

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, October 29, 2025

Announcements	Craig Harris
Lead Singing	Gary Gill
First Prayer	Gary Byers
Read Scripture.....	Sawyer Tigner
Dismissal Prayer	Brandon Tigner

Sunday Morning, November 2, 2025

Announcements	Craig Harris
Lead Singing	Jim Maxwell
First Prayer.....	Gary Gill
Read Scripture	Ronny Clift
Preside at Table	Teddy Bodiford
Serve Congregation	
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Dismissal Prayer	Bryan Porterfield
Nursery Attendant	Janet Durham

Sunday Evening, November 2, 2025

Announcements	Craig Harris
Lead Singing	Jim Maxwell
First Prayer	Jeff Scott
Read Scripture	Rickey Tigner
Preside at Table	Teddy Bodiford
Dismissal Prayer	Tyson Hobbs

“Key Men” for November

Sunday AM (Open).....	Craig Harris
Sunday AM (Close)	Rickey Tigner
Sunday PM (Open).....	Gary Byers
Sunday PM (Close)	Ben Hall
Wednesday PM (Open)	BT Hobbs
Wednesday PM (Close)	Gilbert Shelby

Coming Events

Be sure to “**Fall Back**” one hour on your clocks before going to bed on **Saturday night, November 1**. **Tony Solaita**, student we support at the Memphis School Of Preaching, will be preaching this Sunday morning. **Pine Vale Children’s Home** will have their annual Holiday Party on December 6 at 11 am at the Foote Street church of Christ annex. Check the foyer board for more information. Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

Peggy Gibson is going to have a stent put in the artery going to her eye soon. **Royce Jones** will have surgery on Thursday to replace his battery on his pacemaker. **Jim Maxwell** is undergoing tests for a spot found on his lung, keep him and Pat in your prayers.

Community Matters

Keep Riggs Crowley, Stephen Thompson, Rhonda Carver, Jo-Ann James, Beverly Martindale, Jesse Hall, Larry and Charlotte Lamberth, Jessica Danley, Chuck Carter, Ralph Donaldson in your prayers.

Prayer List

April McKelvey, Royce Jones, Bill Craft, Gail Mills, Jan Webster, Elaine Capshaw, Melinda Russell, Linda McAlpin, Joyce Shelby, Betsy Lucas, Robert Bizzell, Donna Shepherd, Teddy Bodiford, Gail Vaughn, Dottie Hogan. *Remember our service men & women in your prayers. Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.*

For The Record

Mid-Week Bible Study	90
Sunday School	86
Sunday Morning Worship	137
Sunday Evening Worship	121

Prayerfully consider your part in the above record

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 2.....	Luke 23-24
Monday, Nov. 3.....	John 1-3
Tuesday, Nov. 4.....	John 4-5
Wednesday, Nov. 5	John 6-7
Thursday, Nov. 6	John 8-9
Friday, Nov. 7	John 10-11
Saturday, Nov. 8.....	John 12-13

Shut-ins

Paige Gillon, 45 Southwest Lane, Middleton, TN 38052. Donna Shepherd, Room 202, Wellington Manor Jackson, 911 Old Humboldt Rd, Jackson, TN 38305.

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

There will be a **Men’s Ribs & BBQ Dinner** this Saturday, November 1 at 5pm at the home of Jon & Laura Kennedy. Please sign the list in the foyer by October 26.

The **Pew Packers class** meets each Sunday evening at 5:45 pm. This is for children ages newborn through sixth grade.

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: mustard and ketchup.

“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,” 1 Thess. 1:2-3.

Is There a Perfect Church?

When faced with the question of why there are so many churches in the world, an answer, rhetorical in nature, has often times been given. “Can there be such a thing as a perfect church?”

With literally thousands of denominated and divided churches, all with conflicts, controversy, finger- pointing and fault-finding, caused by human imperfection, one wonders if it is even possible that a church could possibly be perfect.

When considering questions of a religious or spiritual nature, we should always go to God’s word for the answer (*2 Timothy 3:16-17*). So does the bible describe a perfect church? We can begin with the description of the church found in Ephesians, Chapter 5.

First, Christ is the Head of the church and Savior of the body (church), therefore, the church is subject to Him (v. 22-24). Next, verses 25-27 declare that Christ *loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”*

Christ died for the church, purchasing it with His blood (*Acts 20:28*). The same blood that washes away sin (*1 John 1:7; 1 Cor. 6:11*)), and He has set it apart, cleansed it so it has no imperfections.

So yes, there is a perfect church. It is the church built by Jesus Christ (*Matt. 16:18*), filled with spiritually saved people who have been added to it by the Lord Himself (*Acts 2:47*).

Making the Best of a Bad Situation

We face them all the time...sometimes daily...but to different levels or degrees. Car problems, unexpected home repairs, conflict at work, conflict at home, health issues, death, disappointments, mistreatment from others, broken friendship, loss of job, etc., etc.

Bad things happen all the time. “Time and chance happen to [us] all” (Ecc. 9:11). (Easily remember where this verse is located by looking at the three numbers: 9-1-1.)

What do we do when bad things happen? First and foremost, pause and talk to God, no matter what it is (1 Pet. 5:7). Second, recognize there are many things out of your control and there is nothing that you can do to change them. Accept that. Third, identify what you can control and work on that.

Fourth, ask yourself, “How big a deal is this? Really?” How much of this situation can you (should you) just let go and move on? Fifth, if the situation warrants, identify one or two people that you can lean on for support—wise counsel you can trust, who will talk to you straight, who may have been there themselves. Sixth, you’re not done. Talk to God some more!

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David Sproule

Who do I want to see this?

When you post something on Facebook, you have the option to choose who can see the post. The five options are: (1) Public: Anyone on or off Facebook. (2) Friends: Your friends on Facebook. (3) Friends except: All your friends except selected ones. (4) Specific friends: Only the friends you select. (5) Only me.

Life is much the same way. When you act a certain way or use certain words, you can choose who can see or hear you. Perhaps only “Specific friends” know how you behave when you’re enjoying some down time. Perhaps most “Friends except” your church friends know the

language you use on a normal basis. We can be selective on who sees what side of us.

There are at least two things to keep in mind.

First, God instructs us to lay aside all hypocrisy (1 Pet. 2:1; cf. Jas. 3:17).

Second, regardless of who we select to see or hear certain things, our God in heaven sees all (Heb. 4:13). Let us seek to please Him at all times.