

## Those to Serve

### Wednesday Evening, February 11, 2026

Announcements .....Colin Middleton  
 Lead Singing .....Gary Byers  
 First Prayer ..... Hunter Sheehan  
 Read Scripture.....Jim Maxwell  
 Dismissal Prayer ..... Sawyer Tigner

### Sunday Morning, February 15, 2026

Announcements .....Colin Middleton  
 Lead Singing .....Gary Byers  
 First Prayer.....Don McAlpin  
 Read Scripture .....Jon Kennedy  
 Preside at Table .....Gary Gill  
 Serve Congregation .....  
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 Dismissal Prayer .....Tyler Allen  
 Nursery Attendant .....Joyce Byers

### Sunday Evening, February 15, 2026

Announcements .....Colin Middleton  
 Lead Singing .....Gary Byers  
 First Prayer .....Rickey Tigner  
 Read Scripture ..... Ben Hall  
 Preside at Table .....Gary Gill  
 Dismissal Prayer ..... Dick Shelton

### “Key Men” for February

Sunday AM (Open)..... Dave Adkins  
 Sunday AM (Close) .....Ronny Cornelius  
 Sunday PM (Open).....Bryan Porterfield  
 Sunday PM (Close) .....Gary Gill  
 Wednesday PM (Open).....Gilbert Shelby  
 Wednesday PM (Close) .....Jonathan Hubbard

## Coming Events

This Sunday evening, February 15 will be our rescheduled monthly **Singing Night & Fellowship Meal!** **Chad Wagner** will be here this Sunday, February 15 to preach and tell us about the African/ Nigeria Christian School and the Lords work in Africa. Remember to visit our website: [middletoncoc.org](http://middletoncoc.org) where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

## Family Matters

**Joyce Shelby** is at home and still slowly improving.  
**Paula Pickens** is at home and doing well after her surgery last week.  
**Paige Gillon** is now at home, keep her and Betty in your prayers as she continues to improve.

## Community Matters

Keep Courtney Cox, Dee Shackelford, Stephen Thompson, Rhonda Carver, JoAnn James, Beverly Martindale, Larry and Charlotte Lamberth, Chuck Carter, 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, George Doss.  
*Remember our service men & women in your prayers.  
 Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.*

## For The Record

Mid-Week Bible Study ..... 80  
 Sunday School ..... 101  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 137  
 Sunday Evening Worship ..... 86

*Prayerfully consider your part in the above record*

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 15.....Numbers 7  
 Monday, Feb. 16.....Numbers 8-10  
 Tuesday, Feb. 17.....Numbers 11-13  
 Wednesday, Feb. 18 .....Numbers 14-15  
 Thursday, Feb. 19.....Numbers 16-18  
 Friday, Feb. 20 .....Numbers 19-21  
 Saturday, Feb. 21.....Numbers 22-24

## 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

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.**

“Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being of one accord*, of one mind. *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself,” **Philip. 2:1-3.**

## God is Worthy of Our Praise!

The short Jewish hymn of Psalm 100 is filled with ever-flowing joy and goodness. The psalmist bids the worshiper to “make a joyful shout to the Lord,” to “serve the Lord with gladness,” to “come before” Him “with singing,” to “enter His gates with thanksgiving” and “with praise.”

There are an infinite number of reasons that we should do this, but the psalmist focuses on three things regarding who God is and three things regarding what God is. Meditate on these for a moment, as you consider how worthy our God is of praise and thanksgiving.

He is worthy because of WHO He is: (1) He is God; (2) He is our Maker; (3) He is our shepherd.

He is worthy because of WHAT He is: (1) He is good; (2) He is merciful; (3) He is truthful.

Now, please stop. Go back and read those again. Consider each one of them. Then, tell God how worthy you think He is of your praise and thanksgiving. This truly ought to bring a “joyful...gladness” to our hearts every day!

*-David Sproule*

## Faith in God Makes ALL the Difference!

In Joshua 2, the Bible reader is introduced to a character named Rahab. The uniqueness of her name may be part of the reason that we automatically identify her with her past livelihood—she was a harlot.

Of the eight times her name appears in Scripture, five of those times she is called “the harlot.”

Why is this Old Testament character mentioned with favor in the New Testament?

She is not mentioned in Scripture because she was a harlot. She is mentioned in Scripture because of what she became—a woman of faith. Her saving faith was not merely a mental assent to some facts, but an obedient faith that stepped out from her upbringing and from her fellow country-men and demonstrated an active trust in the God of heaven.

We learn from Rahab that the sins of our past do not have to define us. If you truly “believe that God is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Heb. 11:6), that faith will lead you to a submissive obedience that will reward you eternally (cf. Heb. 11:31; Jas. 2:25).

Do you have a true faith in the true God?

## Droopy Christians

There’s an interesting passage of scripture found in Hebrews 12, beginning at verse 12. It says, *Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.* (Hebrews 12:12–13)

To better understand these verses, one must read the preceding text which explains the reason this Christian is all droopy. Having just been disciplined by the Lord, (v. 5-11) they are now deflated, with head and hands hanging low and standing on shaking knees. Just as a child who has been disciplined by a parent, this Christian has been humbled to the lowest degree.

As we grow and mature in Christ, there will be times when we discover an unrealized sin. God’s word will convict us and we’ll understand that repentance is needed.

We may become discouraged, now knowing that an addiction, habit, or relationship is not pleasing to God and there must be a change in our lives in order to be in good standing with the Lord. But as hard as some changes may be, it will be worth all of the pain. *“For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”* (Heb. 12:11)

Just as the whimpering child learns from the spanking, we too must learn from the chastening of the Lord. The scriptures go on to tell us to lift ourselves up, brush ourselves off, and renew our spiritual vitality so that we can once again be fruit bearing and will pleasing to our God.