

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, November 8, 2023

AnnouncementsCraig Harris
 Lead SingingBT Hobbs
 First PrayerChuck Risener
 Read Scripture..... Danny Lucas
 Dismissal Prayer.....Anthony Lucas

Sunday Morning, November 12, 2023

AnnouncementsCraig Harris
 Lead SingingJim Maxwell
 First Prayer.....Ronny Cornelius
 Read ScriptureJon Kennedy
 Preside at Table.....Teddy Bodiford
 Serve Congregation
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 Dismissal PrayerBrandon Tigner
 Nursery Attendant.....Joyce Byers

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“Key Men” for November

Sunday AM (Open).....Craig Harris
 Sunday AM (Close).....Rickey Tigner
 Sunday PM (Open).....Gary Byers
 Sunday PM (Close).....Danny Lucas
 Wednesday PM (Open)BT Hobbs
 Wednesday PM (Close).....Gilbert Shelby

Coming Events

Pine Vale Childrens Home Annual Holiday Party will be December 2 at 11 am in the Foote Street church of Christ annex. It will be a potluck meal. Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

BT Hobbs is at home and recovering after his accident. **Mary Bizzell** is still dealing with several health issues and needs our prayers. **Jan Webster** has also been dealing with some health problems recently. **Paige Gillon** is now home from the hospital and doing better.

Community Matters

Debbie Vaughn, mother of Angela Scott, has had her surgery rescheduled for Monday, November 13. Keep Ridge Porterfield, Ann Pierce, Lisa Dukes, Tammy Tigner, Billy Sue Bradford, Joann James, Sylvia Childers, Brian Vaughn, Ronda Carver, Monroe Willis in your prayers.

Prayer List

Sandy Rodgers, Benny/Nancy Thornton, Royce Jones, April McKelvey, Gail Mills, Ann Riggs, Laura Adkins, David Craft, Dottie Hogan, Carolyn Risener, Patsy Bodiford, Doris Mott

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

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 12.....Numbers 15-17
 Monday, Nov. 13.....2 Chron. 18-20
 Tuesday, Nov. 14Nehemiah 1-4
 Wednesday Nov. 15Isaiah 37-39
 Thursday, Nov. 16Habakkuk
 Friday, Nov. 17John 9-10
 Saturday, Nov. 18.....Revelation 1-3

Shut-ins

David Craft, Room 111, Christian Care Center, 10160 US-64, Bolivar, TN 38008.
 Lillian Eason, Providence Assisted Living, 700 Moore's Crossing, Apt. 204, Senatobia, MS. 38668.
 Paige Gillon, 45 Southwest Lane, Middleton, TN 38052.
 Benny Thornton, 310 CR 125, Walnut, MS 38683.

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 annual Thanksgiving Day Meal will be in the annex at 1pm. See Gary or Carol Gill with any questions.

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.

Mondays for the Master will meet November 20 at 6:45 pm for coffee and donuts and then make our visits at 7pm. We would love to have you be a part of this good work! If you know of anyone needing a visit please let Jeff or Gilbert know.

Pantry Item of the Week: macaroni and cheese or whatever you would like to bring.

“What does it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith but have not works...” (James 2:14).

“...faith, if it have not works is dead in itself.” James 2:17

The Servant's Mind

Jesus is the ultimate servant. He came “not to be served but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Genuine followers of Christ adopt the Lord's mindset (see Phil. 2:4-7). They long to be like Him. Serving starts in the mind. One who lacks the *doing* of “servant acts” is missing a servant's mind.

While some Christians recline and watch, those with the mind of Christ roll up their sleeves and work. No “Grumbling” (Phil. 2:14). Just quiet, diligent, dedicated and faithful service. They don't have to be coerced or cajoled; they are eager to serve. Some, however, are high and mighty within their own minds and don't lower themselves to pick up the trash. Such a task is beneath them. They would fit smug and snuggly in the “we don't wash feet” disciple group of John 13. Jesus was alone in the foot washing ministry. Servants today are often few in number, sometimes it is just them and Jesus. But that is good company. Jesus said, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20). You and Jesus working together. What a team!

Elders, deacons, teachers, the elderly, teenage members, preachers—we all need the mind of Christ. No complaining, just completion of the task. No grumbling, just grateful to serve. Servants, don't be discouraged in your self-less service. Persevere, press on and praise God for the opportunity to serve with Jesus. -James Cudd

Don't Get in the Trash Can

One day a mother was scraping vegetables for a salad as her daughter came and asked permission to go to a R-rated movie. "But all the kids are going," she said, "and their parents didn't think it would hurt them." As she talked, she saw her mother pick up a handful of scraps and throw them in the salad. Rather confused, she shouted, "Mom you're throwing garbage into the salad." Her mom replied "I know but I thought if you didn't mind garbage in your heart and in your mind that you wouldn't care about a little in your stomach." At this point the message was clear to this young girl: "Don't Get In The Trash Can."

The world we live in is full of trash that will corrupt the Christian Life and we have the power to get in the "Trash Can" or to stay out.

We are not slaves to sin but we act in accordance with righteousness (Romans 6:6). We are told to put to death things that are of sin and to flee from immorality (Colossians 3:5-10, 1 Corinthians 6:18, Galatians 5:16-24).

We "train" or "exercise" ourselves for Godliness (1 Timothy 4:7). We must be prepared to submit to good works (Titus 3:1).

Here are some things that we can add to our lives to help us stay out of the trash can:

- Add the Christian Graces (2 Peter 2:5-8).
- Pray Regularly (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- Read, Study, and Meditate (2 Timothy 2:15).
- Be Faithful (Hebrews 10:22-26).
- Do Good For Others (Acts 10:38).
- Visit the Sick and Bereaved (James 1:27).
- Support the Work (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
- Be Active (Titus 3:1).
- Bring Others to Christ (Matthew 28:19-20).

Remember the Christian Life must be lived and is something that can be enjoyed!

-Jonathan Burns

Virtue of the Poor...

Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Matthew 19:21, ESV). Some will interpret the Lord's words as being the virtue of all virtues – selling what one has in order to help the poor, but this would be a mistake in interpretation.

The Lord's point is not selling and then giving, but getting rid of the hurdle that has now become a hindrance to one's standing before the Lord. What hurdle is it that you feel like you have to jump in order to be pleasing to the Lord? With the Lord's answer to the young man, the rich man turned away disappointed.

Will you consider the hurdle the Lord wants you to remove, or will you turn away disappointed?