



# Midway Messenger

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## ETERNITY

### Eternity – the Reality

God inhabits eternity (Isa.57:15) and the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom.6:23). Generally speaking, the span of man's life is 70 – 80 years (Psalm 90), but eternity is forever and ever (Eph.3:21).

### Eternity – the Punishment

On the day of judgment, those on the left hand of Christ (the disobedient) will hear these words, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt.25:41). This punishment includes eternal separation from God, an eternal painful sensation of fire, and eternal evil association. This punishment is likewise called "the second death" (Rev.21:8).

### Eternity – the Reward

In contrast to punishment and eternal death, the home in heaven will be eternal life. "The gift of God is eternal life" (Rom.6:23). "Lay hold on to eternal life" (1 Tim.6:12). The joy of heaven is too wonderful for words. "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor.4:17).

The punishment lasts much longer than the number of years one lives upon the earth. And, the reward is far, far greater than we will ever deserve. Therefore, we should live for the things which are not seen for they are eternal (2 Cor.4:18).

### Eternity – the body

Life on earth is temporary. It is like a vapor which appears for a little time and then vanishes away (James 4:13,14). All flesh is as grass and the glory of flesh is like the flower. The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever (1 Pet.1:22-25). We are as sojourners (1 Peter 2:11; Heb.11:13-16), and, as the song says, "this world is not our home and we are just passing through."

The lowly body we now possess will be changed to be like the body of Christ (Phil.3:20,21). This remarkable transformation will be brought about by the power of God. "If our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor.5:1).

--david

nursery available

For children ages 0-3  
years during  
Sunday morning  
services.

## FOR THE RECORD

June 23

Bible Study	N/A
A.M. Worship	140
P.M. Worship	114
Contribution	\$5,663
Weekly Budget	\$6,000

## Remember these sick and shut-ins with visits, calls, cards and prayers.

*...I was sick and you visited me...Matthew 25:36*

- Harold Pirtle is in Birmingham recovering from surgery.
- Tom Wilkerson is having severe back pain and will be undergoing treatments over the next few weeks.
- Cristian Medina, Yvonia Ward's grandson, had surgery Thursday.
- Jeff Sherill, Nancy Sherill's son, fell from a ladder, and suffered a head injury. He is in Huntsville Hospital recovering, and doing some better.

## ON-GOING PRAYER LIST

Continue to remember **Wilma Eady, Harold and Deborah Pirtle, Myron and Faye Dean Standridge, Corine Cahela, Laverne Martin, Luceal Meeks, Uel Hester, Lavona Cahoon**

Kayla Barker - Online studies  
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**OUR  
COLLEGE  
STUDENTS  
AND  
MILITARY  
PERSONNEL**

**GREAT JOB!** We appreciate Larry Little preaching during camp time and also Matt and the boys leading services last Sunday evening.

**SINGING TONIGHT!** Don't miss the next fifth Sunday singing tonight at six. Get with Aaron and Martin for song requests. Please bring finger foods for the fellowship following the singing service. Thank you.

Psa 95:1 O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Psa 95:2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

**MIDWEEK BOOST!** Let's all return this Wednesday, July 3, at 7 p.m. for Bible study. Jimmy Clark from Bethel church of Christ plans to be teaching in the auditorium.

**JULY 7 SPECIAL GUEST:** On Sunday evening, July 7, a very unique gospel preacher plans to be with us. It should be a very special treat. More details coming up.

**SOME GOOD TOOLS:** Every workman (2 Timothy 2:15) needs a good supply of tools for his tasks. As we go about daily life, we must be "ready" to share the gospel (Titus 3:1). We are blessed with a variety of Bible study helps. Please look for these on the back tables and in the drawers of the chests in the foyer. You will find Bible correspondence courses and handy bookmarks with salvation-related Bible passages upon them. Additionally, check out Midway's facebook and website for various postings of past lessons. Plant. Water. God will give the increase. (1 Cor.3:6-9)

**A NAIL, A TIRE AND A SOUL:** A fellow walking along the town streets one morning found a large-size nail in the road. Of course, he picked it up in order to save someone from getting a flat tire. He could not prevent all flat tires in the world, but he would prevent this one. Even so, we can't have a hand in leading every soul to heaven, but there's likely someone we meet every day who we could assist in receiving salvation. "...by all means save some" (1 Cor.9:19-23).

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

None this week



CD's from Ladies' Day and F&F Day are on table in back of the auditorium. Please mark your name off of the list when you pick up your disc. If you didn't request one, but would like one, see Martin Mapes.

## Coming July 7th!



Before evening services we will recognize students for their hard work learning their memory verses.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ **Today, Bridal Shower for Danielle Patterson in Fellowship Hall. Selections are at Walmart, Target, Belk & Lowes gift cards.**
- ⇒ **Today, Fall Creek Falls Bible Camp — Junior Week**
- ⇒ **Tonight, 5th Sunday Singing**
- ⇒ **July 7th, Summer Singing at the home of Chris & Alison James. Pizza & drinks will be provided, please bring chips or desserts**
- ⇒ **July 14th, Calendar planning and potluck lunch, to plan activities for the upcoming months. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring your ideas.**
- ⇒ **Cancer care bags and port pillows are available in the foyer.**