

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, February 7, 2024

AnnouncementsGary Byers
 Lead SingingGary Gill
 First PrayerChuck Risener
 Read Scripture.....Anthony Lucas
 Dismissal Prayer.....Will Durham

Sunday Morning, February 11, 2024

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 First Prayer.....Ronny Cornelius
 Read Scripture.....Tyler Allen
 Preside at Table.....Eddie Carter
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 Dismissal Prayer.....Bryan Porterfield
 Nursery AttendantAngela Scott

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“Key Men” for February

Sunday AM (Open).....Jon Kennedy
 Sunday AM (Close).....Ronny Cornelius
 Sunday PM (Open).....Bryan Porterfield
 Sunday PM (Close)Gary Gill
 Wednesday PM (Open).....Don McAlpin
 Wednesday PM (Close).....Gilbert Shelby

Coming Events

The Freed-Hardeman University Lectureship will be February 4-8 and the study will center on the Book of Revelation.
 Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

Chris Thompson had cancer surgery and is now home.
David Pulse is recovering from shoulder surgery last week.
Joyce Byers had a procedure on her back earlier this week.
Chuck Risener had his heart valve replacement surgery and should be home by the time you receive this bulletin.
Laura Adkins will have knee surgery on February 12.

Community Matters

We extend our sympathy to Faye Massengill and family in the passing of Jimmy Massengill.
 Keep June Somervell, Bobby Tally, Bob Sigler, Lindsey Sowell, Debbie Vaughn, Lisa Dukes, Joann James, Jerry/Sylvia Childers, Brian Vaughn, Rhonda Carver, Corrine Tigner, Jim Thomason, Dianne Luttrell, Jason Oppenud in your prayers.

Prayer List

Sandy Rodgers, Benny/Nancy Thornton, Royce Jones, April McKelvey, Paige Gillon, Ann Riggs, Gary Byers, David/Edith Craft, Dottie Hogan, Carolyn Risener, Mary Bizzell, Bill Craft, Marion/Kathy Pulse, Doris Mott, LC McKelvey.

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

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 11.....Gen. 24-25
 Monday, Feb. 12Deut. 16-18
 Tuesday, Feb. 131 Sam. 17-18
 Wednesday Feb. 14Job 34-38
 Thursday, Feb. 15Jer. 23-25
 Friday, Feb. 16Matt. 13
 Saturday, Feb. 17.....Acts 15-16

Shut-ins

David Craft, Room 111, Christian Care Center, 10160 US-64, Bolivar, TN 38008.
 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

This Sunday evening, February 4 will be our **Singing Night and Fellowship Meal** for the month of February.

The 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 February 19 at 6:45 pm for coffee and donuts and then make our visits at 7pm. If you know of anyone needing a visit or a call please let Jeff or Gilbert know.

Pantry Item of the Week: ramen noodles.

“These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory,” 1 Timothy 3:14-16.

Why Did Jesus Have To Die?

It is our sins that separate us from God. God will not be around sin. Isaiah 59:2 says, “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”

All accountable people have sinned. Romans 3:23 says, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”. And Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The death spoken of here is spiritual death which is being spiritually separated from God. God is in Heaven and anybody with unforgiven sins cannot go to Heaven and be with God. God is both a loving God, but He is also Just. God’s justice demands punishment for our sins. He could not just “play like” they didn’t happen.

We read in Romans 5:6-10, “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

Christ came to this earth and lived a perfect sin-free life. If He had sinned even one time, He could not have died for us. He would have to be punished for His own sin. So we read in 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” Christ has taken our punishment, so God can now be just in saving us. And we read in 1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit”. Christ is the just and we are the unjust. God has His plan as to how we are to be saved. We must follow God’s plan and not man’s plan if we expect to be saved and go to Heaven. *-Ron Boatwright*

How Long is Time?

There’s an old saying, Another day, another dollar; a million days, a million dollars. But do you know how long a million days are? Hold your breath! You would have to live 2,739 years to live a million days! Actually, the Bible suggest we have three-score years and ten to live. That is seventy years or about 25,000 days. A magazine article once suggested that teenagers will live, on the average, one hundred years and your children might well live until they reach the ripe old age of one hundred fifty. The author of the article suggested that old age is just a disease and we have a right to expect science to conquer this disease as well as many others.

Of course, nobody wants to die. Life is wonderful and the more of it we have, the better. Yet, how well you live is much more important than how long you live. Jesus was only thirty-three, but look at the mark He made upon the world. ?Oh, yes, you say, but He was God’s Son. True. And we will never match Him. But, we are also God’s children—in a different sense, of course—but we, too, can fill life full of great living—in our way.

How? Here are some ideas in brief. Suppose you add some others. Talk this over with your friends:

1. Conquer the inner frustrations that keep you unhappy—the fears, the doubts, the inner turmoil. Become emotionally stable.
2. Respect yourself, but learn to live for others. The selfish life is an unhappy life. Minister to others; serve; give yourself away.
3. Be sensitive to the things of the spirit. Walk with God. Confess your sins and receive God’s forgiveness.

“Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil,” James 4:13-16.