

Words Along the Way

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Above, Darin Hensley presenting Art Craig as Deacon Emeritus & Letha Drury presenting ordination Bibles to Sam Conder, Kendra Harvey and Bill Evans on March 22nd.

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Pastor's Insight

Amazing Grace

I experienced two ordinations on Sunday, March 22. One was at Midway Baptist "setting aside" Kendra Harvey, Bill Evans and Sam Conder for deacon ministry. What an experience! Their unique journeys! Each illustrated the AMAZING GRACE of our God! And then, that Sunday evening, Trinity Davis was ordained as one of the pastors of Turning Point Church. Once again, the AMAZING

GRACE of our God was felt!! Thanks be to God!! If you missed it, or if you want to think about it some more, I have included Letha Drury's ordination prayer. Thanks be to God!!

Your Pastor and Friend!

Steve

P.s. Thankful for your years of service, Art!

Letha Drury

Prayer of Ordination

O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross.

We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him; we know that whoever would be great must be *servant* of all.

We praise you for the many ministries in this your Church, and for calling these, your servants Sam, Kendra and Bill, to be ordained as deacons.

Therefore, Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, give your Holy Spirit to *them*, filling *them* with grace and power, and bless their deacon ministry.

Make *them*, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, observing the discipline of Christ.

Let their lives and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through *them* many may come to know you and love you.

As your Son came not to be served... but to serve, may these deacons share in Christ's service, and all for the glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever.

And may all God's People say Amen.

ISAIAH 53:3, NIV

HE WAS
DESPISED AND
REJECTED ...
A MAN OF
SORROWS, AND
FAMILIAR
WITH SUFFERING.



Easter Sunday Celebration

April 5

Join us at 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the resurrection with seasonal music and preaching. Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m. as usual. All evening activities are cancelled. **MIDWAY COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE** will be held at Walter Bradley Park at 7 a.m. (at MBC if it rains!)



Did you know that MBC sends out a weekly email to help members keep up-to-date with what is happening at MBC! We also list birthdays and anniversaries in our newsletter. If you would like us to list your contact information in our database, please contact the church office at office@midwaybc.net or call 859-846-4514. You can request a church directory by contacting the church office.

Holy Week Events

Good Friday Worship April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for a contemplative communion service of scripture, song, and reverence as we follow the footsteps of Jesus.

Easter Egg Hunt April 4, at 3:00 p.m.

A small candy bag and bottled water will be provided for each child. 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. (Rain Location: MBC)

Choir Notes

He Is Risen! Hallelujah!

By the time this newsletter is received, the choir will have presented the Easter program and will be taking a break until fall. The winter seemed a long one with the weather and other challenges but everyone remained faithful and determined to bring glory to the risen Lord with our presentation on Palm Sunday. A big "thank you" for all the hard work and dedication! As you enjoy the warm days and beauty of spring and summer, don't forget to keep a song in your heart.

Easter Baskets for Area Children

The WMU and others worked hard at filling Easter baskets for area missions. The group filled and delivered 53 baskets to local Backpack families and 24 Easter baskets to the Elkhorn Baptist Association's Irishtown Mission. (Pictured at the right are Angela Simmons, Betty McLean, and Philip Dotson.)



Assistive Listening Now Available

The family of Eva Thomas donated the starter funds for the purchase of an assistive listening system for our church last year. Through the generous donation of another member we received the final funds to complete the purchase. We have four units available that can be used with earphones or telecoil compatible hearing

aids. The volume is completely adjustable for your own comfort range. The speaking and singing voices are all that are amplified. The receivers are available to pick up and return following the service to the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary. See Letha Drury or Sam Conder before the service if interested.

Self-Defense Class *Starting April 8th*

Room 202, Leader: Jay and Paulette Akers

The self-defense course taught by Jay and Paulette Akers is a common sense approach to self-defense. No previous martial arts training or self-defense experience is needed to comprehend and practice this highly effective method. Course instructors will guide participants in utilizing basic techniques from standing, sitting and prone positions, as well as discussing the situational awareness and observation skills necessary to avoid confrontations altogether. If you have any questions, please see Jay, Paulette or Cody.

6th Annual Midway Master Chef & Dessert Auction—June 3rd

On **June 3rd**, we will have our annual Midway Master Chef and Dessert Auction. The grill-off teams of two cooks will begin early in the afternoon, but the feast will start at 6:00 in the Ministry Center. Meats are provided and prepared by the competitors; **we are asking everyone to bring a side dish**. The

church will provide the drinks. The winners of the grill-off will be determined by a team of judges. We are also asking participants to prepare and enter their favorite **homemade dessert** for an auction. Mike Taylor will be our auctioneer for the dessert auction.



All proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new children's playground.

Suggested donation:
\$10/person

We are currently looking for master chef teams consisting of 2 people each. If you can grill and are interested in competing for the title of MBC Master Chef, please see Cody as soon as possible. This is a great annual event, for a great cause and a great time of fellowship.

eGiving App

Do you forget to bring a checkbook to church? Do you wish you could give while on vacation or spring break? Our Finance Team has set up a way for you to make recurring or one-time transactions through eGiving. You can use a debit card or EFT from your checking account to give directly to our secure site. Transactions go directly to our financial secretary maintaining your privacy. Sign up is very

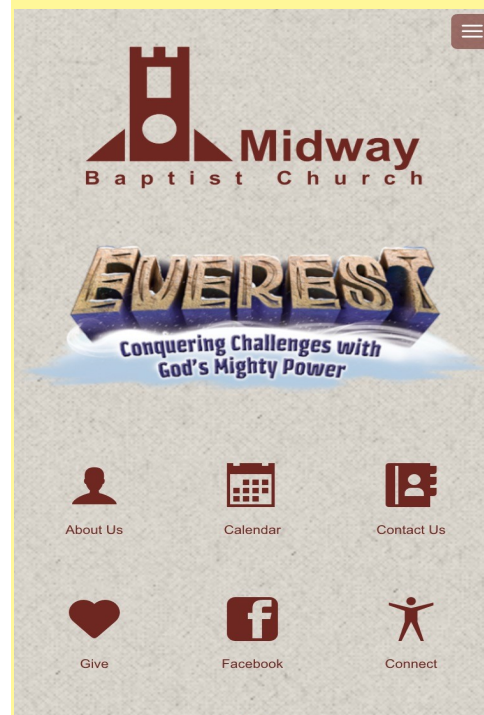
easy and in just minutes you are ready to login from anywhere and support your church. Visit our website for the link: <http://www.midwaybc.net/giving/>. We also have a free app for your Apple or Android phone that provides access to eGiving, the church calendar and will also send push notifications for weather events, urgent prayer requests (Please set your phone to accept push notifications from this app when installing.).

New Playground Fund

A MBC New Playground Committee has been formed and are ready to begin looking ahead to the future and a new playground for MBC Children. Several generous donations have already come in. We are excited about the possibility of a new playground. MBC's children are a wonderful asset and we believe this will be a great tool that our children's ministry will be able to utilize for many years to come.

Past Annual Master Chef Winners

- 1st Year – David Hird and Mike Drury
- 2nd Year – *rained out*
- 3rd Year – David Hird and Mike Drury
- 4th Year – Ron Wyatt and Darin Hensley
- 5th Year – Ron Wyatt and Jay Akers



Francisco's Farm Art Festival/Renaissance

You are invited to a community event, the Francisco's Farm Art Festival/Renaissance on May 16-17th at Midway College. The festival is a group effort and requires many volunteers from our community to work and welcome people to this great event in our community. The organizers of this festival want it to be inclusive of all of Midway! If you would like to volunteer, please visit the website at www.franciscosfarm.org, and click on "Become a Volunteer".

“It’s a Love Haiti Relationship”

Yard Sale—April 10-11

Do you have an attic, closet, or basement full of unwanted objects? Need an easy, stress-free way of getting rid of your stuff? Consider letting our Haiti Mission Team sell it for you! Our next event will be our MBC Yard Sale on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11. Additionally, MBC members will get to shop early on Wednesday, April 8th during the Wednesday night activities!! Information regarding donations (when/where) are coming soon! If anyone has large items they need help with please contact Ron Wyatt (502-352-0414) and the team will arrange a pickup.

Just a reminder: On April 19th, we will collect a special love offering at the end of both services for our “It’s a Love Haiti Relationship” mission team.

Haiti Mission Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in both the Haiti Concert and Pancake Breakfast. We raised close to \$3,300 from those events alone!

Don't forget, we are still selling T-Shirts (\$15) and our remaining supply of Haitian Coffee (\$12).



Baptism, Communion and Special Love Haiti Offering

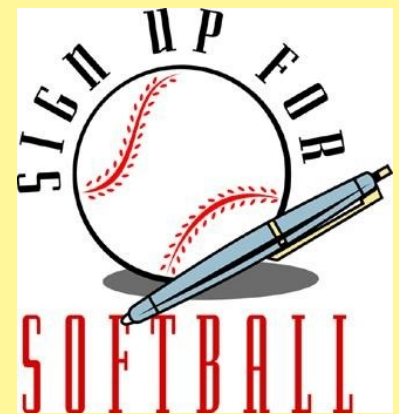
April 19th

On Sunday, April 19, we will have a baptism service for Sydney Nicole Webster and observe the Lord's Supper in both services. We will also collect a special love offering for our “Love Haiti” mission team.



MBC SOFTBALL TEAM NOW FORMING

Interested in playing on MBC's softball team. Sign up by April 26th. See bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Contact Kenny Tackett for more info at 859-797-1138 or email: ktackettrdg@yahoo.com.



The Turners

Missionaries to

Zambia—April 8th

Plan to join us on Wednesday, April 8 in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. and hear Fran & Lonnie Turner, Missionaries from Zambia, share about their experiences.

Run/Jog/Walk Group *Starting April 8th*

New Wednesday night group starting April 8th. We will meet in the foyer outside the ministry center. We will have walkers, joggers and runners of all paces. Kendra Harvey and Rachael Jewell will be leading the walking group and Cody Davidson and Brain Jewell will be leading the jogging and running groups. If you have an infant or child, feel free to bring a stroller with you. We will leave the church at 6:45 and everyone is free to walk/jog/run with others around Midway. Most everyone will walk/jog/run for about an hour, but you are welcome to do so for less or more time depending on your goal. In the event of inclement weather, Cody will have a walk/jog/run-related devotional and share time for the group. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cody.

Deacon News—Darin Hensley

The deacons are currently very busy and working several tasks simultaneously. For those of you that do not regularly attend the church business meetings, here is a run-down of items that we have been discussing.

- We have welcomed our new deacons and held an ordination ceremony.
- We have elected deacon officers for the current year (Darin Hensley - chair, Letha Drury - vice-chair, Allen Dobson - secretary).
- We have compiled the church goals from our 2015 Celebration Sunday into a poster to be displayed around the church.
- We are reviewing amendments to our bylaws that are presented to us from the Constitution and Bylaws committee.
- We are developing a Balanced Ministry Plan: our goal is to enhance how our church budget is tied to our ministries.
- We have recognized long time Deacon Art Craig as Deacon Emeritus.

Please keep your deacons in your prayers. We constantly and consistently depend upon God's guidance as we complete our work.

Matthew West puts it best, so I'll leave you with this portion of "Do Something".

I woke up this morning
Saw a world full of trouble now
Thought, how'd we ever get so far down
How's it ever gonna turn around
So I turned my eyes to Heaven
I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"
Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of
People living in poverty
Children sold into slavery
The thought disgusted me
So, I shook my fist at Heaven
Said, "God, why don't You do something?"
He said, "I did, I created you"

If not us, then who
If not me and you
Right now, it's time for us to do something
If not now, then when
Will we see an end
To all this pain
It's not enough to do nothing
It's time for us to do something
So, what is stopping you, what is stopping us...let's all get out there and
DO SOMETHING.

Women on Mission News

In the March meeting, we decided that we will no longer be traveling to Booneville, Owsley County to work in the clothing and food ministries there. We feel that God is leading to new areas of work, closer to home.

Easter baskets this year were given to children (and at-home siblings) who receive the weekly backpacks from our church through the school. Also Easter baskets were given to Irishtown Mission in Lexington and to children who came to Feed the Hungry on March 30. We also gave every person that came to eat a hot meal on that day a small bag of Easter candy from us, instead of the usual apple that we normally give.

The over \$400 raised from the Bake Sale on March 22 will be donated to the Haiti mission team for the feast they have during their time in Haiti.

The Elkhorn WMU Prayer breakfast was well attended on March 14th with more than 90 present. Thanks to Michael Rankin for another great breakfast! Note: Elkhorn Baptist Association is now Central KY Network of Baptist. Also Sandra Williams is retiring and there will be a celebration for her on April 27 at 7 PM at Versailles Baptist.

The April meeting of Women on Mission will be April 8, due to spring break. We will meet at church at 10:00 a.m. at church.

WMU Needs Recipes-Recipes-Recipes

The MBC Women on Mission are in need of YOUR favorite recipes for a new MBC cookbook they are working on. Will you please share your recipes with them? See any one of the following ladies to offer your favorite: Betty McLean, Pat Atwood, Alice Dotson, Ola Moore, Jeanne Evans, or Iraline Craig.

The WMU will be involved in new mission efforts as summer approaches, please pray with this group as God leads them.

Kids' "Catch-up" Corner

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Parents' Leisurely Lunch on March 22. Eighteen children enjoyed pizza and entertainment and a special focus lesson on baptism. All kids visited the baptistery and learned why we are baptized. Kids in the elementary group learned even more about soul freedom, believer's baptism, and questions to ask yourself to know if you're ready to commit to follow Christ. Please pray for our children as they explore ways they can follow Jesus even before they are baptized.

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 Small Group: Kids Cook and Care – Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45. Please join us as we continue to prepare treats for two children each week to deliver to a group with whom they want to share God's love. What a fun way to serve! So far we've heard reports from kids who have delivered treats to teachers, a hospital, animal shelters, a homeless shelter, a police station, and the Midway School Apartments, just to name a few. Each week we also learn about kids who are using their gifts to spread love throughout the world and dream about ways that we can do the same.

Mark your calendars for:

Everest Vacation Bible School: Sunday, July 26 through Wednesday, July 29. **Please mark your calendars now as this is a date change from years past!** Join us as we embark on an icy expedition where kids overcome obstacles with God's awesome power. Kaye Hall and her Wednesday night small group team have been working hard on many exciting decoration projects. Even if you can't participate on Wednesday nights, you can still help by working on a DIY decoration project at home. Please see Kaye to sign up. Please also be in prayer about volunteering to staff this year's VBS. We are excited about the snowy theme!

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.

Andrea

Sunday School Teachers Meeting

Wednesday, April 15 at 5:45 p.m.
MBC Ministry Center

Youth and Parent M-Fuge Meeting

Wednesday, April 29
6 p.m.
MBC Ministry Center

Youth and Children Camp Fundraiser Lunch and Auction

Sunday, May 3, at 12:00.

All funds raised will help our youth and children with the costs of attending summer camps.

Parents and children, especially those attending PASSPORTkids! Camp this summer, are encouraged to participate. Kids should be thinking now about what services or items they might be able to donate (i.e., pet-sitting, car washes, etc.).

Youth Sunday & Graduate Recognition Day

May 17

Join us on this special Sunday in May when the youth of our lead our worship services. What a blessing to see a new generation demonstrate their faith in Christ. See Evan Rowe for more info.

Combined Worship Sunday

May 24

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

10:45 a.m.

Combined Worship Service

(No evening activities this Sunday)

Mother's Day Sunday, May 10

*Please join us on this special day when we honor our women.
(Each woman present will receive a carnation to show our appreciation.)*

Midway Baptist Church

CELEBRATE!

April 2015

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Trayner ♥
Larry Craig
Erin Taylor McQueen,
Tressie Hird
- 5 Maxine Gilkison
- 6 Catherine Comley
- 7 James Gilkison
- 8 Kelley Eaves
- 9 Jenna Atwood, Joy Hadden
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Hayes ♥
- 10 Parker Craig
- 11 Kaye Hall
- 14 Reagan Duncan, Abigail Fowler,
Dr. Lauren Craig Rader

♥ denotes anniversary

CELEBRATE!

May 2015

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Sawyer Reed Doan
- 4 Sharon Sparrow
- 5 Col Rhea Dobson, Eza Gonzalez
Chaplain Craig Wiley
- 7 Crystal Thompson, Nancy McGregor,
Genevieve Arnold, Robin Taylor
- 8 Chad Royalty, Russ Hayes, Sean Grate
Brad & Kate McLean ♥
- 9 Michael and Rhonda Rankin ♥
- 10 Cooper Hensley, Sal Gonzalez
Col and Mrs. Rhea Dobson ♥
- 12 Ashley McAlpin, Joseph Wheeler,
Virginia Southworth
Keith and Amelia Adkins ♥
Allen and Angela Dobson ♥
- 14 Justin Midkiff
Mike and Debby Taylor ♥
- 15 Brad McLean, Marie Noel, Jolee Taylor
Pastor Steve and Joy Hadden ♥

- 15 Alejandro Pantoja
- 17 Wendy M Enneking, Shelby Kifer
- 18 Madalyn Campbell, Marilyn Rigney,
Tyler Berndt
- 19 Kierston Hutchison
- 20 Bill Evans
- 21 Quinten Webster
- 22 Dan Elkin III
- 23 Myron Dartt
- 25 John Hall, Liles Taylor, Taylor Emerson
- 26 Piper McCoun, Chloe Wheatcraft
Tim & Gail Popovitz ♥
- 27 Jaxson Bugg, John Wheatcraft
Chad & Kristy Royalty ♥
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sames ♥
- 28 Cruz Gonzalez, John Lander
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Nalis Giles ♥
- 30 Christopher Baldwin, Kayla Hayes

THE 64th NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 7TH

MBC's Sanctuary will be open to anyone who would like to come by and pray for America, Midway Baptist Church, or other special prayer needs.

"Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day." – I Kings 8:28

- 19 Leslie Atwood
Dave and Donna Forman ♥
Gary and Kim Rose ♥
- 20 LaVerne Pittman
Kenny and Paula Tackett ♥
- 21 Evan Rowe, Joshua Hutchison
Todd and Melinda Caldwell ♥
Timothy & Lauren Rader ♥
- 22 Luella Mae Adkins, Grace Royalty,
Brooke Pittmon
Darin and Kimberly Hensley ♥
- 23 Wayne Logan II
- 24 Don and Brenda Lampton ♥
- 25 Cindy Karrick
- 26 Becky Fisher, Katlynn Rose,
Nick McGregor
Phillip and Susan D'Egidio ♥
- 27 Jonathan Grate
- 28 Jeremy & Katlyn Popovitz ♥
- 31 Mr. and Mrs. James Noel ♥

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April-May 2015

THE GRASS WITHERS,
THE FLOWER FADES ...

... BUT THE WORD OF
OUR GOD WILL STAND
FOR EVER.

Isaiah 40:7-8, NRSV

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 a.m.	Bible Study, youth activities

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