

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, January 1, 2025

AnnouncementsCraig Harris
 Lead SingingAnthony Lucas
 First PrayerDon McAlpin
 Read Scripture.....Teddy Bodiford
 Dismissal PrayerHunter Sheehan

Sunday Morning, January 5, 2025

AnnouncementsCraig Harris
 Lead Singing.....Anthony Lucas
 First Prayer.....Eddie Carter
 Read Scripture.....Ronny Cliff
 Preside at Table.....Jim Maxwell
 Serve Congregation
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 Dismissal PrayerTyler Allen
 Nursery Attendant.....Cathy Cox

Sunday Evening, January 5, 2025

AnnouncementsCraig Harris
 Lead Singing.....Anthony Lucas
 First Prayer.....Jeff Scott
 Read ScriptureJon Kennedy
 Preside at Table.....Jim Maxwell
 Dismissal PrayerTyson Hobbs

“Key Men” for January

Sunday AM (Open)Brandon Tigner
 Sunday AM (Close)Eddie Carter
 Sunday PM (Open).....Teddy Bodiford
 Sunday PM (Close).....Jim Maxwell
 Wednesday PM (Open).....Abe Jeter
 Wednesday PM (Close).....Gilbert Shelby

Coming Events

Our Youth Group will be going to **Evangelism University Youth Conference** on January 17-19. See Colin Middleton or Rickey Tigner for more information. The Henderson church of Christ will host an **Area Wide Singing** on Friday, January 24 beginning at 7pm. Finger foods will be provided. Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

Benny Thornton is at Tippah County Rehab which is in the hospital in Ripley. He is in room 24. Keep him and Nancy in your prayers as he deals with several health problems. **Laura Adkins** had her knee surgery and is home recovering.

Community Matters

Keep CW Kirk, Beverly Martindale, Joann James, Jerry/Sylvia Childers, Rhonda Carver, Foy Norwood, Billy Sue Bradford, Lisa Dukes, Doss Brewer in your prayers.

Prayer List

April McKelvey, Royce Jones, David/Edith Craft, Annie Riggs, Bill Craft, Gerald/Gail Mills, Jan Webster, Robert Bizzell, Elaine Capshaw, Benny Thornton, Dottie Hogan, LC McKelvey, Melinda Russell, Jim Maxwell, Gerald Mills.

Remember our service men & women in your prayers.

Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Jan. 5.....Genesis 16-18
 Monday, Jan. 6Gen. 19-20
 Tuesday, Jan. 7Gen. 21-23
 Wednesday, Jan. 8.....Gen. 24-25
 Thursday, Jan. 9.....Gen. 26-28
 Friday, Jan. 10.....Gen. 29-30
 Saturday, Jan. 11.....Gen. 31-32

Shut-ins

David Craft, Room 111, Christian Care Center, 10160 US-64, Bolivar, TN 38008.
 Paige Gillon, 45 Southwest Lane, Middleton, TN 38052.
 Donna Shepherd, Room 202, Wellington Manor Jackson, 911 Old Humboldt Rd, Jackson, TN 38305.
 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

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

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.

Pantry Item Of The Week: ramen noodles. You can bring other items any time.

“Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if there is any good word for edification according to the need of the moment, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear,” Ephesians 4:29.

You Expect Me to Believe That?

- In the beginning there was nothing. And suddenly for no reason nothing exploded and created everything. *You expect me to believe that?*

- At some point, by chance the right chemicals happened to float together at just the right moment to be struck by an electrical charge and become life. *You expect me to believe that?*

- Somewhere two non-human mothers each gave birth to a human child. They were born at the same time and in the same place, one was male and one was female. These two new "humans" gave birth to the human race. *You expect me to believe that?*

- One of the descendants of these first humans was born with a knowledge of right and wrong. No longer driven by instinct, this person suddenly was making decisions based on a morality for which there is no real explanation. *You expect me to believe that?*

I'm sorry. I don't have that much blind faith. It's all just too farfetched to be anything more than a fairy tale. I can't believe intelligent people claim it is "science" (cf. I Timothy 6:20).

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1: 1).

I can believe that without stretching my imagination into the realm of the impossible.

The universe was created by an all-powerful, all-knowing God. **That I can believe!**

Being 'Picky'

The classified section of most local newspapers has been replaced almost entirely by 'online' ads. For instance, the old 'For Singles Only' section in the newspaper has been traded for online dating services, but the concept is still primarily the same. Individuals looking for companionship by members of the opposite sex make their posts there.

Most of the ads are fairly similar. People describe themselves as "attractive, fun loving, emotionally well-balanced, and financially secure". They are seeking to meet a person who is "sincere, considerate, down-to-earth, affectionate, romantic, honest, well-adjusted, intelligent, ambitious, caring, sensitive, professional, gentle, etc." You get the idea fairly quickly that these folks are down right picky about the person they want to meet. Many of the ads specify age, height, weight, hair color, etc.

One interesting ad was reported to us. In listing the desired qualities of a prospective mate, this one said, "height - average; eyes - no more than two; hair - not required"! While most ads were very picky, this one was not at all.

These two extremes can illustrate a point. In matters relating to this life folks are generally very picky. They know what they want, and are not timid about demanding it. Why is it that in religion these same folks will allow anything and everything? If things of this world deserve careful attention, why not the things that pertain to the world which is to come? And what about the one who had no requirements at all? With such standards anyone can find a mate, but who would want him/her? We need to be picky about some things. Religion is one of those things (Col. 3:17).