



## **Norway and Allah**

I was stunned by the tragic news of the bombing and shooting spree that took place in Norway last week. I thought the initial speculation that it must have been Al Qaeda or Gaddafi in retaliation for Norway's part in the military operations in Afghanistan or Libya made sense. That idea, it turns out couldn't have been further from the truth.

In fact the terrorist is a Norwegian and his target was the controlling party of the Norwegian government and its future leaders (the children at camp). His "beef" was their immigration policy allowing Muslims to "take over" their country. "Whew!" The world gave a corporate sigh of relief - tragic - but not Al Qaeda. Tragic - but it was an isolated incident a long way from here perpetrated by a solitary looney tune. We're safe!

Safe? Really? The US is in the midst of a multifaceted immigration crisis inside a multifaceted cultural crisis and we have more than our fair share of wackos. The Norway tragedy reminds us that this is not a good combination of factors.

So here's what we do: Pray! Give! Witness! Pray! Vote! Pray! Love! Pray!

Pray for the grieving in Norway - many need Christ as well as comfort.

Give as we support those who are reaching Muslims with the Gospel.

Witness to immigrants around us whether Muslim, Catholic, Hindu, Arabic speaking, Spanish speaking, Farsi speaking - they're here - let's tell them how great Jesus is!

Pray for our authorities to have wisdom in dealing with our complex immigration and value oriented crises.

Vote for people who are not only wise and experienced, but that know they need God's help to solve our problems.

Love Samaritans - remember John 4 and Acts 1 - they are the ones we enjoy not loving.

Pray! We've got our work cut out for us!

Your Pastor, Dean

**WHY MIDWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH EXISTS**  
*To glorify God by helping people follow Jesus!*

## July 31th Volunteers

Area	SERVER—5TH SUNDAY ROTATION
Bed Babies	Kristen Lilje, <b>NEEDED</b>
Toddlers	Joe & Teri Kirkland
2 Year Olds	<b>NEEDED</b>
3 Year Olds	Bruce & Cindy Barden
4 Year Olds	<b>NEEDED</b>
Floater	Emily Campagna
Deacon/Elder	Jeff Freiburg, Jeff Perkins
Greeters & Parking	<b>Please Arrive by 9:15 on Sunday</b> Angie Briendl, Judy Bortfeld, Forest & Valerie Gibson, Willora Morris Cindy Odum, Susan Conner
Property:	5th Weeks Rotation

## FINANCIAL REPORT—2011

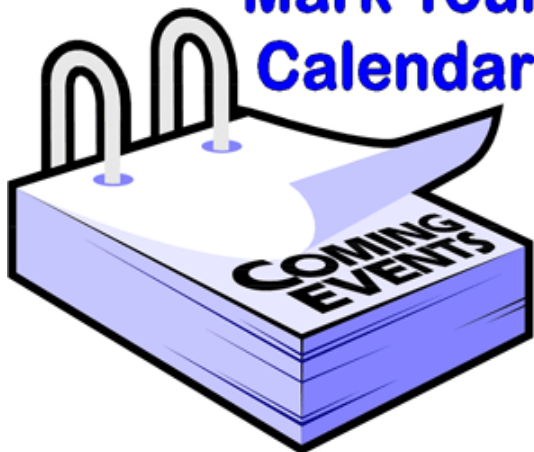
### OPERATING BUDGET WITH BUILDING PAYMENT

Budget Needs for 2011 .....	\$	800,000.00
Average Weekly Budget Needs .....	\$	15,385.00
Budget Offering Received 7/24/2011.....	\$	15,639.00
Budget Needs Met YTD .....	\$	334,836.78
Budget Needs YTD .....	\$	446,165.00
Building for Eternity YTD.....	\$	1650.00
Building For Eternity 7/24/2011 .....	\$	40.00



**WE NEED ....**  
Additional 6-8 Volunteers To  
Help In The Preschool and  
Children's Area  
**Contact Laura Blomquist at**  
[children@midwaycc.org](mailto:children@midwaycc.org)

**Mark Your  
Calendar**



*If your group is planning an event, please  
contact the church office to check availability  
and place your event on the church calendar.  
[midway@midwaycc.org](mailto:midway@midwaycc.org) or 770-754-1555*

## CHILDREN'S ANNUAL DIVE-IN

**Friday, August 12th**



**6-8:30 pm**

**Raising Kindergarten  
thru 5th Grade**

**At The Home Of  
David & Heidi Murray**  
420 McKenzie Trail  
Alpharetta

*Please bring (1) 2-Liter Beverage  
or Juice Boxes per family.*

*There will be a sign up sheet at the Info Desk for  
Snacks and Dessert. Pizza will be furnished  
Call Anne Marie w/questions (770)652-3897 or  
email [children@midwaycc.org](mailto:children@midwaycc.org)*

**Bring Your Towel and your Float/Pool Toys**

*Parent Will Need To Attend This Event  
With Their Child(ren)*



**Sunday, August 14th  
Join Us!**

**A Place For Everyone**

**Preschoolers, Children & Youth Will Promote to Their New Classes!!**

## UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
GO TO [WWW.MIDWAYCC.ORG](http://WWW.MIDWAYCC.ORG)  
FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

- August 12** Children's Annual Dive-In
- August 14** **PROMOTION SUNDAY**  
- 1st Graders Bible Presentation  
AWANA Registration Starts
- August 29** Ladies "End of Summer" Event  
With Guest, Barbara Sweet
- September 8** ESL Starts
- September 11** Forsyth Family Fest  
**RETURN TO TWO SERVICES**  
**RETURN TO TWO BIBLE STUDY HOURS**
- September 19** Women's Event—Game Night