

## Those to Serve

### Wednesday Evening, January 11, 2023

Announcements ..... Gary Byers  
 Lead Singing ..... Gary Gill  
 First Prayer ..... Rickey Tigner  
 Read Scripture..... Gilbert Shelby  
 Dismissal Prayer ..... Hunter Sheehan

### Sunday Morning, January 15, 2023

Announcements ..... Gary Byers  
 Lead Singing ..... Gary Gill  
 First Prayer ..... Mike Yopp  
 Read Scripture ..... Gene Ross  
 Preside at Table ..... Jim Maxwell  
 Serve Congregation .....  
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 Dismissal Prayer ..... Bryan Porterfield  
 Nursery Attendant ..... Pat Maxwell

### Sunday Evening, January 15, 2023

Announcements ..... Gary Byers  
 Lead Singing ..... Gary Gill  
 First Prayer ..... Dick Shelton  
 Read Scripture ..... Chuck Risener  
 Preside at Table ..... Jim Maxwell  
 Dismissal Prayer ..... Andrew Wilson

### “Key Men” for January

Sunday AM (Open) ..... Brandon Tigner  
 Sunday AM (Close) ..... Eddie Carter  
 Sunday PM (Open) ..... Teddy Bodiford  
 Sunday PM (Close) ..... Jim Maxwell  
 Wednesday PM (Open) ..... Abe Jeter

## Coming Events

Remember to visit our website: [middletoncoc.org](http://middletoncoc.org) where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

We will have a **Valentine Party** in our annex on Saturday, February 11 beginning at 7pm. There is a sign up sheet on the foyer board. Please be sure to sign it so that we will know how much food to prepare. *Everyone is invited to attend!*

### Family Matters

**Gerald and Gail Mills** are both dealing with several health issues. Keep them in your prayers.  
**Nancy Donaldson** is at home recovering after her fall.

### Community Matters

Keep Bill & Billy Sue Bradford, Monica Yopp, Jani Jordan, David Craft, Joann James, Randy Antwine, Valerie Anderson, Darrell Mathis, Hazel Shepherd, David Adkins, Donnie Fitts in your prayers.

### Prayer List

Bill Craft, April McKelvey, Lynn Donaldson, Jerry McCord, Sandy Rodgers, Benny Thornton, Chuck Carter, Royce Jones, Doug Treadway, Rita Tigner, Ann Riggs.

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

### Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Jan. 15.....Gen. 8-11  
 Monday, Jan 16.....Deut. 5-7  
 Tuesday, Jan.17 .....1 Sam. 7-9  
 Wednesday Jan. 18..... Job 12-16  
 Thursday, Jan. 19..... Jer. 7-9  
 Friday, Jan. 20..... Matt. 6-7  
 Saturday, Jan. 21.....Acts 7-8

## 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.

### 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

*Mollykate Hobbs was baptized into Christ this past Sunday! And Kenley Harris was baptized on Monday! We rejoice with both of them in making this decision to become Christians.*

**Mondays For The Master** will resume meeting at 6:45 pm in our annex on January 16. If you know of anyone needing a visit please let Jeff or Gilbert know.

*Our Question & Answer Box is on the wall in the foyer. Please put your questions in any time and we will answer them on the fourth Sunday evening of each month.*

*Pantry Item of the Week: spaghetti noodles & sauce, but we are low on everything if you want to bring something else.*

“Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions,”  
 Luke 12:15-21.

## Acting Like My Dog

We’re dog people. For the past thirty plus years we’ve had a dog or dogs living with us. They have been mostly house dogs, a Beagle, multiple Chihuahuas, and Terriers. We enjoy our dogs (most of the time) and they entertain us and keep us company. Though all dogs have different traits, habits and personalities, most dogs have some good traits in common. In many ways Christians should act more like their dogs, for example...

- Dog are always glad to see you when you come home.  
*“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another” (Romans 12:10)*
- Dogs are satisfied with a little something to eat and a place to lay down. *“Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content” (Philipp 4:11)*
- If you’re sick and feeling bad, dogs will lie in your lap or at your feet and give you quite comfort.  
*“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.” (1 Thes. 5:11)*
- Dogs are forgiving. Even after you scold, discipline or hurt them accidentally, they still love you.  
*“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” (Eph 4:32)*

## New and Different

When you see advertisements for products, what catches attention is if there is something “NEW” about it. People like “new” things, “new” ideas, “new” technology. Even the Athenians in Paul’s day “spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing” (Acts 17:21).

So it is in religion, many folks are looking for something “new,” and so many churches feel like they need to offer something “new,” in order to distinguish them from “the other churches” and to appeal to the masses.

Consider for a moment: The Bible was completed almost 2,000 years ago. It is not going to change or to offer something “new.” We must “not add” anything to it, in order to find or make something “new” or “different” (Rev. 22:18).

If the truth of the glorious gospel and sound doctrine does not appeal to people, it is not our job to make it appealing. It alone is “compels” (2 Cor. 5:14; 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:1-4) and not us!

Let us love, “seek” and teach “the old paths, where the good way is,” and let us not be ashamed to “walk in it” (Jer.

## New Opportunities

When a new year arrives, it is often greeted with great anticipation of new opportunities that will be presented.

What “new opportunities” would you like to see in the new year? What “new opportunities” would just make your day if they came your way?

May I challenge every child of God to enter the new year looking for new opportunities FOR THE LORD! Instead of new opportunities FOR ME, what is there that I can do for the Lord this year?

Opportunities abound in lost souls around us. Do we take those opportunities seriously? Opportunities abound in our church family. Do we take those opportunities seriously?

No doubt there will be new opportunities in your workplace this year, new opportunities in your hobbies, new opportunities in your recreation and in your friendships.

However, which opportunities that come your way this year will make an ETERNAL difference—in your life and in the lives of others? We are here FOR HIM (Eph. 2:10)!

*Let's remember that!*