

**Haiti Earthquake Relief**—There is great need for aid and relief funds due to the 7.0 Haiti earthquake experienced January 12, 2010. As a member of the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA), Midland Free is partnering with EFCA TouchGlobal Crisis Response. See [www.mefchurch.org](http://www.mefchurch.org) for information.

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January 24, 2010  
9:00 & 10:45 am worship



*Vision – To be a church of IMPACT for Christ in our communities, our region, and the world.*

**This Week at Midland Free**

**TODAY**

Sunday School, Infant-12th grades	9:00 & 10:45 am
Children's Worship, K-5th grades	9:00 & 10:45 am
Building Your Spiritual Muscle, Room 307	9:00 am
Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts, Room 309	9:00 am
Life of Christ, Room 304	9:00 am
Adult Small Churches—Ark, Becoming One, Faith Builders, 300 Wing	9:00 am
DG Group Chair set-up after first service	10:15 am
north-12th grade boys, Travis Jones, Kevin Kickbusch	
south-11th grade boys, Tim Shonts, Rob Stoddard	
Discover Midland Free, Room 301	10:30 am
Christian Essentials—made plain and simple, Room 306	
Adult Small Churches—Pathfinders, Joshua House, SALT, 300 Wing	10:45 am
Chair takedown all chairs, S.A.L.T. Small Church	12:15 pm
X-treeme Mission Trip Interviews Begin (See chart at Youth Welcome Center)	1:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Room 305	5:00 pm

**MONDAY**

Job Search Group	9:00 am
Romp & Stomp (for parents and children up to age 7)	10:00 am
Talking Hands Beginners Sign Class	6:00 pm

**TUESDAY**

Men's Purity Group	6:45 am
Step by Step Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
Mat Pilates for Women	9:15 am
Prayer for Parents of College-Age Students	12:10 pm
Interpreter's Worship	6:00 pm
Appleseeds (mentoring for preteen girls)	6:30 pm
Adult Open Basketball	7:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY**

JAM (for 6-8th graders)	6:15 pm
BLAST Choir (for K-5th graders)	6:30 pm
Introduction to the Old Testament	6:30 pm

**THURSDAY**

Mat Pilates for Women	9:15 am
Worship Dance	5:30 pm
Celebrate Recovery, (Christ-centered recovery program)	7:00 pm

**FRIDAY**

Winter Break Tailgate (Family Event) at The City Forest	5:30 pm
The Marriage Course	6:00 pm

**SATURDAY**

Saturday Night Prayer and Praise	7:00 pm
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*Preaching Today  
Pastor Jay Childs*



**CHRIST OUR  
*Atoning*  
SACRIFICE**

**Financial Focus 2009-10**  
**Fiscal Year 7/1/09 to 6/30/10: \$3,200,000**  
Current Month—December 2009  
(6 months, through December 31, 2009)

Budgeted Revenue	\$1,600,000
Actual Revenue	\$1,767,900
Actual Expenses	\$1,463,400
Difference between Budgeted Revenue & Actual Revenue	\$167,900
Difference between Actual Revenue & Actual Expenses	\$304,500



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## ARE YOU NEW?

Midland Free is a place where you can discover God's life-changing truth and build meaningful friendships with others as we share life's adventures together. We are glad that you are joining us at Midland Free this morning! See below for key information that will help you get connected.

## Coffee Connections Café

Open Sunday mornings in the South Atrium before both services. Serving coffee, tea, hot cocoa, hot cider. All beverages, \$1. Come and meet new people, connect with old friends, engage in friendly conversation and enjoy a great cup of coffee.

## What's Up at Midland Free

Check our weekly e-newsletter for more information about upcoming events not listed in the bulletin! Not getting the weekly email? Check the box on the Connection Card, write your name and email address, turn in and we'll get you signed up! More info also available at Ministry Connections boards.

## Sunday Morning Worship Services 9:00 and 10:45 am

### Children (infant-5th grade)

Sunday School at both 9:00 & 10:45 am  
Children's Worship at both 9:00 & 10:45 am. Check-in at north lobby

### JAM Students (6-8th grades)

Sunday School, 9:00 & 10:45 am, 200 Wing

### X-treeme Students (9-12th grades)

Sunday School, 9:00 & 10:45 am, 200 Wing

### Adults—Small Churches

(Sunday morning adult gatherings), 9:00 and 10:45 am in the 300 Wing

**Welcome**—We are glad you are here to worship with us today! If you are new to Midland Free, we want to get to know you! Stop by the Welcome Center in the south lobby.

**Discover Midland Free**—Today, Jan 24, at 10:30 am in Room 301. Whether you are new or have been coming to Midland Free for a while, this is a great class to learn more about the life and ministries at Midland Free. Children's Programs and childcare available.

**Membership Seminar**—You can become a member of the Midland Free community in just a few easy steps. The first step in the membership process is to attend the Membership Seminar, taught by Pastor Jay Childs and Pastor David Jebaratnam, on Saturday, February 13, from 9:00 am to noon in Room 304. Please complete the registration form included in the *Why Membership?* brochure, available in the Ministry Connections boards or contact Brenda Neher (989.631.4411 or [bneher@mefchurch.org](mailto:bneher@mefchurch.org)). Registration deadline: Tuesday, February 9.

**Baptism Class**—Sunday, Feb 21, at 10:45 am in Room 301. Information about baptism at Midland Free is in the *Why Baptism?* Brochure at the Ministry Connections boards.

**Life Groups**—a place to connect and grow spiritually at Midland Free. Life Group sign-ups take place three times per year. The next group sign-up begins March 7. A new, seven-week cycle of Life Groups begins on Easter Sunday, April 4. See the group listing page on the website for existing Life Groups. See [www.mefchurch.org/lifegroups](http://www.mefchurch.org/lifegroups) or pick up information in the Ministry Connections boards!

**Serving**—Midland Free wants to help you serve within the church body and outside of the church. This will help fulfill God's call upon our church to impact our communities, our region and the world. Pick up a *Why Serve?* Brochure in the Ministry Connections boards or see [www.mefchurch.org/serving](http://www.mefchurch.org/serving).

**Stephen Ministry**—The past, present or future can cause pain. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide emotional and spiritual support and encouragement—for Christians or non-Christians—YOU. Just leave your name and phone number at 989.631.4411 or [stephen@mefchurch.org](mailto:stephen@mefchurch.org).

## EQUIPPING YOU

Classes have begun at Midland Free to help you build a strong Christian foundation. Classes are also available throughout the week for you to

explore and grow in the Christian faith to have a life of impact. It's not too late to sign up online at [www.mefchurch.org/equippingyou](http://www.mefchurch.org/equippingyou) or stop by the table in the lobby.

- **Building Spiritual Muscle**, Sunday, 9:00 am, Room 307, January 17 to March 7, Leaders: Pastor David Jebaratnam and Brooke Storrs
- **Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts**, Sunday, 9:00 am, Room 309, January 17 to February 21, Leader: Matt Mieske
- **Life of Christ**, Sunday, 9:00 am, Room 304, January 17 to February 28, Leaders: Wayne Kearney and Pat Hopkins
- **Christian Essentials** - made plain and simple, Sunday, 10:45 am, Room 306, January 17 to March 21, Leaders: Mark Willett and Shawn May
- **Preparing for Marriage**, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Room 309, January 31 to March 14, Leaders: Dave and Cheryl Beyer
- **Talking Hands Beginners Sign Class**, Mondays, 6:00-7:30 pm, Room 300, January 11 to February 15, Leader: Mary Priest
- **Interpreter's Worship**, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, Room 300, Throughout the year, Leader: Mary Priest
- **Step by Step Bible Study for Women**, Tuesdays, 9:00 am, 300 Wing, January 12 to April 20, Leader: Anna Landenberger
- **Introduction to the Old Testament**, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Rooms 305/307, January 13 to March 3, Leaders: Pastors Jay Childs

## Recipe for Faith at Home

We would like to invite you to attend an awesome Faith at Home seminar at Midland Free on Friday, February 19, and Saturday, February 20. Kurt and Olivia Bruner will be presenting three sessions that all focus on building our family legacy by training and modeling the behaviors God desires in our children. Cost is \$15/adult and \$20/couple. Adults only on February 19 and children are welcome on February 20. Please pre-register children. Register online at [www.mefchurch.org/events](http://www.mefchurch.org/events).

Kurt served 20 years with Focus on the Family where he led the team creating films, books, magazines, and radio drama- including the popular *Adventures in Odyssey* and *Chronicles of Narnia* series. He is the pastor of Spiritual Formation at Lake Pointe Church and also heads up the Innovation Alliance with The Center for Strong Families. Olivia, a former school teacher, serves on the faculty of The Center for Strong Families. Kurt and his wife Olivia co-founded Heritage Builders to provide practical tools for parents to disciple their own children in the context of the home.