

FOCUS: Fall Kickoff

“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal...” Philippians 3:13-14

Fall is a time of new beginnings. Lift up prayers that the Lord Jesus Christ be exalted in increasing measure in our church and in our community.

- ⇒ Pray for the Life Groups starting and continuing this fall. Pray for new leaders and many people to join groups and find fellowship. (Hebrews 10:24: “let us encourage one another.”)
- ⇒ Pray that each lesson and meeting in JAM (6-8th grader), X-treeme (9-12th graders), DGs for 7-12th graders, Small Churches and Bible Studies will help us to mature in our walks with the Lord. (Ephesians 4:12: “until we all...become mature”)
- ⇒ Pray for the needed volunteers in various programs to step forward and help. (Isaiah 6:8: “Here I am. Send me!”)
- ⇒ Pray for the new Sunday School classes, teachers and curriculum, that we would increasingly desire God and make an impact. (Psalm 42:2: “My soul thirsts...for the living God.”)
- ⇒ Pray for the witness of Christian school teachers and students to those around them. Ask that Jesus be glorified in how we act and speak (Acts 1:8: “you will be my witnesses...”).
- ⇒ Pray for those who are new to our community and Midland Free this fall to find a warm welcome and the love of Christ. (John 15:17: “This is My command: Love each other.”)
- ⇒ Pray for the launch of Firm Foundations Early Learning Center. (Colossians 1:28: “so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ”).
- ⇒ Pray that transformation would take place in the body of Christ as we acknowledge Him and abide in Christ. (Romans 12:2: “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”)

Pray for September Opportunities:

- ⇒ that the upcoming sermons will speak to our hearts and teach us about God’s amazing grace. Ask for the preparation, reception and application of each sermon. Ask for ears to hear and hearts eager to apply truth.
- ⇒ for many to want to engage in our local church. Lift up Children’s, First Impressions, and Worship Arts ministries to have the needed volunteers.
- ⇒ for members to contribute financially as God leads and to use their spiritual gifts as the Holy Spirit directs.
- ⇒ for young people back in school to grow in their faith and to serve well. Ask that they know Jesus better and love Him more. Pray for DG leaders and students to bond well and speak truth to one another.
- ⇒ for learning opportunities as Small Churches and special classes resume. Ask that they meet needs for fellowship and building relationships. Lift up Bible studies to not only teach truth, but encourage application and heart change.
- ⇒ that the church BBQ potluck (September 17th) would be about fellowship and building each other up in the faith. Pray for many to be able to come and make new friends.
- ⇒ for SHiNE for K-5th graders, Mommy and Me, Romp ‘N’ Stomp and Worship Dance to encourage children and parents.
- ⇒ for the Discover Midland Free classes (9-17 & 9-24) and the Baptism class (9-17) to inform and motivate new people.
- ⇒ for courage to make the most of opportunities to talk about Jesus with those who do not know Him. Pray for the GoLocal and H2O to make an impact in our area. May relationships be formed in the Grove Park area and the North Midland Family Center that allow truth sharing. May we reach out to our neighbors and those in need.