

# Midway Heights Baptist Church

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## A Message from Pastor David Schawo: June 2009

Always at this time of the year – the closer we get to July 4th – we as preachers and many Christians in general, call for God to Bless America. In Psalm 33:12 we see the Psalmist saying “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.”

It is the first part of this verse that is used as the premise to ask God to bless America. But, I believe in order for God to answer our request, we need to be sure what the Scripture really says. His response will be based on several things revealed in this passage.

✠ It says “**blessed is the nation**” - the psalmist says we do not need to ask to bless us because, if we meet the criteria of the rest of this verse then the blessing from God will come **automatically!**

✠ The criteria for which a nation is blessed is that it is to be a nation “**whose God is THE LORD**”. Herein may be the problem that causes us to need to ask God to bless America. It may be America does not have The Lord as our God.

✠ Another criteria God requires is **that we be the people, He has chosen for Himself!**

The problem is that we have chosen to not want God in our lives, our schools, or in our government! And what that means is that when God is asked to leave our lives, schools, and government, when He does leave **SO GOES HIS BLESSINGS!**

Perhaps, what we ought to be praying is that our nation **first** return to Him and when we do that, we will discover that God **will bless America again!!**

Have a great and safe 4th of July celebration and feel free to join us at the church at 8 pm for watermelon and fireworks!!!

Joyfully in His Service,  
Brother Dave

## Pastor David Schawo

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

## Church Calendar

### July

06/29-07/03	Camp Cedar Crest Youth	
07/04	Community 4th of July Celebration	8:00 p.m.
07/06-11	Camp Cedar Crest Girls	
07/13-18	Camp Cedar Crest Boys	
07/11-18	Youth World Changers - Indiana	
07/19	Youth World Changers Testimony	11:00 a.m.
07/21	Women's Dinner & Bible Study	6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
07/23	Men's Dinner & Bible Study	6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
07/27-31	Vacation Bible School	8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
07/30	VBS Parent's Night	

### August

08/07	Youth Float Trip	Leave 6:00 p.m.
08/08	Youth Float Trip	Return 8:00 p.m.
08/25	Women's Dinner & Bible Study	6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
08/27	Men's Dinner & Bible Study	6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

### September

09/19	Annual Community Fish & Chicken Fry	4:30 p.m. - ??
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*Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord*

*Job 1: 21*

## Youth Group



**Do I HAVE MUD ON MY FACE?....**What a mess!!! Earlier this month we have the awesome opportunity to join forces with Locust Grove Methodist Church for a youth event that won't be forgotten anytime soon! Both youth groups got together for a night of mud volleyball. No one escaped the sludge!!!

Sorry you missed it? Not to worry, we have tons of other awesome events coming up this summer!!! Mark your calendar for August 7th and 8th when the MHBC heads south to Meramac State Park for our youth float trip. We camp out under the stars, have a campfire devotion, and then shove off the next morning for an exciting float down the Meramac River. That is, if we survive the bus ride by ol' Santa One-feather!!!



Want to know more? Come check us out on Sunday nights at 7pm. We come together for youth group! We have insane games, awesome music, and then we get into the Bible. See you Sunday!!!

See you soon!  
**The Youth Dude, Josh**

## Girl's In Action - GA's

### Extreme Makeover:



At the Extreme Makeover: Heart Edition we learned, Heart for Building, Heart for Sharing, and Heart for the World, Heart for Prayer, Heart for Working Together and a Heart for God's Word. We met missionaries, learned songs and learned about how loving God through His Son Jesus changes our heart.

This year we not only had seven GA's go—We had several people from MHBC go and cook for the girls at the retreat. This was a great opportunity for us to serve others and it also puts into action what GA's learn all year long, ministering to others that are doing God's work.

It is very exciting to know that we are a part of what God is doing in the lives of these girls. As young as they are (grades 1st -6th), they really do have a Heart for God and His Son Jesus Christ.

Every Wednesday night at 7:00pm all girls 1st-6th grades are invited to come to GA's. Learn why it is important to have missions and missionaries to teach others who do not know about God's love and His Son Christ Jesus.

The girls are already looking forward to next year's retreat!

Love As Christ Loves, **Penny**

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God..." Psalms 51:10a*

It will soon be time for **Vacation Bible School** at Midway Heights Baptist Church. Mark your calendars for the last week of July (27-31) for this event. The hours are 8:30 to 11:30 AM and a bus will run each day. The bus always goes through Trails West subdivision, so if you live somewhere else and need a ride, you need to contact me at 445-7918 (Nancy's home phone) and make arrangements.

**VBS** offers classes to children from ages 4 through youth who just finished their 8th grade school year. Everyone is invited to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity for your children to learn more about Christ and have fun doing it. If you don't receive a registration form in the mail within a couple of weeks from reading this article, call the church (445-3622) and ask Penny to send you one. (If you have more than one child attending, please fill out a form for each child.) If you have any questions, just call me at home (my number is listed above). Hope to see you all on July 27th.

Nancy Schawo

Where did the time go?! It seems like only a few days ago that we began our 2008-2009 Children's Bible Drill session at the beginning at September last year.

On May 2, our team (Bridget Hartley, Logan Hovis, Sara McDonald, and Victoria Terry) finished the session with Sara representing Midway Heights Baptist Church grades 4-6 at the State Bible Drill in Jefferson City. And, she finished with a perfect score!



Logan was our only first grader, and she learned all the verses, key passages and books of the Bible that were assigned to our 4th graders, and is laying the groundwork for her success when she is old enough to participate in the State Drill, as Sara did this year. Congratulations, Logan!!

Each of our girls had a coach that worked with them for 8 months (from early September 2008 to May 1, 2009). The girls learned 25 verses and references, 10 key passages, and all the books of the Bible. Our coaches made our program successful. They were: Dwain and Lonnie Hovis (Logan), Wanda Hartley (Bridget), Theresa and Brian McDonald (Sara), and Rosie Terry (Victoria). We praise God for their dedication.

Our 2009-2010 session begins this coming September. We'll keep you posted on dates.

Joyfully Serving Him,  
**Lori, Dianne & Brenda**



### ***Fish and Chicken Fry: Fun for the Entire Family***

Gather the family and plan to join us Saturday, September 19, for the Sixth Annual Fish and Chicken Fry and all the fun at Midway Heights Baptist Church. The all-you-care-to-eat menu of fish, chicken, slaw, green beans, applesauce, and pie costs just \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4 to 12, and under 4 eat for free.

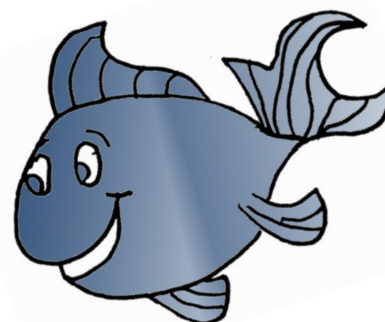
**Plan to do more than eat** —there are lots of **free** activities for the kids such as the petting zoo, bounce house, finger painting station, and more. Adults will want to browse through the outstanding variety of products and services offered in the Silent and Live auctions.



#### **Fun for the Family! Saturday, September 19**

- All-You-Care-To-Eat 4 pm to 7:30 pm
- **FREE** Children's Activities 4 pm to 7 pm
- Silent Auction Bidding 4 pm to 7 pm
- Live Auction 7 pm to ?

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### ***A Testimony...***

Trials are something that we all struggle with; I am a single mother and I know my fair share of daily trials, and that they are a result of my choices rather good or bad. I take great joy in knowing that God does not give us more that we can handle; it is what we do with what He gives us, which determines our future with God. Without God, I know that I would not be able to give my child what she needs and deserves to prepare her, for her future and life ahead. I am giving her the tools and the knowledge to 'live the good life.'

God bless,  
**Kayla**

Midway Heights Church is so happy for the children God has brought us through the neighborhood bus ministry. We thank the parents who understood as we began the bus route and made needed changes. Your effort in making sure your children were there for the ride is appreciated. If you are in the Midway area, and you and / or your child need a

ride to church, we welcome you to call 445 – 3622 to leave a message of how we may contact you. We'll be glad to provide a ride.



We leave the church at 9:15 and should be through the neighborhood shortly after that. Donuts with Milk, Juice or Coffee are provided shortly after 9:30 each Sunday. We hope you will join us in learning God's word, and of His love for His children.

*The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace.  
Psalm 29: 11*

We invite you to join us Saturday, July 4th at 8pm for watermelon and ice tea. Fireworks will begin near dark.

We'd love for your family to join our family for an evening of fun.



### **Van Ministry**

If you would like to come to our church, and need a ride, please call 445-3622 and provide your name and phone number so that arrangements can be made for you and your family. We'd love to have you join us.

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