Luke Burton, Will & Mary Grace Burton,

5:50 Paula Wilson, Barbara Bokhoven, Emily Hart Herbert

Special People/Special Announcements

Happy Birthday to our Senior Saints!



APRIL

8 – Carolyn Kemp
14 – Buck Kemp
22 – Gay Ottinger

Our expectant families: Kim & Brian Washington, Amber (Magee) & Dan Michael, Jennifer & Bernard Nolan, Linda (Bursi) & Phil Jones, Jenny (Still) & Jeremy Joiner, Paige (Richardson) and Nate Forrester, Liza and Matthew Hendrix, Krystal & Kyle Tigar.

WEEKLY PRAYER TIME FOR MISSIONS has a new location - the Berean Sunday School classroom. We meet each Sunday afternoon at 5:15 to pray through the letters from our missionaries. This a wonderful way to get to know our Midway missionaries and understand God's heart for the lost.

Diaconate Assistance:

The deacons of Midway would like to remind the congregation that they are here to serve church members in need. During challenging times, brothers and sisters in Christ must not forget His command for us to love one another. Whether it's financial assistance needed due to job loss, accident, or illness, Senior Saints needing assistance with home repair or yard work, single parents struggling to make ends meet, or any request for assistance due to other reasons, please do not hesitate to contact a Midway deacon, pastor, or elder to request diaconate aid.

Women in the Church:

*You are encouraged to join us as we study
God's Word . . .*

Weekly Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Meets Tuesday morning at 9:30 for fellowship; lesson begins at 10:00

Location: Fellowship hall classroom

Nursery and ministry program for 4 and 5 year olds

Contact: Sandra Westerfield (770-427-2336)

Lydia Circle

Meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 10:00

Location: Fellowship hall classroom

Nursery and ministry program for 4 and 5 year-olds

Contact: Mary Katherine Keel (678-797-6289)

Ruth Circle

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Location: Parlor

Nursery and ministry program for 4 and 5 year olds

Contact: Ann Tippins (770-427-3607)

Lydia at Night

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30

Location: The home of Kathy Jackson

Contact: Kathy Jackson (770-424-0740)

WIC Spring Gathering

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

All ladies and young women of Midway are invited to the WIC Spring Gathering as we celebrate God's great faithfulness to His people. We will meet Tuesday, April 28th, starting promptly at 7:00pm in the new Fellowship Hall. We will have a catered salad supper and will hear testimony from two of our own ladies, Teresa Bursi and Barbara Kline, on how God has demonstrated His faithfulness in their lives. It will be a great time of fellowship and food; bring a friend! Cost for the meal is \$5; nursery will be available but by reservation only. Mark your calendars; sign-up sheets will be coming soon to the WIC Table and all Sunday School classes.

Missions

MIDWAY-SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

Stanley and Donna Armes - MTW, South Africa
Peter and Diane Bakelaar - MTW, Japan
David and Stacy Bergmark MTW National Associate – Sweden
Roy and Kristy – Restricted, Asia
Benji & Ester Campbell
Ron and Gayle Clegg, WHM-USA/ Eastern Europe
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
Mike and Sheryl – Restricted, Atlanta area
Guillermo and Jeannie Salinas - PEF, Mexico
Jonathan and Kellie Sawtelle - CO, Samford University
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

Mission Organizations supported by Midway

ABU -- African Bible University
CCC -- Campus Crusade for Christ
CO -- Campus Outreach
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

Spring has officially sprung. Every day new green shoots are emerging through the mulch in perennial beds. Spring bulbs delight us with a big burst of color that can catch your breathe like joy. Soon the trees will once again be full of new leaves dancing in the breeze. All of creation seems to sing a new song. Easter would have to come at such a wonderful season of new life.

The gardener must be careful not to be so over come with tasks that need to be done that the enjoyment is lost. Pruning, planting, mulching and so the list goes on. But take time to sit and take in the beauty of God's creation. Psalm 37:4, *Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.* Four times the Psalmist says not to fret. *Trust in the Lord..... Commit your way to the Lord... Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. Wait for the Lord and keep his way.*

Our Midway missionaries can be caught up with both the great ministry needs and the fatigue of even daily tasks in a culture that is not their own. Pray that God would give them fruit for their labors and encouragement from his Word.

The new Midway Missions Missionary Directory is in the proofing stage. This is a wonderful tool for you to use with your family to get to know our missionaries. Pictures, children's names, ministry background, facts on their country, map, flags, updates, praise and prayer requests will all help you get to know them personally and pray more effectively. Working with missions has opened my eyes to the great need for the gospel around the world. And it certainly has helped me with my geography.

We recently heard reports from Patricia Wood, with Freedom Ministries. Pat directs a women's prison ministry based in Atlanta. Also reporting March 29 were Chuck and Wyema. Midway sent a short-term team to the European city where they work last summer. There is nothing quite like helping on the field to give you insight into the need for prayer.

Speaking of short term trips, please be in prayer for Emily Keese, Ryan and Katie Howell as they travel to Chicago for inner city work with an RUF team from Kennesaw State over their spring break.

Midway's World Missions Conference dates are November 6 –8, 2009. Mark your calendars now. You will be blessed by the reports and messages throughout the weekend.

Winter is a necessary season for rest and regeneration. It makes spring all the sweeter when it comes. Likewise Jesus' death and burial were necessary to pay sins penalty. Remember we serve a risen Savior.

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ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE:

SUNDAY

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Nursery ages 0-3)
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship (Nursery for ages 0 – 3)
- 4:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m. - Prayer time for Missionaries in the parlor
- 6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service (Nursery ages 0-3)

TUESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 a.m. - Men’s Early Prayer, Church Office Trailer
- 7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. - Adult Study, Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study