

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.

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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.  
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# LIES ABOUT HAPPINESS

For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44 NLT

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 NLT

1. The Lie: Being happy is the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in life.

The Truth: Being \_\_\_\_\_ is the Most Important Thing.

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 NLT

Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'" Mark 12:29-30 NLT

2. The Lie: God \_\_\_\_\_ about my Happiness.

The Truth: God \_\_\_\_\_ about your Happiness.

I will find joy doing good for them and will faithfully and wholeheartedly replant them in this land. Jeremiah 32:41 NLT

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! John 15:11 NLT

God blesses those who... Matthew 5:3-10 NLT

Praise the Lord! How joyful are those who fear the Lord and delight in obeying his commands. Psalms 112:1 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

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**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

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**BOYZ IN THE WORD**

SUNDAYS  
9AM-10AM  
FOR 6-12TH GRADE BOYZ  
IN "THE EDGE" 5TH GRADE ROOM

Email aaron@midtownechurch.com for more info

**EDGE**  
5th Grade Ministry

SUNDAYS  
10:30-11:30AM  
5TH GRADE STUDENTS  
IN THE CLASSROOM UNDER THE MILL

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*girls*  
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HELPING MEN FIND & EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEST

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3. The Lie: God wants me to be Happy so I can \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The Truth: God is concerned about your \_\_\_\_\_ which  
\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.

But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15-16 NLT

4. The Lie: I would be Happy if \_\_\_\_\_.

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. 1 John 2:15-17 NLT

The Truth: Real Happiness is only \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.  
For he (God) satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Psalm 107:9 NLT

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:33 NLT

**SO WHAT?**

Happy are the people whose God is the Lord! Psalm 144:15 NKJV

When \_\_\_\_\_ is my Lord,  
\_\_\_\_\_ is my \_\_\_\_\_.

## What If I Am Not Happy?

### 1. Focus on God's sovereignty not your situation.

*Our God is in the heavens, and he does as he wishes. Psalm 115:3 NLT*

### 2. Remember God's Faithfulness.

*But then I recall all you have done, O Lord; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works. Psalm 77:11-12 NLT*

### 3. Spend time in Worship.

*O God, we meditate on your unfailing love as we worship in your Temple. Psalm 48:9 NLT*

### 4. Read the Bible.

*Remember your promise to me; it is my only hope. Your promise revives me; it comforts me in all my troubles. Psalm 119:49-50 NLT*

### 5. Memorize Scripture.

*I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11 NLT*

### 6. Don't Isolate yourself from the things of God, Insulate yourself with the things of God..

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1 NLT*

### 7. Practice Thankfulness.

*And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:20 NLT*

### 8. Serve Someone.

*Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. Isaiah 58:10 NLT*

### 9. Take Practical Steps to relieve the burden.

*The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Psalm 37:23 NLT*

### 10. Remember that suffering is Temporary.

*For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 2 Corinthians 4:17 NLT*

# MAKE THE BEST OF IT

1. What makes you Happy?
2. Do you think most people are happy or unhappy? Why?
3. Which of the lies we talked about today do you think is most prevalent in our community? Why?
4. Which of the lies we talked about today have you believed? How did that affect your life?
5. How does it make you feel to know that God really does care about your happiness? How can this truth change the way you relate to God?
6. Why is it true that real happiness is only found in God?
7. What are some things you do to help you when you are unhappy?
8. What is one specific thing you will do this week to overcome lies about happiness?



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