

PLEASE HELP US CREATE A DISTRACTION-FREE ENVIRONMENT DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES. IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE DURING KEY TIMES OF THE SERVICE, YOU MAY BE ASKED TO SIT IN THE BACK WHEN YOU RETURN. ALSO, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR AMAZING KIDS' CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, BIRTH THROUGH 5TH GRADE. WE REALLY WANT EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEST IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES. THANKS!



## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

9AM, & 10:30AM

### MIDTOWNE STUDENTS

6-12TH GRADE | WEDNESDAYS | 6:00-7:30 PM  
MEETS IN THE MILL. THIS IS A NIGHT OF FUN,  
AWESOME WORSHIP & A RELEVANT MESSAGE.

### KIDSTOWNE | BIRTH-PRESCHOOL

SUNDAY | BOTH SERVICES  
BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, MUSIC, AND FUN  
ACTIVITIES TO HELP APPLY THE LESSON  
FOR THE DAY!

### KIDSTOWNE LIVE | K-5TH GRADE

SUNDAY | BOTH SERVICES  
FUN GAMES, MUSIC, LIVE DRAMA, SMALL GROUPS  
AND CREATIVE TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD THAT  
HELPS THEM FIND AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEST.

## OUR STAFF

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### SPECIAL KIDSTOWNE | K-5TH GRADE

SUNDAY | 9AM  
REGISTER AT MIDTOWNECHURCH.COM/SPECIAL  
EACH SATURDAY BY NOON TO HELP US  
BEST SERVE YOUR CHILD.

### SUPER KIDS | PRESCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30-7:30PM  
PRESCHOOLERS WILL LEARN GOD'S BEST  
THROUGH SONGS, GAMES AND BIBLE TEACHING  
THAT IS ON THEIR LEVEL.

### ELEVATE | K-5TH GRADE

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30-7:30PM  
KIDS WILL LEARN AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEST  
FOR THEIR LIVES THROUGH SKITS, SONGS AND  
GROUP ACTIVITIES!

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

FRIDAYS | 6:45PM: LARGE GROUP  
A CHRIST-CENTERED RECOVERY PROGRAM.  
FIND MORE INFO AT:  
CELEBRATERECOVERY@MIDTOWNECHURCH.COM

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# MORE THAN A FAN.

FANS ARE FICKLE.  
FOLLOWERS ARE FAITHFUL.  
8.13.23

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## **Fickle Fans...**

### **1. Want to \_\_\_\_\_.**

When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!" When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

John 6:14-15 NLT

### **2. Are easily \_\_\_\_\_.**

Then the people began to murmur in disagreement because he had said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph? We know his father and mother. How can he say, 'I came down from heaven'?" John 6:41-42 NLT

### **3. Don't do the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?" John 6:60 NLT

### **4. Will \_\_\_\_\_.**

At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. John 6:66 NLT

## **Faithful Followers...**

### **1. Are \_\_\_\_\_.**

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval." John 6:26-27 NLT



**NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS**

**EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEST WITH OTHERS**

ALL GROUPS MEET AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK  
COUPLES' GROUPS • WOMEN'S GROUPS • MEN'S GROUPS

For more information about Neighborhood Groups **check the box** on your connection card today **or** contact Josh at **Josh@MidtowneChurch.com**



**the Landing™**  
CelebrateRecovery® for Students

Fridays @ 6pm  
For More Info: (870) 834-0380  
[celebraterecovery@midtownechurch.com](mailto:celebraterecovery@midtownechurch.com)

A safe place for teens to process life, provide tools to help them, and point them toward the freedom found in Jesus Christ.



**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
A CHRIST-CENTERED RECOVERY PROGRAM

Come and experience freedom from all of life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups through Bible based teaching, worship, and fellowship!

**ONLY 1 IN 3 PEOPLE ARE AT CR FOR DRUG OR ALCOHOL ADDICTIONS**

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT: 6:00 Dinner • 6:45 Large Group • 7:45 Small Group • 8:45 Missing Piece Café

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: [CELEBRATERECOVERY@MIDTOWNECHURCH.COM](mailto:CELEBRATERECOVERY@MIDTOWNECHURCH.COM)

LADIES

# Grateful

Giving thanks to God in all things.

A new study for ladies 18+  
Wednesday nights at 6:30pm at Midtowne Church.

text GRATEFUL to 501-365-9556 to sign-up

Begins Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30pm

Email dawn\_weaver@ajg.com for more information

LADIES

# In the FOOTSTEPS of the SAVIOR

A 7 week study following Jesus through the Holy Land.

Wednesdays at 9:30am beginning September 6 or  
Thursdays at 6PM beginning September 7th.

text FOOTSTEPS to 501-365-9556 to sign up

Email Becky at guthriebeckyann@gmail.com for more info

MIDTOWNE CHURCH

# BACKPACK MINISTRY

FEEDING CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY

TO ADOPT A KID TEXT "ADOPT" TO 501-365-9556

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL  
BACKPACKINFO@MIDTOWNECHURCH.COM

\$20 PER MONTH FEEDS ONE CHILD

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FEED

# OVER 500 KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

## 2. Are \_\_\_\_\_.

They replied, "We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?"

Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent." John 6:28-29 NLT

## 3. Are \_\_\_\_\_.

Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.

We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God." John 6:68-69 NLT

# SO WHAT

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

Luke 9:23-24 NLT

Fans are \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

but Followers are \_\_\_\_\_

# MAKE THE BEST OF IT

1. How would you describe the difference between a Fan of Jesus and a Follower of Jesus?
2. Do you think there are more Fans or Followers of Jesus? Why?
3. Why is it more important to be a Follower than a Fan of Jesus?
4. It is easy to be a "Follower" of Jesus on Game Day (Sunday). But it can be more difficult the rest of the week. What are some things we can do to be Followers between game days?
5. Take some time to go back through this message and look at the descriptions of Fans and Followers. Which of those descriptions most accurately describes you? Why?
6. Think about Dedicated, Devoted, and Determined. Which of those do you think you need to work on the most and why?
7. What will be your first step toward becoming More Than a Fan this week?

NO MATTER WHAT COLOR YOU WEAR  
BRING YOUR FAMILY OUT TO THE MIDTOWNE  
FAMILY FUN ZONE

# SALT BOWL 2023

WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH

SET-UP BEGINS AT NOON  
FAMILY FUN ZONE 4:00-7:00  
KICK OFF AT 7:00

TEXT "SALT" TO 501-365-9556 FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NEW SMALL GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
GRADUATED - AGE 25

Join us for a Meal and Bible Study  
Thursday Nights at 6pm beginning  
September 7th at the Walker's home.

text YOUNGADULT to 501-365-9556 to sign-up  
for more info contact jenniferwalker234@gmail.com

MEN'S STUDY | AGES 18+

## BETTERMAN DEFINED

Learn how to courageously  
follow God's Word.

BEGINS THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 31ST, AT 6PM  
AT MIDTOWNE CHURCH

text DEFINED to  
501-365-9556 to sign-up

FOR INFO EMAIL ADAM AT ADAMDRICE@YAHOO.COM



## LABOR DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD  
10:30AM AT MIDTOWNE CHURCH  
(NO 9AM SERVICE)

NO KIDS CLASSES FOR K-5TH  
CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIRTH - PRE-K

## THE *Heart* OF Family

Six weeks to a happier and healthier marriage.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00  
in the Worship Center  
Begins August 30th  
Childcare Available

text HEART to 501-365-9556 to sign-up  
for more info contact jenniferwalker234@gmail.com

NEW CLASS STARTING SEPTEMBER 6TH, AT 6:30 PM

# GRIEF SHARE®

A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL GRIEFSHARE@MIDTOWNECHURCH.COM  
TEXT "GRIEF" TO 501-365-9556 TO SIGN-UP