

## Those to Serve

### Wednesday Evening, November 29, 2023

Announcements .....Hunter Sheehan  
 Lead Singing .....Jim Maxwell  
 First Prayer .....Don McAlpin  
 Read Scripture.....William Harris  
 Dismissal Prayer.....Anthony Lucas

### Sunday Morning, December 3, 2023

Announcements .....Hunter Sheehan  
 Lead Singing .....Gary Gill  
 First Prayer.....Teddy Bodiford  
 Read Scripture .....Eddie Carter  
 Preside at Table.....Gary Byers  
 Serve Congregation .....  
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 Dismissal Prayer .....Phil Webster  
 Nursery Attendant .....Betty Stewart

### Sunday Evening, December 3, 2023

Announcements .....Hunter Sheehan  
 Lead Singing .....Gary Gill  
 First Prayer .....Jeff Scott  
 Read Scripture.....Brandon Tigner  
 Preside at Table.....Gary Byers  
 Dismissal Prayer .....Hunter Sheehan

### “Key Men” for December

Sunday AM (Open).....Rickey Tigner  
 Sunday AM (Close).....Jeff Scott  
 Sunday PM (Open).....Chuck Risener  
 Sunday PM (Close).....George Doss  
 Wednesday PM (Open).....Don McAlpin  
 Wednesday PM (Close).....Jim Maxwell

## 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. If you would like to attend see Jim Maxwell for more information.  
 Remember to visit our website: [middletoncoc.org](http://middletoncoc.org) where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

### Family Matters

We still have several of our members who are dealing with health issues and unable to attend at this time, please keep them in your prayers.

### Community Matters

Debbie Vaughn, mother of Angela Scott, is dealing with pneumonia and facing another surgery soon.  
 Keep Bob Sigler, Lindsey Sowell, Ann Pierce, Lisa Dukes, Joann James, Sylvia Childers, Brian Vaughn, Ronda Carver, Monroe Willis, Jim Thomason in your prayers.

### Prayer List

Sandy Rodgers, Benny/Nancy Thornton, Royce Jones, April McKelvey, Paige Gillon, Ann Riggs, Laura Adkins, David Craft, Dottie Hogan, Carolyn Risener, BT Hobbs, Mary Bizzell.

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

### Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 3.....Numbers 24-26  
 Monday, Dec. 4.....2 Chron. 26-28  
 Tuesday, Dec. 5.....Nehemiah 11-13  
 Wednesday Dec. 6.....Isaiah 47-50  
 Thursday, Dec. 7.....Zechariah 1-6  
 Friday, Dec.8.....John 15-16  
 Saturday, Dec. 9.....Revelation 11-13

## 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 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 December 4 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 or a call please let Jeff or Gilbert know.

***Pantry Item of the Week: ramen noodles or whatever you would like to bring.***

“For not one of us lives for himself and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end, Christ died and lived again that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.”  
 Romans 14 :8-9.

## The Prescription

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

If you are just strong-headed, go and 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 sordid, spend some time with Isaiah.

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

If your faith is below par, read Paul.

If you are getting lazy, see 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*

*Many of us miss out on life’s big prizes: Pulitzer, Nobel, Oscar, Tony, Emmy. But, we’re all eligible for life’s small pleasures: a pat on the back, a kiss behind the ear, a five pound bass, a full moon, an empty parking space, a crackling fire, a good meal, a glorious sunset, hot soup. Don’t fret about receiving life’s grand awards. Enjoy its tiny delight. There’s plenty for us all!*

## Guidelines To Bible Study

Profitable Bible study involves more than just opening to a chapter and reading the words on the pages. The following are seven guidelines to help us make the most of our study of God's word:

- Set aside a regular time — Unless we schedule a specific and uninterrupted time for Bible study, we will more than likely neglect Bible study.
- Before we start reading — Let's ask God for help in understanding the text.
- Carefully think about what we are reading — Not all of the Bible's treasures lie like pebbles on the surface. To mine the gold, we have to dig.
- Seek to understand what the author was communicating to the people who first read the book or letter before we decide how to properly apply it today.
- Write down at least one truth or principle we can put into everyday practice.
- Try different translations of the Bible — If we find ourself skimming over familiar words, a new translation might focus our mind on a passage in a new way.
- Let's not get discouraged — Some parts of the Bible are more interesting than others, and some we may not understand immediately. But there's enough that we can understand, revolutionizing our life if we apply it.

Let's read Proverbs 2:1-9 with the above guidelines in mind. Then try studying again tomorrow, remembering that the Bible's treasures are found by those who **dig for them**.

***When reading God's Word, take special care To find the rich treasures hidden there; Give thought to each line, each precept clear, Then practice it well with godly fear.***

## Omnipotent . . .

**Student:** "Do you think there is life on other planets?" **Preacher:** "No, I don't think so." **Student:** "You mean, all those billions and billions of planets out there -- and you don't think there's any life out there?"

**Preacher:** "No, I really don't think so."

**Student:** "Then why did God go to all that trouble to make all that stuff?" **Preacher:** "What trouble?"

Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You (Jeremiah 32:17). It was not trouble – He spoke and it was so. The only trouble that God ever had was bloody Calvary when He gave His beloved son for humanity's sins (John 3:16). *-housetohouse*

## *Avoid Temptation*

Being tempted is something we will all face; let us stand boldly against the devil and have the courage to resist temptation. Matthew wrote, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41). In James 1:12 we read, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." The goal of a Christian is not to stop temptation. The goal is to do all we can to avoid temptation and to stop sinning. Jesus cares and He will help you overcome temptation. Let's go to heaven together.

*-Charles Box*