

## Those to Serve

### Wednesday Evening, March 18, 2020

Announcements .....	Gary Gill
Lead Singing .....	Jim Maxwell
First Prayer .....	Ben Hall
Read Scripture.....	William Durham
Dismissal Prayer.....	Conner Harris

### Sunday Morning, March 22, 2020

Announcements .....	Gary Gill
Lead Singing .....	Gary Gill
First Prayer.....	Ronny Cornelius
Read Scripture .....	Howard Black
Preside at Table.....	Bud Stewart
Serve Congregation.....	Clint Scott
Serve Congregation.....	Chuck Risener
Serve Congregation.....	Gene Ross
Serve Congregation.....	Gilbert Shelby
Dismissal Prayer.....	Phil Webster
Greeters.....	Gary/Joyce Byers
Greeters.....	Harold/Genetia Burgess
Nursery Attendant.....	Carol Gill

### Sunday Evening, March 22, 2020

Announcements .....	Gary Gill
Lead Singing .....	BT Hobbs
First Prayer.....	Craig Harris
Read Scripture .....	Brad Leslie
Preside at Table.....	Bud Stewart
Dismissal Prayer.....	Sam Ford

### “Key Men” for March

Sunday AM (Open) .....	Brad Leslie
Sunday AM (Close).....	Ken Shepherd
Sunday PM (Open) .....	Gene Ross
Sunday PM (Close).....	Ben Hall
Wednesday PM (Open).....	George Doss
Wednesday PM (Close).....	Rickey Tigner
Prepare Lord’s Supper.....	Harold Burgess

## Coming Events

*This Sunday we will offer individually wrapped communion and the normal communion in our trays.*

The **Annual Memphis School Of Preaching Lectureship** has been cancelled for this year due to coronavirus concerns. Our annual **Ladies Day** will be April 18. More information will be coming soon.

## Family Matters

**Jeff Danley** is dealing with pneumonia, but is improving. **Jim Maxwell** will have surgery this coming Monday, March 23 in Tupelo, please keep him and Pat in your prayers. **Patsy Bodiford** recently saw her doctor and scheduled her knee surgery for April 20. Keep **Bo & Beth Waller** and children in your prayers as he has been deployed to Iraq for several months. **Jan Webster** is dealing with the flu and several other issues.

## Community Matters

Joyce Craft, wife of Bill Craft, will have a biopsy this Friday and needs our prayers. Please keep Randy Antwine, Justin Hodge, Charlene Norwood and Larry Lamberth in your prayers.

## Prayer List

Odus Bizzell, Foy Norwood, Connie Sanford, Lester Bell, Don Meek, Paul Thompson, Makynlee Campbell, Daniel Threadgill, Ricky Bass, Brian Vaughn, Benny Thornton, Royce Jones, Brian Clifton, Scott Craft, Chuck Betase. *Remember our service men & women in your prayers. Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.*

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, March 22.....	Gen. 36-38
Monday, March 23.....	Deut. 29-31
Tuesday, March 24.....	2 Sam. 1-3
Wednesday, March 25 .....	Psalms 29-35
Thursday, March 26.....	Jer. 37-40
Friday, March 27.....	Matt. 22-23
Saturday, March 28.....	Acts 25-26

## Shut-ins

Mary Davis, Rm. C-16, Pine Meadows Healthcare, 700 Nuckolls Rd., Bolivar, TN. 38008.  
Lillian Eason, Kennington Pointe, 6301 Village Grove Dr. #233, Memphis, TN 38115.  
Odus Bizzell, 1755 Powell Chapel Rd., Middleton, TN 38052.  
Roselyn Leslie, Carriage Court, Memory Care Unit, 1645 W. Massey Rd, Memphis, TN 38120.

## What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Word of God- Romans 10:17.
2. Believe the Word of God- Mark 16:16.
3. Repent of sins- Acts 17:30-31.
4. Confess Christ- Romans 10:9-10.
5. Be Baptized to wash away sins - Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Mark 16:16
6. Be Faithful unto death- Rev. 2:10.

## JEFF’S JOTTINGS

Our next speaker for our **Spring Lectures** will be Donnie Debord on March 25. He will speak on “The Devil & Job.”

We are happy to announce that **Bryan & Chasity Porterfield** placed membership with this congregation last Sunday! Be sure to welcome them and their two children, **Gracey and Samuel** to the Middleton church of Christ!

**Mondays For The Master** meets again March 23 at 6:45 pm for coffee and donuts. We will make our visits and send out cards at 7 pm. If you know of anyone needing a card or a visit please let Jeff, Gilbert or Patricia Carter know.

**Pew Packers** will meet this Sunday evening at 5:30 pm on the front pew.

**Item of the Week** is beef stew. You can bring other items any time.

## MISDIRECTED PRIORITIES

A report was circulated several years ago concerning an eager twelve-year old boy and his letter to the Library of Congress. The boy requested two books: one on space travel and the other about mental health and sane living. He concluded his letter with this postscript – “If you can’t send both books, send the one on space travel, because I am more interested in that.”

The boy’s interests clearly mirror our own misdirected priorities, don’t they?

We look with wonder and excitement to distant planets, stars and galaxies; but we have yet to attain the same interest in sane and rational living on this planet. Recent news reports have heralded newly- discovered information about black holes, about the moons of Jupiter, and about the mysteries of Mars. But while we can’t hear enough about such distant matters, we seem, oddly enough, either oblivious or resigned to the fact of our own world carelessly destroying itself with sin, crime and self-indulgence. If it’s a matter of choosing between space travel and sane living, we’ll select space travel every time!

The Bible tells the beautiful story of God coming down, from heaven to earth, in the person of Jesus Christ. This sublime Savior lived a spotless life and died a horrible death, and did so not for Himself, but for a lost and dying world – for you and me. He is the only way to God, the only way to heaven. And yet many of us are just not interested. We look instead to science, recreation, business, or sports – anywhere but where we should be looking! And then we wonder why life seems to have no meaning, no purpose, no substance. Without a genuine hunger and thirst for righteousness we will never be filled.

### **Reclining, Whining Or Shining**

It seems to me that there are three kinds of church members. Let's briefly examine each and as we do so, please honestly examine your part in the church and see which you are.

**\*\*There are those who recline.** They just sit back and watch everything going on around them. They are never more involved than "warming the pew" from time to time. God wants us involved with the church because, "He who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who is a great destroyer" (Proverbs 18:9).

**\*\*There are those who whine.** Sadly, other church members may be active, but they are involved with other members' business. They seem to spend the majority of their time and resources complaining. God wants us to focus on harmony and make sure we "do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned" (James 5:9).

**\*\*There are those who shine.** Gladly, there are church members who possess a great attitude and are working heartily for the Lord. They are busy doing the Lord's will and singing along the way. They are shimmering examples of faithfulness and fruitfulness. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Paul had instructions concerning all of these in Philippians 2:14-15, "Do all things (that's the opposite

heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Paul had instructions concerning all of these in Philippians 2:14-15, "Do all things (that's the opposite of reclining) without complaining or disputing (that's the opposite of whining), that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world (that's being a shining example)." **So, Christian, are you reclining, whining, or shining?** -Edd Sterchi

### **Announcement!**

Announcement made at a congregational meeting: "If you will fill out your temperature preference form and drop it in the collection plate, we will average all of the preferences and adjust the thermostats accordingly." —Proverbs 17:22

"Truth is tough. It will not break; like a bubble, at the touch. Nay, you may kick it about all day and it will be round and full at evening." -Oliver Wendell Holmes

As impossible as it is for us to take a breath in the morning large enough to last us until noon, so impossible is it to pray in the morning in such a way as to last us until noon. Let your prayers ascend to Him constantly, audibly or silently, as circumstances throughout the day permit. -O. Hallesby