

Words Along the Way

October-November 2015

Midway Baptist
Church

Pastor's Piece

It was a Cloudy Day (Reflections on ANTICIPATION SUNDAY)

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- * October 5-9th
Fall Break
- * October 11th
Combined Worship
- * October 11th & 17th
Mission Midway
- * November 7th
Mom's Day Away (Pg. 7)
- * November 29th
MBC Kids' Christmas Party & Hanging of the Green
- * November 30th
Feed the Hungry

The clouds came out again and we asked those present, "What do you anticipate for 2016?" I want to share those hopeful, dream-filled responses:

-Growing membership/salvation of the lost.

-At least 12 baptisms.

-Increase in worship attendance by 25% (5 year goal).

-Begin Phase II Building Renovation Project by 2021.

-Continue to purchase nearby properties.

-Continue to spread the story of Haiti.

-Continue to grow our missions (city, state, beyond).

-Connect missions to all programs of the church.

-Continue to grow & develop the children, youth, & college ministries.

-Facilitate children's service opportunities/music.

-See the majority of children remaining active at MBC as they become part

of the youth group.

-Grow youth groups/increase junior & senior high membership.

-Develop a Singles Ministry (SS & Activities).

-Strengthening ESL (English as a 2nd language).

-More fundraisers/community sales.

-Community Outreach by helping shut-ins including children baking birthday cakes to celebrate.

-Pay down our building loan faster & clear our debt.

-Improve our facilities on the outside including parking areas.

Thank you! Thank you! I appreciate everyone's attendance and participation as we walk by faith into God's future for MBC.

Gladly, your pastor & friend,

Steve

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

COMBINED WORSHIP
SERVICE AT 10:45

Join us at 10:45 on Sunday, October 11th, as we unite for a special combined worship service. Please note that the Iron Horse Half Marathon & Mission Midway will be going on this Sunday also. Make sure you watch the traffic. We received flyers with the race route. They are on the table by the bulletins. (There will be a breakfast going on starting at 8:00 a.m. this day if you would like to come help or partake. We will have Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. as we normally do. Some SS Class locations may be different on this day, see Cody).

Join us for
Sunday Worship!
8:30 a.m.

Traditional Service
9:45 a.m.

Sunday School
10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

NOTES FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Where has the year gone?! We are at it again, working on the 2016 budget with the plan to present the initial draft at the next business meeting on Oct. 18th at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to join us as your input is vital to this process! A vote on the budget will be conducted at the Dec. business meeting and copies of the draft will be available on the table in the foyer beforehand. We look forward to your input and feedback.

Speaking of budgets, what a year! As Kaye noted on Anticipation Sunday, we continue to grow in generosity and step up our giving. Highlights have included the purchase of a new playground, special gifts to the Backpack Ministry, the Food Pantry and the Haiti mission trip, as well as more than \$5300 given towards paying down our loan, all thanks to your generous gifts! We've also accomplished the not so fun projects such as replacing the basement furnace (any day now), kitchen repairs and grounds upkeep. It's amazing to think that this time last year we were more than \$19,000 behind budget. It has indeed been a blessed year.

Here's a brief summary of giving to date along with a couple upcoming activities.

Gifts (unrestricted)	\$ 235,471
Gifts (restricted)	\$ 55,020
Budget needs to date	\$ 233,691
AHEAD of budget needs	\$ 1,780
Spending thru 9/27/14	\$ 239,365



- In October, we will be Seeking the Summits. More on this exciting adventure this Sunday.
- AmazonSmile – We are now participating in AmazonSmile. Much like the Kroger card program, Amazon will make a donation to MBC based on purchases made through Amazon. All you have to do on your end is to sign-up once and then each time you make an eligible purchase, the church will receive a percentage from Amazon. These gifts will then be used to help with the many ministries of our church. More information will be provided in the near future but if you are ready to go ahead and sign-up, you can go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0542152> and get started!

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the committee.

Thank you,

Your Midway Baptist Church Finance Committee

(Lisa Dartt, Steve Hadden, Kaye Hall, Kendra Harvey, Kim Hensley, Natalie Wyatt)



Mission Midway—Sunday, October 11th & Saturday, October 17th

Save the date to be part of our annual Mission Midway event on October 11th and 17th as we expand our mission in the community from one day to several days of opportunities to serve local residents and provide hospitality to the participants in the Iron Horse Marathon on Sunday October 11th and of the Bourbon Chase on Saturday October 17th. The customary Mission Midway activities will be on Saturday, October 17th. Look for sign-up sheets to lead or join teams for the following:

Sunday – October 11, 2015

Prayer Team

Coffee & Breakfast Sales

(8-10 a.m.) We will start preparations beginning at 5:00 a.m.

(Donations will go toward the Playground fund)

Saturday - October 17, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Prayer Team

Food Team

(feeding the mission team)

Business Appreciation Walk

Children's Team

Youth Team

Community Garden
Deliver food boxes to shut-ins
Deliver cookies
Yard work/light home repair
Midway School Apartments/Homestead Community

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Along with our project teams there will also be opportunities to help with photo documenting, preparing signage and promotion, providing outreach materials from our church and other behind the scene jobs. If there is a project, outreach, or job you would like to see us do, contact Allen Dobson at:

a.dobson@windstream.net or call 859-492-7526.

We would like to see everyone take part in Mission Midway in some way! We want to let our light shine to show God's love in Midway! Our mission effort is being expanded this year to extend hospitality to the many people

coming to Midway to participate in the races. The breakfast fundraising component of Mission Midway on Oct. 11th will go towards our playground fund.



Allen Dobson would like to remind you that traffic will be heavy. Make sure to leave early.



"Let Your Light Shine"

Backpack Ministry

Thank you to all who have given food or monetary donations to support our Backpack Ministry. Your donations enable us to continue to feed hungry children in our community. A special word of thanks to our youth and leader, Evan Rowe for managing this ministry.

Current food items needed :

Individual serving Oatmeal Packets and Pop Tarts.

Special Offering

On Sunday, November 15th, a special offering will be collected after each worship service specifically for our Backpack Ministry. Please pray about how you can support this ministry that provides a bag of food for the week-ends when children are not in school.

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Feed the Hungry

On Monday, November 30th, MBC members will travel to Grace Baptist Church in Lexington to serve in Elkhorn Baptist Association's Feed the Hungry/Hot Meal Ministry. They will take with them cakes and desserts plus fruit. Totals of sometimes over 200 people are served a hot meal, fruit, and dessert. If you have an interest in this mission opportunity, please see Iraline Craig (iralinec@aol.com) or Betty McLean (859-229-0265) for more information.

CODY DAVIDSON TENDERS RESIGNATION AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Personnel Committee has regretfully accepted the resignation of Dr. Cody Davidson as our Associate Pastor, effective on November 1, 2015.

Cody was hired in 2004, shortly following his graduation from seminary in North Carolina. Cody and Carrie moved into what is currently our Youth House and began work as Youth Minister and Associate Pastor with a $\frac{3}{4}$ time assignment. Cody also worked part time at Georgetown College in the Education Department with Dave Forman. In 2005 Cody accepted a full time position at Bluegrass Community and Technical College and transitioned to a part time position as Education Minister at MBC.

Over his tenure here at Midway, Cody and Carrie's work responsibilities has grown, along with their family. Daughter Evie was born in 2009 and Noelle followed in 2012. During this time Cody accepted a position at KCTCS, started an adjunct teaching job with Maysville Community College and completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree at U of L. Dr. Davidson is published in many academic journals, serves on the editorial board of two journals and is the co-author of book chapters relating to higher education. In 2014 he accepted a new position as Director of Administrative Leadership for Kentucky Adult Education and also is teaching organizational leadership and learning courses for the University of Louisville. Carrie is a Health and Wellness Specialist at UK and is also working toward her PhD. For the past 10 years Cody has been an active runner and has completed numerous races and marathons, including a 50 mile race in 2014.

During Cody's time at Midway he has served along with three senior pastors, two interim pastors and a changing cast of characters on the Ministry Council and Personnel Committee, always accepted ever-changing roles and kept a smile on his face! Under his leadership at Midway, our church has expanded our opportunities for education, including a vibrant Sunday School, numerous mid-week small groups and offerings for community enrichment through GED and ESL learning. Cody has taught Adult Bible Study, Young Adult Sunday School, many small group classes and has chaired the Ministry Council, which organizes the church calendar of events. Cody has helped organize recreational sports teams as well as summertime fellowship experiences, such as Master Chef, the annual Church Picnic and Corn Hole Tournament that are now a part of our church culture. However, Cody may best be remembered for the annual VBS skits along with Children's Minister, Andrea Ball where he always seemed to slightly misunderstand the theme of the bible school!

Please join us on Sunday, November 1st, as we honor Cody on his last day with us as Associate Pastor. We will host a big breakfast in his honor and also acknowledge him in both worship services. The Davidsons will take some time to prepare for the birth of their son, sometime early in 2016. As Cody himself has said, *"Midway is our family's church and we are part of this community. We look forward to continuing our relationship with MBC as members. The past 11 ½ years has been a wonderful experience in ministry."*

A CELEBRATION FOR CODY—NOVEMBER 1ST

What a better way to celebrate Cody's many years of faithful service to MBC than with a Big Breakfast!! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, Nov. 1st**, at 9:30 a.m. This will be Cody's last day as our Associate Pastor; we gather together to express our appreciation for his hard work, dedication and multiple blessings he has provided to us over the years. Please plan to attend! Donations received for breakfast will be applied to the Playground Fund balance.



FELLOWSHIP MEAL & WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL

Join us for our weekly fellowship meal, small group and ministries meeting every Wednesday evening through November 18th. If you would like more information about leading a Wednesday night group in January 2016 or have any questions about our Wednesday night program, please see Pastor Steve. See below for our Wednesday night line up of activities.

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

6:45 p.m. Children's Group

6:45 p.m. Making Sense of Revelation

6:45 p.m. Visitation & Outreach

6:45 p.m. Women's Devotional Group

6:45 p.m. Run/Jog/Walk Group

6:45 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday Evenings at MBC
Join us for
"The Best Meal in Town"



KIDS' "CATCH UP" CORNER

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

Current events:

Sunday School: Sundays at 9:45 – Group Publishing's *Faith Weaver* 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

Children's Small Group – Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45. In September, we enjoyed fellowship time together on the new playground as much as possible. We've had so much fun out there already and will enjoy it for years to come. We will continue to begin our evenings this way as long as the weather allows, so please make sure your kids bring a jacket. We'll also be working our way through Genesis with dynamic, interactive lessons and discussions about how kids can live out their faith the rest of the week.

Mark your calendars for:

Mission Midway - Saturday, October 17. Stay tuned for more information about this year's children's project.



Annual Chili Cook-Off and Trunk-or-Treat: Sunday, October 25, at 6:00 in the Ministry Center.

PASSPORTkids! Camp Registration: We will be registering very soon for PASSPORTkids! Camp in July 2016. A \$60 per camper deposit will be due upon registration. Talk to me or Paulette Akers (pauletteakers@gmail.com) for more information.

Kids' Christmas Party/Parents' Day Out: On Sunday, November 29, kids are invited to kick off the holiday season with our annual Kids' Christmas Party (while parents take advantage of Parents' Day Out). The festivities will begin with lunch immediately after church and will continue with movies, games, and crafts. When parents return to pick up their children at 5:00, they will be treated to a special performance by the kids during the Hanging of the Green service. Following the service there will be a food and fellowship time for all. The nursery will also be available from 12-5. If you would like for your children to attend, please sign up with me (andrea@midwaybc.net) by Wednesday, November 25.

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

Andrea

SUNDAY SCHOOL – COME GROW WITH US!

Every Sunday morning at 9:45, Sunday school provides the opportunity for you to grow and learn with others. Sunday school classes are set up for you to feel comfortable and challenged. You can share your burdens and support others during their hard times. It's also a fun place to get together with genuine people who desire to pursue Christ. Also, this is a place to draw deeper and close to God and others. We have a wide range of Sunday school classes, locations, and teachers—a class for every age group. Come grow with us! For additional information see Kenny Tackett.

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class for every age group.**

Please be in prayer for MBC's Haiti
Mission Team and their

Oct 5-11, 2015 trip.

Pray for Mallory Akers,
Haley Wyatt & Vicki Crowe

(Pictured below)



HAITI MISSION TRIP JUNE 10, 2016

The Haiti Mission Trip for 2016 is starting to take shape. Airline reservations have been made for 20 and we have 10 already confirmed. The date has been set to leave, June 10, 2016. We will be partnering again with the Fuller Center for Global Housing and Grace International to build houses and relationships near Carrefour, Haiti. Please contact Ron Wyatt (ronwyatt@me.com) or Mike Taylor (mtaylor@wlex.tv) for more information or if you would like to be a part of this mission team.

I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. —Philemon 1:6-7

HAITI MISSION TRIP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, November 1st
5:30PM
MBC Ministry Center**

**This meeting will be for anyone
interested in going to Haiti next
June or anyone who wants to
help support the team in any
way. Dinner will be provided!
Pizza from Midway's Grey
Goose! See Ron Wyatt or
Mike Taylor for additional
information.**

MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 18th at 4:30 P.M.

(Please notify the church office if you have an event that should be added to the church calendar.) We will be planning from November 2015 through December of 2016. Please make sure to attend this important planning meeting. All committee and ministry leaders are invited to attend.

MBC MUSIC MINISTRY

Calling all instrumentalists and vocalists! If you have any interest in being part of MBC's Music Ministry, please contact Evan Rowe at 859-227-2299 or email:

(evan@midwaybc.net).

SUPPORT MBC BY SHOPPING AT AMAZONSMILE

Great news Amazon shoppers! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can now designate MBC on your Amazon Smile account! To sign up go to

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0542152>.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS FUNDRAISER

Help pay off our building debt by registering your Kroger Plus Card and designating MBC as your charity. Just log in at krogercommunityrewards.com, have your Kroger plus card number handy, and register your card with our church. MBC's NPO# account number is 11257. See Letha Drury if you have questions or need help signing up.

HAITI JEWELRY & CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

From your Haiti Mission Team:

Our Haiti Mission team continues to sell jewelry from The Apparent Project. The Apparent Project is an organization that employs local Haitian men and women and provides them the opportunity to work and earn money, that in turn, allows them to support their children. These unique earrings and bracelets are made from recycled cereal boxes, while the necklaces are made from recycled oil drums and local Haitian red clay. And coming soon....Christmas Ornaments! These beautiful ornaments are made from recycled oil drums and are hand-stamped by the Haitian artists. Each ornament is topped with a cereal-box bead and ribbon. The ornaments are expected to arrive late September/early October. The prices has yet to be decided, but we will let you know once our shipment arrives.

Current prices:

Earrings: \$10

Bracelets: \$12

Necklaces: \$15 (reduced from \$18)

Ornaments: \$10

Additionally, we are still collecting cereal boxes to send to The Apparent Project. We have collected 222 boxes so far! Did you know that just 1 box can yield up to \$40 profit when made into beads for the earrings and bracelets. The Apparent Project goes through hundreds of boxes each day, so please bring in your cereal boxes and drop them into the green basket in room 100.

Contact: Kelly Rowe

Email: krowe02@yahoo.com

Please help us keep your contact information up-to-date. Notify the church office with any change in address, phone, or email.



MIDWAY CLOTHES CLOSET

The Midway Clothes Closet (MCC basement - Gratz Street door) is now open Saturday mornings from 9 to 11, as well as the last Monday evening of each month.

Also, all are welcome to dine with us on the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (except October) at our free community dinner held in Midway Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Helpers are needed before and after the dinner, and donations to this on-going mission are appreciated.

MIDWAY FOOD PANTRY
Hours 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Midway Baptist Church
Office



MOM'S DAY AWAY!

ATTENTION LADIES! Are you a mom of young children who needs a day away? Join us for a day of relaxation on Beaver Lake, Saturday, November 7th, from 2-8 pm. We will grill out, so bring a dish to share. Contact Paulette Akers (pauletteakers@gmail.com)

or Richelle Duncan to RSVP.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

There is always a place to serve. Would you like to get involved? Please consider having your name added to our list of volunteers. We need additional greeters for our 2nd Worship Service. We also need Children's Worship leaders, and nursery helpers. Please call or email the church office if you would like to serve.

If you would like to know more about how you can be involved in the ministries of MBC, please see Pastor Steve or email. He will be very happy to talk with you.

CONTACT US!

Did you know that we send out a weekly email with information to let you know what is happening at MBC? Call or email the church office (859-846-4514) or office@midwaybc.net, if you would like to be added to our email distribution list. We list birthdays & anniversaries in our monthly newsletter, if we do not have yours listed, please contact the church office and Mary will be happy to add your information into our database.

FROM OUR 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

November 29

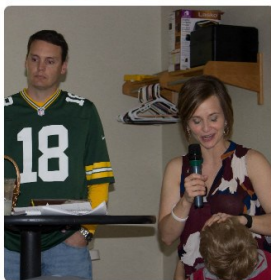
Children's Christmas Party & Parent's Afternoon Out (Starting At Noon)

"Hanging of the Green" Service & Fellowship

When you need a break from the holiday hustle and bustle? MBC's Children's Ministry has the holiday solution. This year's Parents' Out Kids' Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, November 29, from 12:00 - 5:00. Lunch will be provided for the kids right after church. While you head out to find those special Christmas surprises (or just take advantage of the opportunity to relax), the kids will kick off the season of Advent with Christmas movies, games, and crafts at church. Join your kids for the Hanging of the Green Service at 5:00 for a special part that they'll play in the service. Donations, while not required, will be appreciated and will go toward youth costs for any youth who help with the party. A festive fellowship will follow the Hanging of the service.

Please RSVP to Andrea in person or via email (andrea@midwaybc.net) as soon as (and no later than Wednesday, November 25) if your children will be attending so that we can plan for the event.

MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MBC Women on Mission News

The monthly meeting for October will be on **Oct 13** instead of Oct.6, at 10 am at the church. Mission Midway will be our mission emphasis for October. Our next time to Feed the Hungry is Nov. 30, please consider joining these efforts either by going to help or baking desserts or buying bags of apples. See Iraline Craig for more information.



Pictured above—The 1970 WCHS wrestling team was inducted into the 2015 WCHS Hall of Fame. This team won the first of Woodford's 13 state team championships. No other school has won more than seven. MBC Member, Eddie Davis was a member of this team and is shown in this picture with Coach Jack Cline who Eddie says encouraged him to start wrestling and Coach Wayne Hansen who he says taught him how. Coach Hansen was a first-year coach and was a great influence on Eddie in many ways.

Pictured on the left—Anticipation Sunday was an exciting day filled with hope and expectations of what God can do at MBC!

Congratulations to Liles Taylor, President of Versailles Kiwanis Club. Pictured below with his wife, Robin and daughter, Jolee.



CELEBRATE!

October 2015

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Midway Baptist Church

- 1 Michael Rankin
- 2 Jack Rowe, Peggy Kiefer
- 4 Sean Endicott
- 6 Alene McClain, Evangeline Davidson
- 7 Emily Brown, Becky Sears, Angela Simmons
Chris & Ashley Brown ♥
- 8 David Purvis, Matthew Rankin
Mike & Letha Drury ♥
- 9 Katherine Baldwin, Shirley Sames
Neil & Alison Craig ♥
- 10 Brody McCoun
Samuel & Adele Conder ♥
- 12 Doris Nave
- 13 Amanda Elkin, Jeremy Emerson
- 15 Mr & Mrs Philip Dotson ♥
- 18 Anna Marie Dartt
- 19 Kristina Sharon Fett, Billie Jean Giles,
Hannah Morgan, Jessica Morgan, Kristina Sharon, Ronald Trayner

- Sherry Bayliff-Webster & Michael Webster ♥
- Nathaniel & Haley Wyatt ♥
- 20 Elizabeth McLean, Gene Fowler
Sharon Karrick, Spencer Karrick
- 21 Marcia Endicott, Pam Yount
- 22 Iraline Craig
- 23 Audrey Fowler
- 24 Arlene Wells
- 25 Marydyth Costigan
- 26 Emmett Simmons
- 27 Allen Dobson, Lloyd Jones, Wes Justice
- 28 Christian Dartt
- 29 Edward Mitchell, Ola Mae Moore,
Patsy Mitchell
Nick & Sarah Taylor ♥
- 30 Mr & Mrs Paul Rawlings ♥
Mark and Crystal Thompson ♥

♥ denotes anniversary

CELEBRATE!

November 2015

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jean Sharon
Greg & Kristen Jones ♥
- 2 Hadley Ann Hird, Rachel Sames, Joyce Land
- 4 Mr & Mrs Dennis Vaughn ♥
- 5 Macey Montgomery
- 7 Robert Grubbs, Vincent Price
- 8 Nicholas Taylor
- 9 Leah Craig
- 11 Kendra Harvey
- 12 David McCoun
- 14 Judy Rush, Larry Rush
- 15 Gail Popovitz, Juanita White
- 16 Cristina Emerson

- 17 Jeremy & Cristina Emerson ♥
- 20 Billy Hayes, Cornelia Ethington
- 23 Amelia Simmons Adkins
- 24 Bobby Miller
- 25 Nathan Craig
- 26 Bill McGregor, Elias Cody Tackett,
Nathaniel Sames
- 27 Eddie Boden, Melissa Jones,
Wes Morgan
- 28 Evan Hensley

♥ denotes Anniversary



Wishing each of you a blessed
and Happy Thanksgiving!

The MBC office will be
closed for Thanksgiving
Nov. 26-28

ANNUAL



& TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sunday, October 25th

Starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

All chefs are invited to bring their best pot of chili to compete for the honor of Chili Cook-Off winner. If chili's not your forte, we will also need desserts. Please let Andrea know if you plan to enter your chili. After dinner, children have an extra chance to show off their costumes ... and to get some more candy ... at Trunk-or-Treat. Whether or not you decorate your trunk, please fill it up with goodies and come out to see our little princesses, superheroes, and more! Fun for the entire family! Everyone is welcome to join in this special event! Invite your friends and neighbors!



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