

## Midway Baptist Church - Profile

Midway Baptist Church, established on June 27, 1872, is a cornerstone of the Midway, Kentucky community. Situated at 121 South Winter Street, the church has maintained its original location since its inception. The founding pastor was a student from nearby Georgetown College, initiating a tradition of young leadership that continues today.

The church offers two Sunday worship services: a traditional service at 9:45 AM featuring hymns and solos, and a contemporary service at 11:00 AM with praise and worship music accompanied by various instruments. Sunday School classes are available at 9:00 and 9:45 AM. Children's Worship services are available during the second service each Sunday with nursery care provided for children up to 3 years old.

Throughout its history, Midway Baptist Church has achieved several significant milestones:

- **Early Missionary Support (1892):** Partnered with Mt. Vernon Baptist Church to support Brother J.W. McCollum as a missionary to Japan, contributing \$300 each. McCollum was the first Baptist missionary in Japan. A commemorative vase from this mission is displayed in the church's sanctuary.
- **Ministry Center (2004):** Completion of a multipurpose building to serve various church and community functions.
- **Historic Bell Tower:** The church bell remains operational, with children ringing it on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday, and upon request during other times.

Midway Baptist Church is committed to its mission: "Know God, Love All, Serve Others." This is evident through various ministries and community outreach programs, including:

- **Northside Backpacks:** Providing essential supplies to those in need.
- **Food Pantry:** Addressing local food insecurity.
- **WMU:** Engaging women in community service and spiritual growth activities.

The church's beliefs emphasize freedom in biblical interpretation and congregational governance, welcoming participation from all individuals in leadership and ministry roles. Affiliations include the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Kentucky.

Midway Baptist Church continues to be a dynamic presence in the community, fostering spiritual growth and service among its members and neighbors.

Midway Baptist Church averages 50 worshipers each Sunday, with a current annual operating budget of approximately \$160,000.

Annual Budgets	
2020	\$206,000
2021	\$206,000
2022	\$176,000
2023	\$170,000
2024	\$161,000
2025	\$159,000