

# Midway Baptist Church

Words Along the Way

Feb.-Mar. 2016

NEWSLETTER



## From KY Refugee Ministries, INC. Thank you!

It is with much gratitude and appreciation that we say thank you for your decision to co-sponsor the Feza Norbert Family. Feza, her husband, Baruani and their 5 children will be blessed in their association with you all as church and as those who continue to welcome the stranger, as we are called to do.

Haley Wyatt and team have done an excellent job in preparing for the family's arrival on January 29th. It will, indeed, be exciting as they arrive in their new hometown and are taken to the apartment that you all have so generously furnished. If they knew they had a caring congregation to help them in these first few months how excited and grateful they would be!

MBC has agreed to support the family with three months of rent. The rent is \$855 per month. At this location, Fairway Apartments, utilities are not included in the rent. As we discussed, MBC will provide one check per month to KY Refugee Ministries for three months of rent. The checks will be mailed to the KRM at the end of February, March, and April, each for the following month's rent

Having to flee from persecution in one's homeland is a journey that most of us cannot imagine. Your support of this family as a church co-sponsor will make such a positive difference as they begin to build new lives for themselves in our community. You will provide much needed friendship, guidance, and advocacy in addition to the basic needs that any family as for a safe place to live. Your support will mean a great deal as they begin to adjust to life in Lexington, and begin to work toward self-sufficiency. MBC's support is most appreciated! You truly live out the call to welcome the stranger! Thank you so much Dabney E. Parker, Resource Coordinator, KRM, INC.

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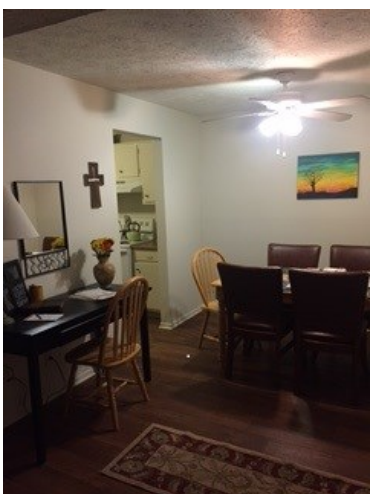
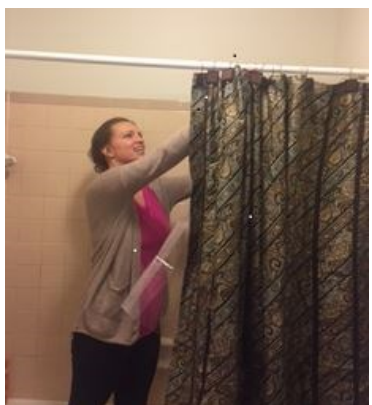
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"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



## KRM Reflections From Ron Wyatt

About Sunday, 01/31/16

This morning at MBC the message was delivered by the Reverend Kristin Belcher. She spoke on Corinthians 13, the Love chapter. While she was bringing the word, the Norbert family were seated on the front row. The Norberts are new to Kentucky. They spent last Tuesday night in a refugee camp in Tanzania after fleeing violence in the Congo.



Looking around the sanctuary, there were people of all ages and descriptions. My daughter joined in the singing of the praise songs with great enthusiasm. I thought about all of my friends who were worshipping together. Quite a bit was happening in that space this morning. The Holy Spirit was present, I could feel it in my core.

So here in the south, in a Baptist church, a woman preached a sermon to the entire congregation. A diverse crowd listened and worshiped as one. An immigrant family experienced the love of God in a new land. Certainly a different experience than that of other immigrants, in other circumstances, in other times. No chains, no bondage, only love and hope.

Thank you to the Midway Baptist Church KY Refugee Mission Team for your leadership and hard work. I don't know what tomorrow will bring, but I know that each of you made the world a better place today. Thanks be to God for people like you and the people of Midway Baptist Church that are so giving and have great compassion for others.



## Happenings in our CHURCH FAMILY

Rejoicing along the way!



Brian Caldwell - Woodford Middle School Quick Recall went undefeated at the District Governor's Cup meet. And this guy placed 2nd in Mathematics.

Congratulations to the Freshman Basketball Team has now gone 20-2 with Justin Alexander #22!



Congratulation to the Woodford County JV Wrestling team. Great season so far. Ronan Wyatt is 3rd from the left.



Bill and Nancy McGregor seen below, supposedly "wiping the floor" with two fine MBC guys at the January, Fellowship and game night. A great time was had by all! See Kenny Tackett for the other side of the story.



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## February The Month of "Love"

As a church, we are designating the month of February as a time of learning about and giving to Global Missions (OGM) as a part of the Co-operative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) and Kentucky Baptist Fellowship (KBF). There has not been an emphasis on giving to missionaries in many, many years. We are being asked to prayerfully consider giving to support field personnel worldwide and CBF literacy ministries.

"I will teach all your children, and they will enjoy great peace." Isaiah 54:13 NLT.

As a mission minded church, please take this month to consider giving to support those field personnel that serve everyday in faraway places and as close as Louisville, Owsley Co and south central KY.



**Love God. Teach Neighbor. Be Transformed.**

Sharing Christ's great love for us through literacy ministry

## Upcoming EVENTS

**Youth Super Bowl Party**  
February 7th, 5:00 p.m.

**Pastor Steve's Birthday**  
February 16th

**Feed the Hungry**  
February 29th

**WMU Meeting**  
March 1st, 10:00 a.m.

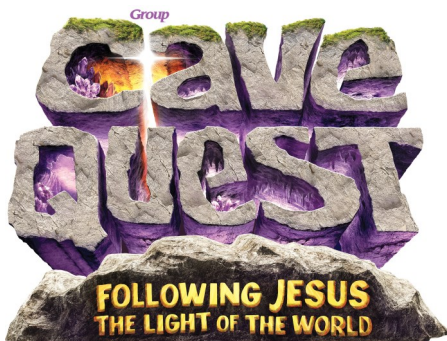
**KBF Coordinating Council  
Meeting at MBC**  
March 8th

**CBF Global Mission Special  
Guest Speaker (TBA)  
& OGM Special Breakfast**  
March 6th

**EBA WMU Prayer Breakfast at MBC**  
March 12th, 8:30 a.m.

**Daylight-Savings Time Begins**  
Time springs forward!

**Spring Break Week**  
March 28th -April 1st



## message from Our Children's Minister

Andrea Ball, Kids "Catch Up" Corner

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

**Children's Small Group:** Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45. Join us during the month of February as we focus on the 2015-2016 CBF Offering for Global Missions. During this four-week series, we'll be learning about CBF field personnel and their literacy ministries in Eastern Europe, South Florida, and the U.S.-Mexico border.

Mark your calendars for:

**Diaper Day:** Sunday, February 14. Unlike Pajama Day, this will not be a day to wear a diaper to church! Instead, kids are invited to bring a baby picture to Children's Worship if they also bring a donation of diapers to support the WMU in their efforts to collect diapers for KY Refugee Ministries. During Children's Worship, we'll play a game with the baby pictures as we try to guess who's who. All baby pictures will be returned after the service.

**Special Children's Songs at the Palm Sunday Combined Worship Service:** Sunday, March 20. We'll be learning and practicing our songs in February and March during Children's Worship and our Wednesday night small group.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 26, at 3:00 on the Northside lawn (rain location: MBC). 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.

**Parents' Leisurely Lunch:** Sunday, April 17, from 12:00-2:30. Kids are invited to spend the afternoon at church (while parents take advantage of the opportunity to go out for lunch). The afternoon will include a special focus lesson about Baptist beliefs and what it means to be a Christian. The event will begin with lunch and a video immediately after church and will continue with games and crafts. You can RSVP by email.

Please also be in prayer about volunteering to staff this year's Cave Quest VBS, Sunday, June 26 through Wednesday, June 29, or to provide transportation for visiting children from our surrounding communities. For a sneak peek: <https://www.group.com/category/ministry-resources/childrens-ministry/vbs/cave-quest.do>.

As you can see, we have many exciting learning, worship, and fellowship opportunities in the months ahead. Please contact me at [andrea@midwaybc.net](mailto:andrea@midwaybc.net) for more information about any of the events above.

Andrea Ball

## SPIRITUAL RETREAT BETHANY SPRINGS

**Bardstown, KY**  
with Johnny Sears  
February 26-27, 2016

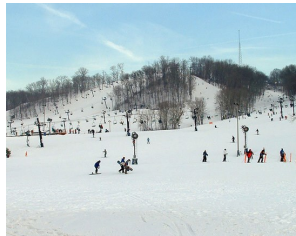
You are invited to join with us for an overnight retreat with Johnny Sears in February 2016. Staying in the Bethany Springs retreat house, near Gethsemane Abby in Bardstown, KY.

During this overnight stay, our focus will be on creating safe space in order to listen to and explore our True Self. We will seek what it means to live whole-heartedly and embrace all that life offers ... even the things we don't usually welcome. There will be times of study, prayer, conversation, and silence along with visits to the Abbey of Gethsemani. Johnny requests that in preparation for the retreat, you purchase a copy of Parker Palmer's *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life* and read up through the first five chapters.

We plan for everyone to arrive by 5 PM on Friday. We'll plan to be done by 5 PM on Saturday. The cost for the retreat is \$90 and includes meals, lodging and sessions. We are limited to approximately 15 participants. Contact Evan or Steve for more information or to reserve your space.

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night."  
Psalm 1:2

## Happenings at MBC from OUR ASSOCIATION PASTOR



### SKI TRIP PERFECT NORTH, INDIANA NEW DATE - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH LEAVING THE CHURCH AT 8:00 A.M.

We have group reservations. We will plan to get there early to ski on fresh powder. If you are a beginner, there is a free ski school. The group rate is \$55 and that includes your 8 hour lift ticket and flex rental of skis and snowboards.



### CHOIR REHEARSAL EASTER CANTATA

As we approach Spring and the Easter season, we will begin working on an Easter Cantata. The MBC Choir meets Sunday afternoons from 3:30-4:30. All are encouraged to attend. You are encouraged to volunteer (see Evan) to do a solo, duet or a trio for one of our services.

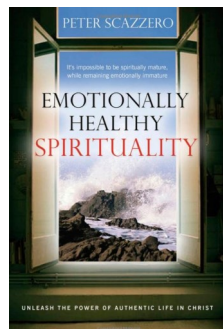


### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### MARCH MADNESS

March 6, 13, 20, & 27<sup>th</sup>

In a little over three weeks, the church will begin its own "March Madness". For each of the five Sundays in March, Sunday school classes will be matched against another Sunday school class – adult against adult classes and age-graded classes against age-graded classes. Each week classes will earn points for people attending their class (details on how classes will score points to come). If your class scores more points than the class you are matched against, then you win! The class with the most wins, wins March Madness (most points will be used in the event is there is a tie breaker). Keep your eyes on the bulletin "score" board in the hallway for "March Madness Match-ups" and final scores as each week passes. Good Luck!



### BOOK STUDY

#### EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

February 14, 2016

You can't be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. Come join us as we journey into the world of "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality". The combination of emotional health and contemplative spirituality unleashes the Holy Spirit inside us so that we might experientially know the power of an authentic life in Christ.

*"Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" books are \$7 and are available in the church office. Get your book today!*



## February

♥ Denotes Anniversary

- 1 Lauren Welch/Kenneth Canterbury ♥
- 2 Alexandra McLean
- 3 Chase Conder, Joseph Sames,  
Todd Caldwell, Tyler Popovitz  
John and Annie Wheatcraft ♥
- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Drury ♥
- 6 Mr. and Mrs. Dale Logan ♥
- 7 Micah Dartt
- 8 Dickie and Cornelia Ethington ♥
- 9 Chris Brown, Paul Simmons
- 10 Dr. Robert Baker, Sam K. Fisher
- 11 Gene McLean, Rebecca Smith
- 12 Gary Rose, Joseph T. Fisher
- 14 Bobby Allison, Cora Tackett,  
Jeanette Dunavent, Kash Foster
- 15 Ashley Noel, Dr. Cody Davidson
- 16 Pastor Stephen Hadden
- 17 Margie Atwood
- 20 Laine Call
- 21 Jeraldine Purvis, Travis Rawlings
- 22 Steve Eaves
- 23 Matthew D'Egidio, Chelsea Noel  
Lauren Welch
- 24 Richard Broadwater
- 26 Caleb Proffitt  
Jamie & Mary Holly LeCompte ♥
- 27 Kayla Logan,  
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Allison ♥
- 28 Caylee Thompson

## March

♥ Denotes Anniversary

- 1 Breann Thomas, Levi Watson
- 2 Kenrick Grate, Maura Wyatt
- 3 Dalyla Campbell
- 6 Sam Buckley, Timothy D'Egidio, Greg Jones
- 7 Carson Bugg, Cole Brown
- 10 Daniel Elkin, Diana Niedwick
- 12 Dalton Kifer  
John and Marydyth Costigan ♥
- 14 Cookie Eaves  
Larry & Judy Rush ♥
- 15 Ronan Wyatt
- 17 Jack Buckley  
Bill & Nancy McGregor ♥
- 18 Jeanne Evans, Avery Grace Hutchison,  
Nicholas Craig, Hallie Allison  
Dr Joan Fowler, Riley Kate Hutchison
- 19 Alice Davis, Grace Noel, Paula Tackett  
Elijah Wheatcraft
- 22 Jonathan Doan, Phillip Royalty  
Susan D'Egidio
- 23 Rhonda Rankin
- 25 Zachary Rankin
- 26 Natalie Wyatt, Ronald Toy, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Rigney ♥
- 28 Marlene Davis, Richelle Duncan  
Mr. & Mrs. William Sutton ♥
- 29 Jane Trayner
- 31 Kimberly Rose



**(Tickets are now on sale!)**

Friday, February 12th, 2016 @ 6:30pm  
Your choice of Ribeye Steak or Grilled Chicken  
(Free childcare/nursery including a meal)

# AN EVENING WITH *Paul Prather*

MIDWAY WOMAN'S CLUB AND  
THE HOMEPLACE AT MIDWAY  
PRESENT

**PAUL PRATHER**  
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER  
RELIGION COLUMNIST

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11  
7:00 P.M.

MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN THE SANCTUARY  
121 SOUTH WINTER STREET

FREE ADMISSION  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



An ordained minister for 35 years, Paul Prather is a columnist, author, and pastor of Bethesda Church near Mount Sterling. His popular column can be found each Sunday in the Lexington Herald-Leader.



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## Resurrection Week at MBC



**Silent Wednesday**

**March 23rd**

Our normal Wednesday night activities are suspended. Pastor Steve along with our Deacons will be praying through our MBC church roll. Personal prayer request forms are available.

**Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal & Communion**

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Ministry Center (6:30 p.m.)

We will have an agape meal in the Ministry Center with communion. All are invited to participate in this special opportunity to share a meal and the Lord's Supper together. (Nursery will be provided.)

**Good Friday Worship Service (Communion Service)**

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

(Nursery Provided)

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.

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Northside Park at 3:00 p.m.

(MBC Ministry Center if rain)

A small candy bag 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, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Walter Bradley Park, 7:00 a.m.

**Easter Sunday Services**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Traditional

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)

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