

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, July 7, 2021

AnnouncementsJim Maxwell
 Lead SingingGary Byers
 First Prayer Dick Shelton
 Read Scripture.....Brandon Tigner
 Dismissal Prayer.....Bud Stewart

Sunday Morning, July 11, 2021

AnnouncementsJim Maxwell
 Lead Singing Gary Byers
 First Prayer.....Don McAlpin
 Read Scripture Gary Gill
 Preside at Table..... Ben Hall
 Serve Congregation.....
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 Dismissal Prayer..... Phil Webster
 Greeters.....
 Greeters.....
 Nursery Attendant.....

Sunday Morning, July 18, 2021

AnnouncementsRonny Clift
 Lead SingingGary Byers
 First Prayer.....Jon Kennedy
 Read Scripture Ben Hall
 Preside at Table..... Sam Ford
 Dismissal Prayer..... Tyson Hobbs

“Key Men” for July

Sunday AM (Open) Tommy Billions
 Sunday AM (Close)..... Eddie Carter
 Sunday PM (Open)
 Sunday PM (Close).....
 Wednesday PM (Open)..... Don McAlpin
 Wednesday PM (Close)..... George Doss
 Prepare Lord’s Supper

Coming Events

The Middleton church of Christ VBS will be July 18-21. Be making plans now to attend! We will have a door knocking on Sunday, July 11 at 2pm. Everyone is needed!

Family Matters

Ken Shepherd is now home after undergoing tests, but still needs our prayers as he awaits results.
Sarge Cornelius is now home and slowly improving; keep her and Ronny in your prayers as they continue to recover.

Community Matters

Margaret Brumbelow is now at home with hospice care and could use our prayers.
 Jason Reeder, former member here, is still dealing with pneumonia and really needs our prayers.
 Please keep Stephen Thompson, Mattie Barkley, Sandy Rodgers, Roger Smith, Charlotte Lamberth, Carmen Stringfellow, Denise McClure, Bill Bradford in your prayers.

Prayer List

Foy Norwood, Royce Jones, LaDonna Luker, Gerald Mills, Bill Craft, Benny Thornton, Beth Naylor, April McKelvey, Kimberly Borden, Jackson Jones and Tommy Billions.

*Remember our service men & women in your prayers.
 Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.*

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, July 11.....Exo. 38-40
 Monday, July 12.....Judges 14-16
 Tuesday, July 13.....1 Kings 13-14
 Wednesday, July 14 Proverbs 1-5
 Thursday, July 15Ezekiel 34-36
 Friday, July 16Luke 4-5
 Saturday, July 17.....Gal. 4-6

Shut-ins

Mary Davis, Rm. C-16, Pine Meadows Healthcare, 700 Nuckolls Rd., Bolivar, TN. 38008.
 Lillian Eason, Providence Assisted Living, 700 Moore’s Crossing, Apt. 204, Senatobia, MS. 38668.
 Dessrie Sigler, 321 Main St. North, Middleton, TN 38052.

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

We will have our **Vacation Bible School** on Sunday evening, July 18 through Wednesday evening, July 21 at 7PM. The theme is **Amazing Grace Adventures!** We will study the conversion of Paul, as well as his three Missionary Journeys.

Sunday, July 11 at 2 PM we hope to see YOU here! We will be handing out flyers in the community to invite everyone to attend our Vacation Bible School.

*Any items you would like to bring for our **pantry** would be appreciated. You can leave them in the old kitchen by the teen room.*

“Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it and you shall find rest for your souls,” Jeremiah 6:16.

WORSHIP: THE DEEP EMOTIONS WITHIN

We often view worship as a series of acts that are performed. Having done them, we are satisfied that we have worshipped God, our Creator and our Redeemer.

Worship, however, should involve some very deep emotions within the heart of man.

1. Love for God. We love Him because He first loved us. The Father gave His Son for our salvation. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. His love for us is hard to comprehend. Yet, it sparks a deep love in our hearts for Him.

2. Fear of God. God is a being who is high and lofty. There is not another who can be compared to Him. To behold Him and His wonderful attributes causes us to stand in awe of Him. We respect Him, but it is more than just a sense of honor. We literally tremble in His presence.

3. Gratitude for God. We live because of God. We prosper because of God. We are forgiven because of God. We have purpose because of God. We have hope because of God. We have joy because of God. We will live forever and ever because of God. As we count our many blessings, our heart swells with gratitude. We ask: "Who am I to deserve such bounty in my life?"

4. Desire for God. God is a being who

draws men into His presence. His grace,

draws men into His presence. His grace, His kindness, His patience, His genuine love, and His deep counsel all make an individual want to be with Him. Worship is a time to be in fellowship with Him. Through the week, the worshipper anticipates the time to pay homage to his Father. His heart yearns to feel His presence as he praises His name.

5. Joy because of God.

Another emotion that a worshipper has is joy. God loved me. God chose me. God forgave me. God will raise me. God will save me. God has written my name in the book of life. God has prepared for me a mansion. God is coming back to get me. God will allow me to be in His presence eternally. There is no greater joy than to contemplate all that has done and will do for us.

Yes, worship involves a series of actions, but those actions should be coupled with deep emotion that includes such things as love, fear, gratitude, desire, and joy.

My friend, if your emotional man is not part of your worship service, you need to stop and really contemplate who God is and what He has done, is doing, and will do for you.

Think deeply on these things until your heart is literally flooded with emotions that drive you to bow before God the Father praising Him as the one, true, living God!
-Victor Eskew

“Make It Your Ambition”

Does the expression “the quiet life” strike you as appealing or dull? Paul actually encourages us to pray for our rulers “that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity” (1 Timothy 2:2 NASB).

In a different context Paul urges Christians “to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands . . .” (1 Thessalonians 4:11).

Addressing Christians who have too much time on their hands—lazy busybodies—Paul urged them “to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread” (2 Thessalonians 3:12).

► Good examples

Aquila and Priscilla were not among those needing Paul’s reprimand. They supported themselves as tentmakers and hosted the church in their home in more than one city. They assisted Paul, helped Apollos, and no doubt aided many others as well.

This godly Christian couple have their counterparts today in members of local congregations who humbly go about their tasks, making no fuss or bother for anyone else. Such people are society’s greatest assets, whether society recognizes that fact or not.

► The advantages of the quiet life

Such folks help keep our nation from slipping further away from God. They may be largely unknown, but God sees what they do, and He will reward.

And don’t we spare ourselves a lot of unnecessary tension when we can learn to live in this way?

In the words of John Greenleaf Whittier’s hymn:

Drop thy still dews of quietness,

Till all our strivings cease;

Take from our souls the strain and stress