

Words along the way

Ministry Fair Get Plugged In Sunday, April 13, 2014

We have learned from our study of Spiritual Gifts that these gifts naturally guide us toward God's will for us because they grow from within and we feel truly alive when we use them. The more we express our spiritual gifts through actions, the more fully we become who God created us to be.

Our first ever Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2014. One of our core belief statements for Midway Baptist Church is that "Every Member is a Minister." This event will be a very special opportunity for every person to connect with a ministry or task that contributes to our mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community, nation and world. We hope that you and your family will join us on this special day as we celebrate Palm Sunday and the way that each member is part of the body of Christ.



"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

Frederick Buechner

The Ministry Center will be set up with tables that can provide information and opportunities to serve in these areas: Education, Outreach, Missions, Youth, Children, Adults and Administration. Sign-up sheets will be available for your use as well as a commitment card that will be returned at the end of the worship service.

We will not have adult or youth Sunday School Classes on Sunday, April 13th and we will have one combined service of worship at 10:45 a.m. Here is the schedule of events for the Ministry Fair and Palm Sunday service:

- No 8:30 a.m. worship service or adult Sunday School classes
- 9:30 a.m. Gather in the Sanctuary for a time of worship & instruction
- 9:45 a.m. Ministry Fair in the Ministry Center
- Coffee and Donuts will be served in the vestibule
- Children's Sunday School classes & Nursery on regular schedule
- 10:45 a.m. Palm Processional by the Children and special music by the Sanctuary Choir, followed by a message and time of commitment
- 11:45 a.m. Revisit the Ministry Fair for more conversation with tables



RESURRECTION WEEK

SILENT WEDNESDAY: April 16 – All Day

Our normal Wednesday night activities are suspended.

Pastor Steve will devote this day to praying for MBC and its needs. He will be joined by our Deacons at 6:30 p.m. to pray through our MBC church roll. Personal prayer request forms are available on the table in the hallway beside the bulletins. These will be collected and kept confidential, if you so request.

MAUNDY THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL & COMMUNION: Thursday, April 17, Ministry Center (6:30 p.m.)

(Meal menu: Roast pork loin, garlic redskin mashed potatoes, asparagus, carrots, salad, rolls, and Italian crème cake)

On Maundy Thursday, the Fellowship Team will host an agape meal in the Ministry Center. The Deacons will serve families with communion at the end of our meal. All are invited to participate in this special opportunity to share a meal and the Lord's Supper together. We request that families sit together. (Nursery will be provided.)

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (COMMUNION SERVICE): Friday, April 18, Midway Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.

Join us in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for a contemplative service of scripture, song, and reverence as we follow the footsteps of Jesus. We are inviting other churches to join us. Nursery will be provided.

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, April 19, Northside Park (MBC Ministry Center if rain), 3:00 p.m.

One candy egg and bottled water will be provided. Kids will hunt for eggs stuffed with small prizes and coins that they can exchange at a prize table. Age-appropriate goodies for babies and toddlers will also be included.

EASTER SUNRISE COMMUNITY SERVICE: Sunday, April 20, Walter Bradley Park (Midway Christian if rain), 7:00 a.m.

Please come out and support this special service and support our Minister of Worship & Youth, Evan Rowe, as he preaches this special service. (Breakfast following the Sunrise Service at 2nd Christian.)

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES: Sunday April 20, 8:30 a.m. Traditional and 10:45 a.m. Contemporary

Join us at 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the resurrection. Sunday breakfast at 9:30 and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. as usual. (Nursery & Children's Worship provided for both services as usual. No evening activities on Easter)

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
RISEN INDEED!!**

PASTOR'S PIECE

Life full and abundant now and life everlasting in Heaven one day!! Indeed, God's love is stronger than death and we are more than conquerors through God's love for us! Stand amazed! Let the Gospel story sink into your soul! If this resurrection truth is real then there is no reason to fear anything anymore!! (Read Romans 8:18, 28, 37-39 and I John 4:18). So let's celebrate! And, let's serve! "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Remember our Ministry Fair on April 13! Be praying for God to direct you into the service God is calling you into to build up the church/the body of Christ! Your part is vitally important as together we serve in the body of Christ for God's Glory!

Your Pastor & Friend, Steve

WHY DOES THE CHURCH NEED ME?

LETHA DRURY, DEACON CHAIR

We are only weeks away from our first ever Ministry Fair at Midway Baptist! The Ministry Fair will showcase the ministries of our church for you to match with your passion, your call that you have identified through a gift inventory, hearing a sermon or testimony, or best of all, listening to the Holy Spirit calling you to action! We hope that everyone will be with us on April 13th for a very special day.

Each of us has a role to play in the church and every role is important. There is no small service to God; it all matters! Likewise, there are no insignificant ministries in the church. Some are visible and some are behind the scenes, but all are valuable. Every ministry matters because we are all dependent on each other to function as the Body of Christ. If you set on the sidelines as a spectator, the Body suffers.

God is calling you to service far beyond anything you could ever imagine. Just remember these words from Paul's letter to Ephesus:

He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

Ephesians 2:10 (MSG)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 1

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. This is a day designated, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". "so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:6. In reverence of this day, the sanctuary doors will be open from 9:00 – 3:00 for anyone that would like to come and pray.

CHOIR NOTES

The choir has been working hard (in spite of the weather) on an Easter program to be presented during the joint worship service on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 10:45. The program is entitled, "Beneath the Cross" and will include special choir numbers, as well as narrative accounts from some Biblical characters who found themselves observing the crucifixion beneath the cross of Jesus at Calvary. We hope you can join us for this special presentation. In preparation for this program, the choir will be extending their practice time on March 30th to 3:30-5:00 and on April 6th to 3:00-5:00.

CHURCH WORK DAY

We Need Everyone's Help! In preparation for Holy Week services, we will have a CHURCH-WIDE cleaning and work day on Saturday, April 12, starting at 8:30 a.m. We need your help! There will be something for everyone to do. We also need those that are handy to do a variety of odd jobs. Please bring tools, yard tools, and supplies if you are able. Let's all pitch in to help prepare MBC for this special time of year. – Trustees

YARD SALE FOR HAITI MISSION TEAM

Yard Sale (Haiti Mission Team) - April 11-12 - Donations Needed! We need the stuff you don't want anymore! The Haiti Mission Team is looking for donations for our yard sale! Just drop off your items in the ministry center and we will price and organize everything! Got a large item or a big load to donate and no way to get it to the church? Let a member of the Haiti Team know and we can pick it up from you!

BOONEVILLE TRIP

Owsley County Food Place ministers to the physical and spiritual needs in the poorest county in Kentucky and second poorest in the USA. Our next trip to Booneville is April 8, leaving church at 8am and returning about 8pm. We will be delivering Easter baskets and diapers. It is not too late to make donations which are greatly appreciated. For more info, see Iraline Craig or a WMU member.

ON THE
THIRD DAY
HE WILL
• Rise •

BEHIND THE TRACK

The Lamplighter Sunday School Class will go “Behind the Track” on April 3. They invite anyone who would like to join them as they serve and worship. Contact Iraline Craig for more information.

OTHER MINISTRIES

MIDWAY BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY

Midway Baptist Church is member of the God’s Pantry Food Bank Network, a member of Feeding America. The mission of God’s Pantry Food Bank is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources. We are thankful for this association that allows us to purchase substantial quantities of food at a much reduced cost to no cost for commodities we receive.

Midway Baptist Church food bank is open Mon-Friday, 9a.m-1p.m. Anyone in need of food/grocery assistance or who would like more information about our food bank may contact Mary Clanney in the church office (859) 846-4514 or email office@midwaybc.net. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help in this ministry.

BACKPACK MINISTRY TO NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY CHILDREN

What is a backpack ministry? It provides a backpack of food each Friday for the weekend to those children served by the school’s “free or reduced breakfast and lunch program.” Often these children go hungry over the weekends or times of school breaks. Currently, our church is serving 25 students each

week at a cost of approximately \$10-15 per week per child. This is a mission project right here in our community that involves Midway area children who are hungry. Please be praying about how you can be involved and consider donating to this great ministry.

GET YOUR KROGER GIFT CARD TODAY - SEE LETHA IN THE SOUND BOOTH

Help us raise money when you shop at Kroger by simply paying with your Kroger fundraising gift card! Each time you reload money on your card, you are making a donation toward the MBC Building fund. Working together, we will quickly achieve our goal. We receive 4% for every \$5,000 spent! Please keep reloading. (Every little bit helps—groceries, fuel, pharmacy, etc.) MBC Office also has cards.

INFORMATION FROM OUR CHURCH TREASURER

An additional option is now available for your regular giving via Automatic Transfers. If you are interested in this method of giving, which automatically transfers an amount you designate from your bank account directly to the church the same time(s) each month, please contact our church treasurer, Kendra Harvey at kendrah09@hotmail.com

Visit MBC’s calendar at <http://2700398.view-events.com>

WALKING GROUP

April 9-May14
Starting Wednesday night, April 9th, there will be a group of people taking weekly walks around Midway following the fellowship meal. Please feel free to join this social group to share in conversation and fitness. See Joy Hadden or Cody Davidson.

CELEBRATE!

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Trayner ♥
- 2 Larry Craig
- 4 Erin Taylor McQueen
Tressie Hird
- 5 Maxine Gilkison
- 6 Catherine Comley
- 7 Abigail Shelton
- 8 Kelley Eaves
- 9 Jenna Atwood
Joy Hadden
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Hayes ♥
- 10 Parker Craig
- 11 Kaye Hall
- 12 Kyleigh Davis
- 14 Abigail Fowler
Lauren Craig Rader
- 15 Alejandro Pantoja
- 17 Wendy M Enneking
- 18 Madalyn Campbell
Marilyn Rigney
Tyler Berndt
- 20 Bill Evans
Josie Turner
- 21 Quinten Webster
- 22 Dan Elkin III
- 23 Myron Dartt
- 25 John Hall
Katie Miller
Taylor Emerson
- 26 Piper McCoun
Tim & Gail Popovitz ♥
- 27 Jaxson Bugg
Chad & Kristy Royalty ♥
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sames ♥
- 28 John Lander
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Nalis Giles ♥
- 30 Christopher Baldwin
Kayla Hayes

KID'S "CATCH UP" CORNER

Here's your chance to "catch up" on what's happening with the children of MBC! by Andrea Ball

CURRENT EVENTS

Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 – Group Publishing's FaithWeaver Sunday School curriculum is used in conjunction with the KidsOwn Worship Children's Worship curriculum so that children who attend Sunday School will have the opportunity for the Bible point they just learned to be reinforced when they come to Children's Worship.

Children's Worship:

Sundays during 10:45 Worship with Andrea and Kayla and at 8:30 with Kayla

Children's Resound: Loving God Out Loud Through Music and Missions. Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45. Please join us as we continue to learn about CBF Field Personnel who help Karen refugees in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Eddie will also be teaching the kids signs to go with a song that we're learning and planning to share during worship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

Children's Sunday: On Sunday, April 27th, the children will participate in and lead the worship service in a variety of ways. The children's artwork will be displayed, and they'll lead us in praising God through song, prayer, and drama. Preparation will take place during Children's Worship in March and April.

Weird Animals Vacation Bible School: Sunday, June 8 through Wednesday, June 11. We are currently seeking volunteers who are willing to help with various DIY decoration projects. These projects can be completed on your own or in a group. Just donate your time, and materials will be provided.

As you can see, we have many exciting learning, worship, and fellowship opportunities in the months ahead.

Please contact me at andrea@midwaybc.net for more information about any of the events above.



SPIRITUAL RETREAT

April 4-5

On April 4th and 5th, Johnny Sears will be leading a Spiritual Retreat for anyone interested from Midway Baptist Church. The retreat will start on Friday at 5 pm at a retreat center located one mile from The Abbey of Gethesmani called Bethany Spring (if you are not able to be there until later, that is perfectly fine). We will finish with dinner on Saturday. The retreat will focus on being present to God in the midst of daily life

and cultivating a rhythm of life to support that. It will include times of silence and personal reflection, group activities and discussion, worship and praying the Psalms with the monks at the Abbey, and possibly a conversation with one of the Abbey monks. The cost is \$75, which will cover lodging and most meals. Please bring extra money if you wish to purchase something in the Abbey gift shop. Space is limited to 11 persons, so please sign-up now on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Cody.



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Return Service Requested

Midway Baptist Church
“pointing the world to Christ
through love and service ...”

Regular Sunday Schedule:

8:30 a.m.	Worship (traditional)
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship (contemporary)
5:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study, youth activities