

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, January 7, 2026

AnnouncementsCraig Harris
 Lead SingingGary Gill
 First Prayer Eddie Carter
 Read Scripture.....Sawyer Tigner
 Dismissal PrayerBrandon Tigner

Sunday Morning, January 11, 2026

Announcements Craig Harris
 Lead SingingGary Gill
 First Prayer.....Don McAlpin
 Read ScriptureGary Byers
 Preside at Table Eddie Carter
 Serve Congregation
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 Dismissal PrayerTyler Allen
 Nursery Attendant Amy Mercer

Sunday Evening, January 11, 2026

Announcements Craig Harris
 Lead SingingGary Gill
 First Prayer.....Teddy Bodiford
 Read ScriptureJack Gill
 Preside at Table Eddie Carter
 Dismissal Prayer Jim Maxwell

“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) Patrick Shook

Coming Events

Larry Brady will be here to speak on the work in Panama this Sunday, January 11.
 Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

Joyce Shelby is in West Tennessee Rehab, room 107. She can have visitors.
Bill Craft saw his doctor recently, keep him in your prayers.
Royce Jones is at home and doing pretty good. Keep him and Karen in your prayers.
Paige Gillon is in Jackson General Hospital dealing several health issues.

Community Matters

Keep Chris Smalley, Stephen Thompson, Rhonda Carver, Jo-Ann James, Beverly Martindale, Larry and Charlotte Lamberth, Chuck Carter, Ralph Donaldson, Linda Jane Kirk, Jim Lofton, Joe Ricketts, Mildred Bates in your prayers.

Prayer List

April McKelvey, Gail Mills, Elaine Capshaw, Melinda Russell, Linda McAlpin, Joyce Shelby, Betsy Lucas, Donna Shepherd, Teddy Bodiford, Gail Vaughn, Dottie Hogan, Robert Bizzell, Jim Maxwell, Peggy Gibson, Jan Webster.

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

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[Prayerfully consider your part in the above record](#)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Jan. 11.....Genesis 31-32
 Monday, Jan. 12.....Genesis 33-35
 Tuesday, Jan. 13.....Genesis 36-38
 Wednesday, Jan. 14.....Genesis 39-41
 Thursday, Jan. 15.....Genesis 42-44
 Friday, Jan. 16Genesis 45-47
 Saturday, Jan. 17.....Genesis 48-50

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

Bernie Hall came forward last Sunday asking for God’s forgiveness and our prayers. Be sure to encourage him this week.

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: any items you would like to bring.

*“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 3:16.*

I’m Responsible for Where I Drop Those Blocks

“I’ve got a right to do what I want to do!” How many have ever said that? How many Christians have ever said that? But, give this some thought. Even if something is not necessarily a sin, does that mean I’ve got a “right” to do it?

One question I must always ask myself is: “What impact will this decision have on others, especially upon my fellow Christians?”

In the first-century church, something as simple as whether to eat certain meats was causing a riot in the church. Christians were certainly at “liberty” (1 Cor. 8:9) to eat any meat provided by God (1 Tim. 4:3-5)—it was their “right.” But they needed to be aware of how their actions looked to others.

Paul said, “Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died...nor do anything by which your brother stumbles” (Rom. 14:15, 21).

Fellow Christian, the choices we make are seen by and affect each other. Let us “resolve...not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way” (Rom. 14:13).

Steps To Developing A Beautiful Heart

- You must take a serious look at your own life. You must think positively about your potential and possibilities—life is what you make of it (Phi. 4:13).
- You must like yourself. You will never like someone else more than you like yourself (1:20; 1 John 2:28). Also, other people tend to take the same attitude toward you that you take toward yourself.
- You must develop genuine love and concern for other people. Successful people are always interested in the well-being of others (3:17-18; Jam. 2:1-9).
- Begin every day in a spirit of gratitude. You must have a genuine expectancy that today will be the greatest day of your life (Col. 3:15).
- Keep your focus on things above. When you quit thinking about heaven and spiritual things, you quit looking forward to life (3:2).

New and Different

When you see advertisements for products, what catches attention is if there is something “NEW” about it. People like “new” things, “new” ideas, “new” technology. Even the Athenians in Paul’s day “spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing” (Acts 17:21).

So it is in religion, many folks are looking for something “new,” and so many churches feel like they need to offer something “new,” in order to distinguish them from “the other churches” and to appeal to the masses.

Consider for a moment: The Bible was completed almost 2,000 years ago. It is not going to change or to offer something “new.” We must “not add” anything to it, in order to find or make something “new” or “different” (Rev. 22:18).

If the truth of the glorious gospel and sound doctrine does not appeal to people, it is not our job to make it appealing. It alone is “compels” (2 Cor. 5:14; 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:1-4) and not us!

Let us love, “seek” and teach “the old paths, where the good way is,” and let us not be ashamed to “walk in it” (Jer. 6:16). *-David Sproule*