



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

May , 2007

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Welcome New Members

On Easter Sunday, Midway Christian Church welcomed seven new members through baptism: Jordan Elise Batts, 9, who is a fourth grader at Simmons Elementary School, the daughter of John and Cindy Batts; Samuel David Hatfield (Sam), 10, who is a fifth grader at Northside Elementary School, the son of Louise Hatfield and Robert Hatfield; James Nathaniel Hill (Nate), 9, who is a fourth grader at Northside Elementary School, the son of James and Nikki Hill; Clayton Thomas Rouse (Clay), 8, who is a third grader at Northside Elementary School, son of Bob and Mary Beth Rouse; Elizabeth Emma Schein (Betsy), 10, who is a fourth grader at Providence Montessori School, daughter of Rich Schein and Sue Roberts; William Julius Schein (Will), 10, who is a fourth grader at Providence Montessori School, son of Rich Schein and Sue Roberts; and Gregory Scott Watson, 10, who is a fifth grader at Northside Elementary School, the son of Doug and Julie Watson. All of these youth participated in our Pastor's class for seven weeks. Clay Rouse, Willand Betsy Schin came forward on Sunday, March 25 to make their Confession of Faith. Jordan Batts, Sam Hatfield, Nate Hill and Gregory Watson came forward on Sunday, April 1 to make their confession of faith.



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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We also welcome John Askew and Wanda Alford, who joined Midway Christian Church through transfer of membership on Sunday, April 15, 2007. John is transferring his membership from Corinth Baptist Church in London, KY and Wanda is transferring her membership from Capital City Christian Church in Frankfort, KY. If you would like to send notes of welcome, please send them to: John Askew, 3073 Wave Crest Way, Lexington, KY 40509 and Wanda Alford, 121 Sycamore Drive, Georgetown, KY 40324

Happy

Mother's Day

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$117,212.96
Received to date: \$113,294.84

A Pastoral Word

In a little over a week, Mike and I will be traveling to White Lake, NC to support my sister in her first triathlon. Laura has always been the athletic one in the family while I gratefully support her from the sidelines. It is not a pretty picture when I start running!

While you may be thinking, that is really nice that I am going to go support my sister. I do have ulterior motives. I am hoping to go back and reclaim part of my childhood. While growing up, my family would travel to White Lake for our family vacations. We would always go with another family every year. Their daughters were like sisters to us growing up. Every year it was the same. Dad would get the sailboat ready. Mr. T would get the motorboat ready. They made sure that there were always plenty of life-jackets. They made sure that we had the water-skis. They made sure that we had the “tube” that would get pulled behind the boat, while the person inside the “tube” held on for dear life and had the best time of their life.

We would always go the same week. We would always get the same cabin, The Murray’s, who were members of my home church. We never missed a week.

The families would take turns making meals and doing dishes. The girls would play in the water from sunrise until sunset. Our parents had to practically pull us out of the water to come in and eat our meals or when it began getting dark each night.

If it rained, there were card games to be played or trips into town. One year, I remember, the Tebows getting a new video camera and bringing it to the lake. Needless to say, all of girls are very thankful that the men we married didn’t get to see the embarrassing videos before the weddings that we took that year of us singing and dancing.

These were some of the best times of my childhood that I can remember. What I remember most are the times that we gathered around the table to eat our meals and the closeness that I felt with these people who I hold so dear. I remember the year my dad flipped his sailboat and lost his class ring. All of us girls threw on our swimming masks and tried our hardest to find the lost ring, but no such luck. I remember the year that Tracy took stick sunscreen and wrote the word “Hey” and a smiley face on her leg, not realizing that we would be out on the boat all after noon. So when we came in off the boat, Tracy had a nice message on her leg, the word

“Hey” outlined in sunburn.

And as all good things, our yearly trips came to an end. I guess, we all know it would the year the oldest daughter started college but our families tried to keep it going. Trying to find a week together with the two families kept getting harder and harder between marching band practices, summer camps, mission trips, and working to have some money for college.

And then one summer, it didn’t work out that we could get together for our family vacation. All the girls had graduated from high school and were in college or starting college. That summer, we didn’t go to White Lake. Time continued marching on. The days of our mutual family vacations were relegated to the past as we all became busy with our own individual lives.

So when Laura said that she was running in the annual triathlon at White Lake, Mom thought it would be a great way to squeeze in a family vacation. We decided that this trip could be a time of remembrance of past family vacations and a time to make new memories with our new family members.

I know that I can never go back to those days but I can still hold onto the memories of happiness and fun.

As we look to begin a new church year in just a few months, I know that many of us are feeling the same way about our lives and our church. We have so many wonderful memories and now we can look to the new year with hope and appreciate the new possibilities for Midway Christian Church.

So as we come together as a church family, we know that God is always there leading us and guiding us.

Heather

P. S. I’ll let you know if I can still race down to the water and jump off the dock!

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

You are encouraged to read the text for the day in advance



May 6—Amanda Hatfield preaching

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 13: 31-35

Sermon: “How To Know”

May 13

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 16: 9-15

Sermon: “Opened Her Heart”

May 20—Consecration Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 16: 16-34

Sermon: “Chains Were Unfastened”

May 27—Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon: “I Will Pour Out My Spirit”

Acolyte Schedule



May 6—Noelle & Faith

May 13—J.T. & Will

May 20—Gregory & Clay

May 27—Nate & Jack

June 3—Steele & Franklin

June 10—Betsy & Jordan

June 17—Noelle & Faith

June 24—J.T. & Sam

Serving This Month

Elders

Dan Roller

Adele Dickerson

Deacons

Cindy Batts, Sandy Gruzesky, Gloria Batts, Pat Wilson, Ella Drake, Teresa Hoppin, Dottie Pollard, Sharon Burchell, Nancy Lu Prewitt

Worship Leaders:

May 6: TBA

May 13: TBA

May 20: TBA

May 27: TBA

Sunday School Classes

Rev. Heather McColl will lead a six week program on Faith Sharing. It began on April 22 and will end on May 27.

Pentecost Celebration

Sunday, May 27 at 11 am

On Sunday, May 27, we will be worshipping at Second Christian Church for our annual Pentecost celebration. Each year we worship together on Pentecost to celebrate our beginnings as brothers and sisters in faith. Heather McColl will be preaching and there will be a potluck following the service. Come and join us in celebrating the birth of the Church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Children Worship & Wonder Greeter Schedule

May 6 & 13—Ouita Michel

May 20 & 27—Margaret Easton

Children's Ministry

Dear Church Family,

This month my most important items of business are congratulations and thank-yous.

First, congratulations to our youth who made their confessions of faith and were baptized on Easter. I know the church is expecting great things from all of you, and I'm so glad to have this opportunity to help you along the way.

Second, many thanks to those who have helped clean out the youth room above the sanctuary as we get ready to put it back in regular use. More on that later.

Third, I would like to extend a more personal sort of thanks to my Pastoral Relations/Field Education committee. I know that for most of us another committee is the last thing we need or want, and I really appreciate their willingness to minister to me in this way. Especial thanks are due to Jordan Batts and Nate Hill, who have shown great bravery in being willing to encounter the ups and downs of church committee life at such young ages.

Fourth, I need to thank the congregation of Midway CC as a whole. Not for being such wonderful people, or for treating me so well, even though I am thankful for those things every day. This past weekend our church made it possible for me to attend Children's Worship and Wonder Storyteller training. It was an intense few days and I will need a lot of practice before I am a competent Storyteller, but this was an important thing for me to learn and I know it will stand me in good stead for many years to come.

Ok, that part's done.

Official-type Business:

--We are planning a trip to the Louisville zoo on Saturday, May 19th. This will require quite a bit of organization so stay tuned for more information.

--Camp forms are still circulating! If you haven't thought about camp today, this is your reminder.

--Beginning Sunday, May 6th the youth will have a fellowship time of their own during the Sunday School hour. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30, and after the prayer that opens adult Sunday School we will go to the youth room, where we will remain until time for worship. For at least these first few weeks this has not been envisioned as an opportunity for education, but simply a time to talk and get ready for worship. I hope all our families will consider making this extra time part of their Sunday morning routines.

--Dates for Vacation Bible School have been set for Monday, June 25th through Wednesday, June 27th. In the coming weeks you will be hearing more about this, and you will also be hearing the Christian Ed. Committee begin searching for volunteers. If you already know you would like to help with this year's VBS, please talk to me or Sandy Gruzsky.

There are still 33 days of Easter left! Have you remembered to keep celebrating?

Peace,

Amanda



Mission News and Notes

Mission Night

Wednesday, May 16

The next mission night will be Wednesday, May 16, 2007. The Cabinet will meet at 5:45 pm and the Committee's will meet at 6:30 pm. Childcare is provided.

Meals On Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of April 2:

Gretchen Arehart, Pat Settlemre, Pat Wilson, Priscilla Crutcher, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson



The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of April 30, 2007.

Fellowship News and Notes

2007 Stewardship Focus:

The Gifts We Bring

Visioning and preparations are already being made for the upcoming new church year and the ministries that we hope to be able to be a part of in our community, in our church and in our world. Committees have been asked to formulate a budget for their upcoming church year and to think about how much money would be needed to live out their mission and their ministries.

As a part of this process, we are seeking God's blessing and God's guidance for our ministries and God's help in preparing our budget. This year, we will be asking for each person or family to prayerfully seek God's blessings and guidance for their own financial giving as they made a pledge for the coming fiscal year (July, 2007-June, 2008).

Our hope in doing this process is that we can have a budget that gives us a faithful and accurate picture of the ministries of Midway Christian Church. When the time comes, please make an estimate for your yearly giving so that we can faithfully celebrate God's blessings upon our church.

Please do not put your name on this pledge. We will not be tracking the pledges. We understand that circumstances in life can change and that you may give more or less than you anticipated. The Finance Committee wants to faithful to God and to Midway Christian Church in all of God's blessings.

We are asking that you bring your pledge forward on Consecration Day, Sunday, May 20, as a sign of your commitment and your response to the grace of God that has been shown to you as a child of God.

Cane Ridge Day 2007

Saturday, June 23– 9:30 am to 3 pm

Historic Cane Ridge Meeting House in Kentucky will celebrate the "Christian Call to Scholarship" during its annual Cane Ridge Day on Saturday, June 23. Everyone is cordially invited to enjoy the gathering, visit with friends and neighbors, hear fascinating accounts on the Meeting House and its ties to education, enjoy a noontime picnic, and to sing and hear live musical performances.

The Schedule of Events is as follows:

- Registration is at 9:30 a.m., followed by lively singing in the Meeting House led by Jamie Goodlett of Lawrenceburg, KY, and a wonderful men's quartet from First Christian Church, Winchester, KY. Then the Cane Ridge Trustees introduce James H. Trader II as the new Cane Ridge curator.

- At 10:30 a.m., Brite Divinity School president Dr. Newell Williams speaks on the "Education of Barton W. Stone."

- At 12 noon, families and church groups open up their picnic baskets and enjoy lunch under the shade trees while listening to gospel and traditional Appalachian music performed by The Backroom Bluegrass Band from Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington.

- At 1 p.m., Cane Ridge trustee Kenney Roseberry recounts the "Early History of Cane Ridge Schools," followed by James Trader speaking on the future of Cane Ridge and its role as an educational institution in and of itself.

- At approximately 3 p.m., is the closing hymn and benediction.

Fellowship News and Notes

Disciples Women

Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm



On Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm, the Disciples Women will meet at Railheads in Versailles for an end of the year celebration. We will also draw names for our Secret Prayer Partners. For the following year, we will pray for our prayer partners and then will reveal next May who we had as prayer partners. All women of the church are invited to attend. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, May 2.

Disciples Men

Saturday, May 19 at 8:30 am

On Saturday, May 19 at 8:30 am, the Disciples Men group will meet for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. They will be looking at the mission of this ministry. Please call Dan Roller or Phil Burchell if you have any questions.

Keenagers

Friday, May 25 at 11:30 am

On Friday, May 25 at 11:30 am the Keenagers will travel to Irish Acres in Nonesuch, Ky. We will have lunch at The Glitz. The cost of lunch is \$19.99 for a three course meal. Please call the church office to RSVP by Monday, May 14. Keenagers is for anyone retired or practicing retirement.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 20

On Sunday, May 20 there will be a brief congregational meeting following the service to elect delegates for General Assembly. The people who have been nominated as delegates are: Shirley Eckels, Sharon Burchell and Phil Burchell.

Board Meeting

There will be a Board Meeting on Sunday, May 6 at 5 pm.

Elders

The Elders will meet on Sunday, May 27 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

General Assembly

Share the Feast is the theme for the 2007 General Assembly, July 21-25, in Fort Worth, Texas. The General Assembly is the biennial meeting of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. This year's Assembly will be a time of "Sharing the Feast, Inspiration, Transformation, Mission, and Fellowship." Speakers for the event will include General Minister and President Sharon Watkins, Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) William Lee, Lexington Theological Seminary Dean Daisy Machado, and President and Executive Director of Sojourners Jim Wallis.



Kentucky Men's Retreat 2007

June 29— July 1

Men's lives are like spiritual houses. There are times when they need a little up-keep, times when they need an addition, and then there are those times when they need a complete renovation.

Our Christian lives are always a construction zone and people watch what we are building. Start a project on your life this year!



Christian Church in Kentucky

Men's Spiritual Life Retreat

The Influencers with Men's Consultant Ed Huckleberry
St. Meinard Arch Abbey, St. Meinard, IN

Cost of Registration, Lodging, and Meals-\$157.50

Registration deadline is June 10, 2007

Registration forms are located in the Narthex or you may contact the church office to receive one.

Community News and Notes

Refurbishing Update

Progress on the metal work is going very well. We left the scaffolding up through the winter because the metal workers have been using it. They are working here in between jobs, which is saving us money. Using the scaffolding instead of renting the lift has saved us \$2,000 per month. The actual cost of the metal repair is going to be about \$3,000 lower than the original estimate, even after they found more damage.

The masons will begin working mid May. They will finish where the scaffolding is first then move to the right side of the building. Then they will move to the area above the Pinkerton stained glass window. Due to the nature of their work and the hidden damage they have incurred we cannot give a definite cost or date they will be finished. Jan Bush will be at the May 6 Board meeting to give an update and answer any questions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Settlemire at 859-983-9795.



*The Congregation is invited to attend
the wedding of*

Elizabeth Roach

&

Matt Seybert

*Elizabeth is the daughter of Jim and
DeeDee Roach. The wedding will
take place on June 9, 2007 at 6:30 pm
at Midway Christian Church. The
reception will follow at Spring Valley
Golf Club. All are welcome!*

From the Christian Church Foundation



A Will Provides For Those Who Follow

As Christians we rejoice with faith in the resurrection. Yet we also know the passage from life to death can be stressful on those who survive us.

Imagine the struggles your survivors might face if you do not have your estate plan in order. Who will be executor of the estate? Who will decide how your personal treasures are distributed? In addition to their own grief, can you imagine them struggling to find life insurance papers, bank accounts and other vital documents?

By creating a legal will, you can provide your next-of-kin with a peace of mind, knowing that you were able to determine how your estate is distributed.

A will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember your favorite charitable causes, including the church to which you participate. A gift to the church through your will demonstrates your love for God and the ministry of Jesus Christ. It also provides you with one last opportunity to exemplify what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for you.

In the spirit of Christian joy

Melissa C. Langley

And

John J. Askew

Will vow their lives to one another forever

On Saturday, 9th of June

Two Thousand and Seven

At two-o'clock in the afternoon

First Baptist Church 210 St Clair Street

Frankfort, Kentucky

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Langley

And

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Askew

Invite you to join them in asking

God's Blessing upon this holy union.

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June newsletter is Noon,
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