

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, January 18, 2023

Announcements Jack Gill
 Lead Singing Gary Gill
 First Prayer Ben Hall
 Read Scripture..... Gilbert Shelby
 Dismissal Prayer Anthony Lucas

Sunday Morning, January 22, 2023

Announcements Jack Gill
 Lead Singing Gary Gill
 First Prayer..... Ronny Cornelius
 Read Scripture Craig Harris
 Preside at Table Chuck Risener
 Serve Congregation
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 Dismissal Prayer Phil Webster
 Nursery Attendant Laura Kennedy

Sunday Evening, January 22, 2023

Announcements Jack Gill
 Lead Singing Gary Gill
 First Prayer Eddie Carter
 Read Scripture Rickey Tigner
 Preside at Table Chuck Risener
 Dismissal Prayer Bryan Porterfield

“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 where you can also view our weekly bulletin.
 There will be a **Youth Devotional** this coming Sunday, January 22 beginning at 4:30pm.
We will have a Valentine Party in our annex on Saturday, February 11 beginning at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend!

Family Matters

Carolyn Risener will have gall bladder surgery this Friday, January 20. Keep her in your prayers.

Community Matters

Keep Bill & Billy Sue Bradford, Monica Yopp, David Craft, Joann James, Randy Antwine, Valerie Anderson, Hazel Shepherd, David Adkins, Clark Christensen, Vanessa Danley, Bryan Vaughn, Bonnie Hickman 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, Gerald and Gail Mills.

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

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Jan. 22.....Gen. 12-16
 Monday, Jan 23.....Deut. 8-10
 Tuesday, Jan.24.....1 Sam. 10-12
 Wednesday Jan. 25..... Job 17-21
 Thursday, Jan. 26..... Jer. 10-13
 Friday, Jan. 27..... Matt. 8-9
 Saturday, Jan. 28.....Acts 9-10

Shut-ins

Mary Davis, Rm. C-15, 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

Mondays For The Master will meet at 6:45 pm in our annex on February 6. 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: Ramen Noodles, but we are low on everything if you want to bring something else.

“Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors and let each year find you a better man” -Ben Franklin

“Character is determined by what you stand for; reputation is ruined by what you fall for”

Big “I”

“I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds." Acts 26:29. Perhaps many of us recognize these words as those spoken by Paul to Agrippa when he told Paul that he had almost been persuaded to become a Christian (KJV). Have we ever stopped to think of what it would require for us to be able to make the same statement that Paul made to Agrippa?

It would mean much more than being just a member of the church. It would mean that I could examine the type of life that I am now living, and yet be able to say the world would be a much better place to live in, even if every other person in the world were living that same type of life! It would mean that the church of Christ would be more like what the Lord would have it to be, even if every other Christian lived and served the same way that I do! It would mean that the local congregation of the body where I worship would be more active and more zealous in doing that which is pleasing to the Lord, even if every other member of that congregation attended the services, gave of his money, and helped to do that which must be done just as I do. Remember, Paul said ". . . I would to God, that ... all that hear me this day, were ... altogether such as I am . . . "

What a sobering thought! But now, let us apply the thought. Are you a member of the Lord's church? Then ask yourself this question: "If every other person in the local congregation where I am a member worshipped, labored for, and served the Lord as I do, what would this church be like?" We all think it is

“Are You Ready?”

In July of 1959, the Queen of England visited Chicago. The city made careful preparations for her coming. The waterfront was readied for the docking of her ship. The wastebaskets were painted and the red carpet was rolled out. Many hotels were alerted. When the Drake Hotel was informed, the manager replied, “We are making no plans for the Queen; our rooms are always ready for royalty.”

In a similar way, spiritual preparation must be continual if we are to be prepared for the coming of the King of kings. Indeed, Jesus will come again to take His followers home to that place He has prepared for them (Acts 1:11; Jn. 14:1-3).

Thus, it can be said: “Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.” Nowhere is this so evident as in the first epistle of John, where the apostle says, “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure” (1 Jn. 3:2-3).

If we would be prepared for the coming of Christ, we must constantly and continuously fix our hope on Him by purifying our hearts in obedience to His truth (1 Pet. 1:22). For when Jesus comes again, there will be no time for the hurried frenzy of last-minute preparation. Jesus says, “Therefore be on

A Prescription For All

If you are impatient, sit down quietly and talk with Job.

If you are strong headed, go see Moses.

If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.

If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.

If you are a policy man, read Daniel.

If you are getting morbid, spend a while with Isaiah.

If you are chilly, get the beloved disciple to put his arms around you.

If your faith is weak, read Paul.

If you are getting lazy, watch James.

If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

-Author Unknown