

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, September 18, 2024

AnnouncementsEddie Carter
 Lead SingingGary Byers
 First PrayerBrandon Tigner
 Read Scripture.....Danny Lucas
 Dismissal PrayerSawyer Tigner

Sunday Morning, September 22, 2024

AnnouncementsEddie Carter
 Lead SingingGary Byers
 First Prayer.....Craig Harris
 Read Scripture.....Tyler Allen
 Preside at Table.....Gary Gill
 Serve Congregation
 Serve Congregation
 Serve Congregation
 Dismissal PrayerHunter Sheehan
 Nursery AttendantHeather Harris

Sunday Evening, September 22, 2024

AnnouncementsEddie Carter
 Lead SingingGary Byers
 First PrayerDick Shelton
 Read Scripture.....Chuck Risener
 Preside at Table.....Gary Gill
 Dismissal PrayerDanny Lucas

“Key Men” for September

Sunday AM (Open).....Hunter Sheehan
 Sunday AM (Close)Brad Leslie
 Sunday PM (Open).....Bryan Porterfield
 Sunday PM (Close).....Ronny Cornelius
 Wednesday PM (Open).....Abe Jeter
 Wednesday PM (Close).....Danny Lucas

Coming Events

Friends & Family Day at the Bolivar church of Christ will be Sunday, September 22 beginning at 9:30 am. The North Jackson church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting September 22-25 with Steve Higginbotham. Theo church of Christ will have their Homecoming on October 6 with Brad Dillingham preaching. The Rogers Springs church of Christ will have their annual Homecoming October 6 beginning at 10 am. Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

Jackie & Cathy Cox are both dealing with covid, keep them in your prayers.
Heather Harris is at home and doing well after her bladder surgery earlier this week.

Community Matters

Keep Colbey Childress, Mildred Bates, Lisa Dukes, Joann James, Jerry/Sylvia Childers, Rhonda Carver, Ann Pierce, Foy Norwood, Billy Sue Bradford, Carolyn Hendricks, Tristan Braswell, John Neely, Jeff Kennemore in your prayers.

Prayer List

April McKelvey, Royce Jones, David/Edith Craft, Annie Riggs, Dottie Hogan, Lynn Donaldson, Bill Craft, Gerald/Gail Mills, Marge Yopp, Jan Webster, Don McAlpin, Jim Maxwell, Donna Shepherd, Elaine Capshaw.

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

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Sep.22.....Lev. 26-27
 Monday, Sep. 23.....1 Chron. 25-27
 Tuesday, Sep. 242 Kings 17-18
 Wednesday, Sep. 25Isaiah 6-9
 Thursday, Sep. 26.....Joel
 Friday, Sep. 27Luke 23-24
 Saturday, Sep. 28.....Hebrews 7-10

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

We have received the list from **PineVale Children’s Home**. The items this year are laundry pods (no liquids), bottles of juices (bottles not juice boxes) and microwave popcorn. If you want to give money to Bobo & Pat they will buy in bulk. Pick up is the week of Oct 21st.

Monday’s For The Master meets again October 7. We meet at 6:45 pm in the annex and we will have coffee and donuts. At 7pm we will make our visits. If you know of anyone needing a visit let Gilbert or Jeff know.

The **Panama Joy Boxes** need to be turned in by October 1. Thank You to all who helped with this good work!

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.

Fall Lectureship Series

2024

Theme: “Soldiers Of Christ”

September 4- Recruiting Faithful Soldiers (Joey Barkley)

September 11- Basic Training For Battle (Brian Jackson)

September 18- The Soldiers Equipment (Jake Schotter)

September 25- The Enemy: Satan (Darrin Stapleton)

October 2- The Commander In Chief: Jesus Christ (Donnie DeBord)

*All services are on Wednesday’s at 7pm.
 Everyone is Invited!*

“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier,” **2 Timothy 2:3-4.**

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places,” **Ephesians 6:10-12.**

The Pure In Heart

”Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God” (Matt. 5:8). The Psalmist declared, ”Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and

speakech the truth in his heart” (Psalm 15:1,2). Scripture teaches, ”Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23). God’s word tells us, ”For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee” (Prov. 23:7).

There are two who want to control the hearts of mankind, one for their good and one for their condemnation. The two are God and Satan! God is the Creator of mankind. All God has ever done was for the benefit of mankind. Satan is God’s adversary and he is the adversary of mankind (1 Peter 5:8,9). Even though man has been influenced by Satan to sin, God still loves His creation. He has proven that love by sending His only begotten Son to this earth as a human being to die on the cross for the benefit of mankind! Man must decide who will control his heart! Will it be God or will it be Satan? Christ told Peter that Satan desired to have him (Luke 22:31). Satan filled the heart of Ananias to lie to the Holy Ghost (Acts 5:3). He wants to fill the heart of every soul to reject the love of God and be lost eternally.

It is the heart of man which controls our actions. God teaches us to think on that which is true, honest, just, pure, and lovely (Phil. 4:8), to keep our heart pure. It is simply a matter of whom we let control our heart! If we give our heart to God and let Him control it through His inspired word, we will be pure in heart. Remember, Christ taught that only the pure in heart will see God. Satan will lie, deceive, and do anything he can to keep you from seeing God. Ephesians 6:10-18 teaches us to stand against the wiles of the devil. Be pure in heart! *-JC Watkins*

Sin Is Not a Smart Investment

—Adam and Eve, for a bit of fruit when they were not even hungry, brought sin, suffering, shame, and death upon themselves and us (Gen. 3).

—Lot’s wife, revealing her longing for the things that pertain to earth, took one last look back and became a pillar of salt (Gen. 19).

—Samson, for the caress of a hypocritical woman, lost his will, strength, liberty, eyes, and finally, life (Jud. 16).

—David, to enjoy another man’s wife, handed posterity a tale of adultery, shame, tears, written across his face (2 Sam. 11-12).

—Ahab, coveting a vineyard he’d never enjoy, permitted his wife to have its owner killed (1 Kin. 21).

—Judas, for thirty pieces of silver which he had no occasion or conscience to use, took his own life in shame and despair (Mat. 27). A Christian who leaves Christ and forfeits his ticket to heaven for only temporary joys (2 Pet. 2:20-22; Heb. 11:24-26).