



MIDWAYCHURCH



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2019

A report that is a reflection of People living fully for God, spreading His word locally and globally, seeing changed lives, and celebrating people coming to salvation, growing in their faith, and serving God.





# WORD FROM PASTOR JOHN

For 43 years Midway Church has been reaching out to our communities and the world with the good news of the gospel. Our mission of helping people live fully for God has been realized again in 2019. While there are many numbers in this report, we want you to see the stories of lives changed. God has allowed us to be part of people trusting Christ for salvation and growing spiritually alongside others in community. Service to and through the church has been fruitful. We thank God for His many blessings.

We are blessed with leaders, servants, volunteers, and a congregation that loves our neighbors with grace and truth. Our facilities continue to be available to meet many local needs. We are blessed with followers of Jesus who are generous with their time, resources, and gifts enabling us to multiply the gospel here and on many mission fields. You responded well to the challenge to pay off our mortgage and praise the Lord we are debt free! That is incredible and will help us continue to have a legacy as a multiplying, missions-minded church.

12 years ago we invested people and resources in a church plant along the growing 380 corridor. After 11 years meeting in schools, Rock Creek Church moved into a beautiful new facility in Prosper. We were blessed to sponsor a Hispanic church plant in Tioga this year as well. For all we have to celebrate – our mission is not accomplished. We cannot get comfortable.

As your pastor, I ask that you continue taking your next step to live fully for God. Allow Him to multiply what He has done in your life. Let's pray that this will be a sending place, God will call more into service for Him in vocational and cross-cultural ministry, through prayerful evangelism we will see more people become followers of Jesus, we will multiply again through church planting, and at the end of 2020 we will be able to say God was glorified as His grace worked in and through us to expand the reach of the gospel. Kim and I are blessed to serve among such a wonderful body of believers.

*John Theisen*  
LEAD PASTOR



# — STATS —

Salvations



72

Baptisms



23

Average Attendance



850

New Members

65



General Giving Report

 2.3M

Christmas Giving Report

 16K

Mortgage Balance

Jun 2007 3.4M

3.0M Jan 2012

Jan 2016 1.6M

1.3M Jan 2017

Jan 2018 900K

680K Jan 2019

Jun 2019 0



# Worship

"No matter what my week has been like, what stresses I've walked through; It is an amazing joy and privilege to bring praise and glory, glory and honor to the God of the universe. I worship Him simply because he is sovereign and he's the ruler over my life. I'm so thankful that I get to worship Him corporately, with my church family, in **ONE VOICE**; in unison responding to His greatness. This is what worship means to me! I cannot imagine living a life without stopping for moments of surrender. I love to join with my church and lift the name of Jesus together"

**-Rachael Henson**

"**2019** represented a year of change for the Abbott family. All 5 of us (Matt, Tasha, Zayne, Devon, Annika) spent the majority of our lives in Colorado where our immediate families currently live. God has always been faithful and blessed us with an amazing church family as well at Life Fellowship in Frederick, CO where we spent much of our time outside of our home. Over the past several years my wife Tasha was an integral part of the kids music ministry, leading worship for the "Junior Junction" program along with directing the kids choir. I was blessed to have participated as a worship leader and youth band director since 2013 and serve on a handful of other youth centered activities. Our kids grew up in this church and we built some very strong bonds with many of the families who attend. In March of '19 I was presented with a new job opportunity and asked to relocate my family and me down to the Dallas area. While we knew this was going to be a massive challenge and we would be tested in every way we also felt at peace with the change knowing God had His plan in place long before we knew about the move. One of our first goals was to find the church God had picked out for us quickly and not let our personal preferences and desires to "replace" our church in Colorado deter us from what God had planned for us. We visited, prayed about and researched many churches in the area and thought we had decided on a location in Frisco but neither of us were settled on our selection, but wanted to honor God if that's where He wanted us to go.

A couple weeks went by and I came across Midway Church while taking the scenic route up to Gainesville for work. When I got back home I found Midway online and was so refreshed to find such a strong doctrinal statement which proved hard to find in most church websites. We decided to visit the following Sunday when God answered our prayer and made it obvious Midway was the place we needed stay. Before the service was over and my wife and I had the chance to talk, God aligned our thoughts and brought unity to our decision. I love to see God work in that way! Despite the rapid growth Midway has experienced, everyone was inviting and the staff has been intentional in helping us get involved pretty quickly and keeping the kids engaged at church. We didn't want to limit our willingness to serve to what we had done back in Colorado so we sat back to see what God wanted us to do. I'm thankful God has allowed me to serve in the music ministry again and grateful He has started to open doors for Tasha.

It was incredibly hard to leave our blood and church families during this relocation process but God has been so good in allowing us to find Midway and use this body of believers to make this transition a little easier. We look forward to what God has in store for Midway and the Abbott family in the future." **-Matt Abbott**



# MISSIONS REPORT

"With 80 cakes, pies, cookies at the Dessert Auction and a Golf Tournament you have raised \$70,000 for the work of New Hope Initiative. We love the passion, heart, and generosity of the wonderful people of Midway. Thank you so much! You are changing the lives of children and young people around the world."

**-Sandy Baird**

"In Israel we had the opportunity to serve people and love them. I now have friends in Israel and Russia that I would never have met if I hadn't made the commitment to go on this mission trip. I even shared my personal testimony and it seemed to help them have faith in themselves, WOW, God can even use ME!"

**-Sherri Dean**

"On October 31, twelve members of Midway church including two pastors, Chris Todd and Kenny Guthrie, embarked on a life-changing mission trip to Israel. The main focus of this trip was to team up with local churches in Haifa, Netanya, Tel Aviv, and Ashdod to spread the "Good News" about Jesus Christ. We were so humbled to be the conduit for the Holy Spirit to reach 11 unsaved, Jewish, holocaust survivors. There were also many opportunities for the team to share personal testimonies in rehab centers, private homes, and even soup kitchens for the homeless. As Christians, we know that God has blinded the Jewish people from the truth about Jesus. That made these confessions of faith all the more humbling and meaningful. We also took a few days to experience Israel from a biblical perspective. It became very clear, after some interaction with the Jews and the Arabs, that we are all God's children! The churches in Israel have invited us back ASAP."

**-Rick Pauly**

Pie Auction

Missions Giving

 70K

 435K





# Ministry Highlights

I think that you'll agree, 2019 was an incredible year at Midway! Or, you may be looking back at the year saying something like, "Yea, what was so great about it?" Well, thanks for asking!

**First**, I'm reminded that there were many challenges in the lives of individuals and families in 2019 but **God never quits being God**. Amidst great personal difficulties our church family ministered to each other in meaningful and life-changing ways. The love of our congregation was seen through the preparation of meals and meeting physical needs when times were tough. Visits to the hospital are a regular part of the lives and ministry of our staff, elders, and deacons but it is not uncommon to bump into church members who are there doing the same thing. In tragedy, personal loss, relationship challenges, financial need, health issues, and so many other things - you were the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. People saw God through you.



**Second**, because of your generosity we are poised to do **Greater Things** in **2020**. You stepped up and went over and above to retire our debt early in the year. This put us in a position to do more for missions (books to the Philippines), to plant churches (new partners coming in 2020), and take care of delayed maintenance on our facilities (keep your eyes open for ongoing improvements).



**Third**, you lived out the Great Commission. We had an incredible number of guests on campus every week who came to Midway because **a friend or family member invited them**. You were part of teams who shared the gospel in Israel, in Dallas, in Denton, in schools, and at community festivals. This led to many becoming followers of Jesus. **That is incredible!**

*-Todd Witte*

Executive Pastor

# Life Groups

"We moved here two years ago and didn't have many friends in the area. Some of our best friends now are from our life group. It has been such a blessing to go through life with some amazing people. On top of that we have been able to grow through God's powerful Word!"

**-Drew & Kelsey Whitesell**

"It has been an amazing experience this past year being able to help lead a life group. I have been put in a position where I am constantly being stretched and challenged in my faith and walk with the Lord. I have been able to witness the miracle of Christ restoring and redeeming lives. It has been awesome to watch a group of people that came together as strangers a year ago, now are close friends seeking the Lord together and doing life together."

**-Sam Bremenour**

"There is a single man who was invited to Midway by a Midway Group Leader for a long time. In persistence, prayer, and God ordained circumstances, this single man came to church with that leader, heard the gospel message, and received Christ as his Savior! When his life group brought him in and celebrated with him, he was baptized by that group leader who continued to invite him and pray for him. At his baptism, this new believer's father heard the gospel, believed it, and then prayed with Pastor Over from Iglesia Vida Victoriosa in Tioga (the new church plant Midway sent out) to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior! All of this happened through a life group!"

*- Adam Erlichman*

Life Groups / Discipleship Pastor

New Leaders

27+

Total Leaders

90

New Groups

10+

Total Groups

40+

People in a Group

600

New People Joined a Group

225+





# Midway Preschool

**More** than diapers and toys, the Preschool Ministry touches lives for eternity. This is our motto in Preschool. The following story demonstrates how this holds true. One of our three year old kiddos, Aubrey, was at the pediatrician for a checkup. The doctor was showing her pictures and quizzing her as to what each item was. When the doctor showed her a picture of a king, Aubrey matter-of-factly replied, "That is Jesus!" How precious is the view of our Savior through the eyes of a child.

*- Leigh Ann Hill*

Preschool Director

Average Attendance

 75

Volunteers

Adults: 60+  
Youth: 30+ 

VBS Kids  
(Elementary & Preschool)

220



VBS Volunteers

188



"In this past year of 2019 I became a member of Midway Church and have also been blessed with serving/preparing Sunday lessons every week for Preschool and Midway Kidz. My favorite part has been teaching Scripture Memory to the kids and memorizing God's Word with them. Being more involved at Midway has brought my boys and I closer to God in His Word as well as prayer at home. We are blessed to be a part of an amazing church family that encourages us and inspires my boys and I daily."

**-Barbie Turner**

Average Attendance

Volunteers



50+

Adults: 50  
Youth: 16



Camp Attendance

110





## MIDWAY STUDENT MINISTRY

### Memphis Mission Trip

"**Missions** isn't always in another country. Sometimes, it's in your own backyard."

**-Skylar Moore**

"**During** this trip, I gave my life to Christ."

**-Kolton Johnson**

"**Missions** is fulfilling the great commission, wherever God leads you."

**-Hannah Ramsey**

"**During** this trip, I accepted Christ as my Savior."

**-Wyatt Dyer**

### Middle School Church Camp

"**This** is a story on how church camp changed my life. The pastor that was there that week was exceptional and the worship team was equally amazing. I began to really know Christ and started reading my Bible more and more. I am happy to say that since this event God has been working in and through me."

**-Nicholas Karle**

Average Attendance



**Sunday: 70**

**Wednesday: 120**

Volunteers

**Adults: 30+**



Camp Attendance

**140**

Mission Trip

**43**



**"Learning** to Love is the best way we can describe Chris Todd's Sunday morning young adults class . This year has been so much fun for Sherri and I as we walk alongside our young people and seeing them grow spiritually together through the Word is exciting! Looking forward to a new year filled with love, acceptance, and forgiveness as the Lord leads us together in life!"

**- Santo & Sherri Nardi**

**"Young Adults** is exactly what you think it is, an amazing group of young adults. I have been a part of YA since 2014, when we were still meeting on Tuesday evenings in the missions house. I have been able to grow in my relationship with Christ with some incredible people by my side. When I left to work at Disney World, I was still able to be a part of Wednesday nights thanks to FaceTime. I'm so very grateful for this group the last few years, they have become family."

**- Katelyn Huschke**

*If There's a time in life when you need church the most, it's when you step out on your own. Take the next step in your journey with us.*





MOPS

*this is motherhood*

"**MOPS** at Midway has impacted my life for the better. I started going to Mops when we first moved to Aubrey and I didn't know anyone, it has given me long lasting friendships. It's a place where moms build each other up and can recharge from our crazy schedules. Mops is something I truly look forward to. It challenges me to go out of my comfort zone. I'm blessed to be able to serve with and for the woman of MOPS"

**-Amanda Mize**



"**Entering** motherhood is to me the biggest blessing there is in life, but before I became a mother I was unaware of how challenging it could be... the stress, "am I doing this right?", and most of all how lonely it can get. I always look forward to our MOPS meetings where we can all catch a break, laugh at our inevitable mishaps along our parenting career, cry during hard times, share our stories, be there for one another, and learn how to face different situations through the glory of God. It has helped me tremendously and I've grown to know so many amazing women who all have each other's backs. I recommend every mom to join MOPS!

**-Isabell Coley**



# Midway Women

**"The** Ladies Bible Study on the life of Joseph touched my heart and drew me closer to God. Our family has had our share of problems. We had formed habits of holding on to hurt feelings and had let years go by without reaching out to reconcile with each other. As I read through Genesis, I was shocked how twisted up family relationships from the Old Testament had caused such pain and sorrow to future generations. but then I found encouragement and hope for my crazy and messed up family situations. God has healed troubled family relationships since the beginning of time and He is willing and able to heal my family, too. One morning in the middle of studying my lesson, I confessed all of my hurt feelings and selfish sins on how I was trying to fix problems, and asked God to show me how to be a peace maker. I am standing on the promise that God is still delivering redemption stories for all of our families today, just like He did for Jacob and Joseph. Great is His faithfulness." - **Elaine Muncie**

**"My** husband and I just moved here from Illinois and were looking for a new church home. I decided to join a ladies' Bible study, and I am so glad I did! From the very first day, I felt a huge presence of God's love in the room. The women were so genuine and loving and really cared for each other. It was different than any other Bible study I had been to. It was evident that the Holy Spirit was in the room and so were some kind, loving, humble women from the Bible Belt! That combination won me over in more ways than one. We studied the life of Joseph using a book by Kelly Minter. It was my first time doing a Kelly Minter study and I absolutely loved it. Her book was very well written and constantly had us going back into scripture for everything! I loved that! I am thankful God brought us to Texas, to this church, and for the people in this church who really love God and live it out. We are excited to become part of this church family."

- **Lori Coverick**





# MIDWAY MEN

"I have been attending Midway Church for about a year and a half. I started attending some of the weekly Bible Studies on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, as well as the prayer group that meets on Friday morning. They have all been a blessing to me. I truly appreciate the humility and preparedness of the Bible Study leaders. I can easily see God's Spirit moving at all these meetings. I have learned more of God's Word and I have connected with many new brothers in Christ in the process.

Thank You, Lord, for the many ministries at Midway that have helped me grow closer to You. May what I have learned be a blessing to others. In Jesus name. Amen"

**- Loule Cash**

"As a husband and a father certain things rank far above others. At the top of my list is a Christ-centered family structure. The solid foundation that Midway has provided through the years has greatly impacted my life but more important to me is the impact on my family. The complete comfort I have knowing the salvation of myself, my wife and my kids is locked in, unwavering and is, without a doubt, greatly attributable to the love from our church family. Even though I may have never met you, don't know your name or even know you attend Midway, I thank you for your prayers, fellowship, and teachings and know the success by others within my family will not go unrewarded."

**- Bryan Brooks**

# COMMUNITY CARE

"**God** laid jail and prison ministry on my heart several years ago. I have become very passionate about it. I began being a pen pal with a few incarcerated men and women.

I was then approved to lead a weekly Bible study with women on one of the pods at the Denton County Jail. Thereafter I became TDCJ (Texas Department of Criminal Justice) trained and certified to volunteer in all Texas prisons. I began seeing inmates one-on-one as their spiritual advisor at Mountain View maximum security prison. I have met with about 10-12 women and currently have four. I was approached about facilitating a group of offenders in the Bridges to Life faith-based restorative justice program and have done this through three series of classes. We are mentors to youth felons at the Gainesville State School. We provide church worship services periodically at area prisons and get to share a testimony with them. I've also been approached and approved to volunteer with the Texas Parole System. God keeps expanding my opportunities. I love being able to let those who have made serious mistakes in our society know that God still loves them, finds worth in them, and will guide them to a successful life if they surrender their lives to Him. He gives them hope and a plan to live successfully hereafter. I find a great many broken people very open and desperate for what the Gospel and Word of God offer. I have seen many hard, desperate women trust Jesus and change drastically as they come to learn about their new Father. They are my sisters now, and they know it. The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. I am asking the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

**- Carol Stowe**

"I have seen my wife's passion for these precious people and have caught the bug for both Bridges to Life and mentoring teens at the Gainesville School. I am amazed at the broken hearts of those I meet and their eager responsiveness to the Gospel and the desire to change and repent. God has blessed my heart with these relationships and His Word is producing fruit."

**- George Stowe**



# 2019 Roles

## ELDERS

Jerry Ensminger  
Bruce Walker  
Neil Blais  
Jeremy David

Dean Eiland  
Mike Stinnett  
Matt Saller



## DEACONS

Curtis Hill  
Grant Guthrie  
Jim Lang  
Paul Leamon

Ralph Ramsey  
Chris Rollwage  
Jeff Atkins  
Cory Winten



## STAFF

Leigh Ann Hill - Preschool Director  
Kim Theisen - Office Manager  
Shannon Winten - Finance Assistant  
Dee Ann Smith - Administrative Assistant  
Angela Rollwage - Children's Ministry Admin  
Ashley Fuller - Administrative Assistant

Amy Huggins - Administrative Assistant  
Jim Barnes - Maintenance  
Brian Bodine - Maintenance  
Tiffany Nichols - Administrative Assistant  
Luellan Cash - Volunteer Coordinator  
David & Rebecca Wortham - Custodial



## PASTORAL STAFF

John Theisen - Lead Pastor  
Todd Witte - Executive Pastor  
Scott Harrison - Worship Pastor  
Kenny Guthrie - Connections Pastor  
Jonathan Covey - Student Ministry Director  
Jonas Crump - Associate Student Director

Karson Hall - Children Ministry Director  
The Chris Todd - Communication Director  
George Quin - Community Care Pastor  
Adam Erlichman - Life Group/Discipleship Pastor





# MIDWAYCHURCH

**We** thank those who serve and give of their time who seek no recognition and want nothing more than to help people live fully for God.

*9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."*

**-Romans 12:9-13**





# — SAFE CHURCH PLAN —

*Midway Church makes every effort to provide a safe environment for all who enter our doors.*

## **How We Provide Safety**

Midway is committed to the protection of our congregation and children. Midway Church makes every effort to provide a safe environment for all who enter our doors.

### **Screening**

Volunteers go through rigorous screening and ongoing training. All volunteers are required to pass background checks and are never allowed to work alone with any child.

### **Restricted access to Preschool, Midway Kidz, and Student areas**

Only parents, volunteers of the specific ministry, church staff, Safety Team, and children are allowed in the Preschool area, Children's area (Midway Kidz), or Student Center.

## Accountability

We have a very strict check-in/check-out procedure in our Preschool and Kidz Ministry areas to make sure that each child is accounted for every step of the way.

## Monitoring

Cameras are placed in all public areas, as well as in all rooms where minors will be having classes.

## Safety/Security

Our Safety Team is dedicated to providing a safe environment to all who worship here. They provide property surveillance, respond with emergency first aid for any medical incidents, facilitating action plans for severe weather, and child protection.

***Midway Church accepts as central to its mission the establishment and maintenance of a caring environment for every child of God, not least our own children, and a place of grace for all sinners, including those whose crimes are public. Knowing that children are at risk, not yet having the ability to protect themselves, we determine to provide protection for them by carefully monitoring and restricting the engagement of known Registered Sex Offenders who participate in the life of this congregation.***

# 2020 BUDGET

## MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

General Fund Budget 2020

January - December 2020

Description	2020
<b>Staff Administration</b>	
(Pastor, Executive Pastor, Connections and Service Associate Pastor, Communication Director, Life Group/Discipleship Director, Worship Pastor, General Interns, Missions Interns, Childrens Ministry Help, Student Ministry Help, Student Pastor, Student Associate Pastor, Childrens Pastor, Preschool/Nursery Director, Office Manager, Finance Secretary, Church Secretary, Executive Assistant, Nursery Workers, Maintenance Worker, Custodians, Health Insurance, Payroll Taxes, Staff Love Offering, Year End Performance, Guidestone Retirement, Volunteer Coordinator)	
<b>Total Staff Administration</b>	<b>1,077,776.77</b>
<b>Ministry Expansion</b>	
Savings, Missions, Capital Improvements	
<b>Total Ministry Expansion</b>	<b>240,000.00</b>
<b>Total Church Property and Plant</b>	<b>271,840.00</b>
<b>Total Church Administration</b>	<b>116,390.00</b>
<b>Total Life Group/Discipleship</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>
<b>Total Preschool Department</b>	<b>22,144.00</b>
<b>Total Children's Ministries</b>	<b>35,950.00</b>
<b>Total Student Ministries</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>
<b>Total Worship Ministry</b>	<b>29,600.00</b>
<b>Total Connections and Service</b>	<b>18,250.00</b>
<b>Total Women's Ministry</b>	<b>6,750.00</b>
<b>Total Communication</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>
<b>Total Churchwide Special Events</b>	<b>39,800.00</b>
<b>Total Vehicle Expense</b>	<b>25,800.00</b>
<b>Total Mission House Expense</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Total Benevolences</b>	<b>29,000.00</b>
<b>Total Budget Amount</b>	<b>1,997,800.77</b>
<b>Weekly Need</b>	<b>38,419.25</b>
<b>Previous Year 2019 General Fund Budget</b>	<b>1,836,878.78</b>
<b>Previous Year 2019 General Fund Average Weekly Need</b>	<b>35,324.00</b>

# 2020 BUDGET

## MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Mission Fund Budget

January - December 2020

Description

	2020
<b>Monthly Missionary Support</b>	<b>172,800.00</b>
Fixed Obligations, New Partners	
<b>Special Projects</b> - Mission trips, missionary guests, mission emphasis, prison ministry, special projects	<b>110,000.00</b>
<b>Missionary Residency</b>	<b>23,915.00</b>
<b>Total Budget Amount</b>	<b>306,715.00</b>
<b>Weekly Need</b>	<b>5,898.37</b>
<b>Previous Year 2019 Mission Fund Budget</b>	<b>189,300.00</b>
<b>Previous Year 2019 Mission Fund Average Weekly Need</b>	<b>3,640.38</b>

Note: Increase reflects addition of special projects (pie auction, etc.) that have historically been provided but not included in the budget. The prison ministry budget has been moved to missions. New this year is the missionary residency program.

