

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, November 15, 2023

AnnouncementsGary Byers
 Lead SingingJim Maxwell
 First PrayerJon Kennedy
 Read Scripture.....Bryan Porterfield
 Dismissal Prayer.....Will Durham

Sunday Morning, November 19, 2023

AnnouncementsGary Byers
 Lead Singing.....Jim Maxwell
 First Prayer.....Craig Harris
 Read Scripture.....Ronny Cornelius
 Preside at Table.....Gary Gill
 Serve Congregation
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 Dismissal PrayerDanny Lucas
 Nursery Attendant.....Teresa Tigner

Sunday Evening, November 19, 2023

AnnouncementsGary Byers
 Lead Singing.....Anthony Lucas
 First PrayerJim Maxwell
 Read ScriptureBen Hall
 Preside at Table.....Gary Gill
 Dismissal Prayer.....Rickey Tigner

“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

The Fourth Street church of Christ will celebrate their 100th Anniversary on November 19. Check the foyer board for more information.

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

Doris Mott was able to be back with us last Sunday morning! Keep her in your prayers.

BT Hobbs is doing some better but still very sore.

Mary Bizzell is still dealing with several health issues and needs our prayers.

Community Matters

Debbie Vaughn, mother of Angela Scott, is dealing with several complications from her recent surgery.

Keep Lindsey Sowell, Ann Pierce, Lisa Dukes, 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, Paige Gillon.

Remember our service men & women in your prayers.

Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 19.....Numbers 18-20
 Monday, Nov. 20.....2 Chron. 21-23
 Tuesday, Nov. 21.....Nehemiah 5-7
 Wednesday Nov. 22.....Isaiah 40-42
 Thursday, Nov. 23.....Zephaniah
 Friday, Nov. 24.....John 11-12
 Saturday, Nov. 25.....Revelation 4-7

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 Ladies Class meets each Tuesday in the annex at 10 am. All ladies are invited!

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: spam or whatever you would like to bring.

“One filled with joy preaches without even saying a word.”

The Bible's Advice on Thanksgiving

It is very interesting to note the various contexts in which the word “thanksgiving” occurs in the Bible (NKJV). Here are just a few of the places:

- In Lev. 7:11-15, it is connected with offerings and sacrifices to God.
- In Psa. 26, it is connected with the proclaiming of God and His “wondrous works.”
- In Psa. 95, it is connected with a joyful attitude due to God's salvation.
- In Psa. 147, it is in connection with honoring God's goodness and constant blessings.
- In 2 Cor. 9:10-12, it is in connection with helping those who are in need.
- In Col. 4:2, it is in connection with continued prayers.
- In 1 Tim. 4:3-4, it is in connection with our meals.

So in examining these texts, we see that thanksgiving is not something separated from the everyday life of the child of God. It is to be an integral part of our daily lives. It is a way of living – true thanksgiving is “thanksgiving”!

Christians have so much for which to be thankful, and daily we should live and give our thanks to God.

“As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving” (Col. 2:6-7). -Edd Sterchi

How to Observe Thanksgiving

Count your blessings instead of your crosses.

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes.

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears.

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean.

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth.

Count on God instead of yourself.

A thankful heart doubles our blessings, causing us to enjoy them twice – when we receive them and when we remember them.

The best things in life are the nearest -- breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.

IT'S YOUR ATTITUDE THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

A young lady who had lost her eye sight to an accident two years earlier was talking with her preacher. He was surprised by her enthusiasm and love for life.

One day after services he asked her about it. She said, "Do you know what I've discovered? I have found that most unhappy thoughts come from seeing."

With her face all aglow she continued, "Before my accident I saw women wearing expensive clothes and I became dissatisfied with what I had. I noticed the expensive houses and cars that others had and I was jealous of their lives. I noticed beautiful people, and I was unhappy with my own appearance."

She added, "Then, after my accident, it came to me. Most joy producing thoughts come into people's minds in the dark!"

You close your eyes when you kiss the one you love. You close your eyes when you listen to soft music. You close your eyes when you talk with God. I don't really need to see to enjoy life."

Wow, the difference attitude can make in the way we look and deal with life around us. We have a choice to let the world bring us to our knees, or we can lift our head up and trust in God.

Let's strive to see the beauty of the Christian life in both the good and the bad circumstances of life. As the saying goes, "When life hands you lemons, make lemonade."