

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 SPECTATE.
FOLLOWERS PARTICIPATE.
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Nicodemus: From Spectator to Participant

1. Cautious _____ .

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you." Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:1-3 NLT

2. Crowd _____ .

Then Nicodemus, the leader who had met with Jesus earlier, spoke up. "Is it legal to convict a man before he is given a hearing?" he asked. They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Search the Scriptures and see for yourself—no prophet ever comes from Galilee!" John 7:50-52 NLT

3. Committed _____ .

Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. 39 With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. John 19:38-39 NLT

Three Characteristics of Participants

A. They _____ Gladly.

B. They _____ Boldly.

C. They _____ Generously.



**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**



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CelebrateRecovery® for Students

Fr Fridays @ 6pm
For More Info: (870) 834-0380
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

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FEED

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

OVER 500 KIDS

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

The _____ you _____ a _____,

the _____ you _____ as a _____.

MAKE THE BEST OF IT

1. What are some differences between Spectators and Participators in the sports world? What is the biggest difference between them in the Christian world?
2. Nicodemus was very careful to not identify too closely with Jesus. Why do you think he did that? What do you think made him change his mind and actions?
3. When you think about the life of Nicodemus that we talked about in this message, which part can you most relate to and why?
4. What are some things that keep people from becoming Participators with Jesus and cause them to remain Spectators?
5. In what ways do Spectators miss out on God's Best?
6. Look back at the three things that characterize Participators that we talked about in the message. Which of those are you currently doing well? Which one do you need to do better?
7. What is one specific thing you will do this week to make sure you are a Participator and not just a Spectator as a Christian?

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 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

A BetterMan Loves and Protects
God's Woman.

**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



THE FRONT PORCH

Tuesday, September 26th at 11:30 am
Midtowne Church
Lunch will be provided

Men & Women 65 or older, please join
us for lunch, conversation, and fun!

Love to bake?
Contact Nancy at 501-529-5595 if you would
like to provide something sweet.

text PORCH to 501-365-9556 to sign up

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



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

ARE YOU PRAYING?



**ASK GOD TO SHOW YOU HOW YOU CAN HELP
MAKE OUR NEW BUILDING A REALITY**