

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, March 18, 2026

Announcements Gary Gill
 Lead Singing BT Hobbs
 First Prayer Craig Harris
 Read Scripture..... Hunter Sheehan
 Dismissal Prayer..... Sawyer Tigner

Sunday Morning, March 22, 2026

Announcements..... Gary Gill
 Lead Singing..... BT Hobbs
 First Prayer..... Jon Kennedy
 Read Scripture..... Gene Ross
 Preside at Table Jim Maxwell
 Serve Congregation.....
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 Dismissal Prayer..... Bryan Porterfield
 Nursery Attendant..... Heather Harris

Sunday Evening, March 22, 2026

Announcements..... Gary Gill
 Lead Singing..... BT Hobbs
 First Prayer Ben Hall
 Read Scripture..... Teddy Bodiford
 Preside at Table Jim Maxwell
 Dismissal Prayer..... Colin Middleton

“Key Men” for March

Sunday AM (Open)..... BT Hobbs
 Sunday AM (Close) Clint Scott
 Sunday PM (Open)..... Gene Ross
 Sunday PM (Close) Ben Hall
 Wednesday PM (Open)..... Brian Tigner
 Wednesday PM (Close)..... Rickey Tigner

Coming Events

The **Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship** will be March 29-April 2. The theme is: “I Know The Lord Will Make A Way.” Check the foyer board for more information. Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

Bryan Porterfield is slowly improving as he deals with shingles.
Tresa Danley is home and improving after a fall that dislocated her elbow and fractured her foot.
Jim Maxwell had a petscan earlier this week and will set up treatment plans after the results from that come in. Keep him and Pat in your prayers.

Community Matters

Keep Ann Riggs Barkley, Dee Shackelford, Linda Cook, Rhonda Carver, JoAnn James, Beverly Martindale, Larry Lamberth, Chuck Carter, Jim Lofton, Joe Ricketts, Mildred Bates, Carol Ann Janca, Susie Sargent, Butch Marcum in your prayers.

Prayer List

Joyce Shelby, Gail Mills, Elaine Capshaw, Melinda Russell, Linda McAlpin, Betsy Lucas, Donna Shepherd, Teddy Bodiford, Samuel Porterfield, Dottie Hogan, Robert Bizzell, Peggy Gibson, Jan Webster, George Doss, Mica Shelly, Bill Craft.

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

For The Record

Mid-Week Bible Study 82
 Sunday School 101
 Sunday Morning Worship 146
 Sunday Evening Worship 80

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

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, March 22.....Judges 7-8
 Monday, March 23.....Judges 9-10
 Tuesday, March 24.....Judges 11-13
 Wednesday, March 25.....Judges 14-16
 Thursday, March 26Judges 17-19
 Friday, March 27Judges 20-21
 Saturday, March 28.....Ruth 1-4

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

Our annual **Ladies Day** will be April 11 with registration beginning at 8:30 am. Erin Jones will be the speaker this year. The theme is: “Blessed Beyond Measure.”

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.

“For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation,”

Don’t Worry About Worry

Jesus addressed worry head-on in His Sermon on the Mount. He said, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?” (Matthew 6:25)

He pointed to the birds of the air— they don’t plant crops or store food, yet our heavenly Father feeds them. He points out the wildflowers—they don’t labor or spin, yet they’re more beautifully dressed than even King Solomon. Then came the question: “Are you not much more valuable than they?” (26).

Worry changes nothing, Jesus explains, but it steals today’s peace. His solution is simple and profound.

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” (33-34).

When we make God’s purposes our top priority, He promises to take care of the rest. *-Dale Pollard*

Living Like Today Is Not the Day

The apostle Peter wrote about scoffers who did not believe that Jesus was going to return, for they fallaciously reasoned, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation” (2 Pet. 3:4).

Every day looked the same and went by in the same way and there was no sign of His coming, so they went about doing whatever they wanted to do, mocking the very idea of His promised return.

Is it possible that Christians today (not just outsiders, but actual Christians) could become so enamored with life and with the affairs of this earth that their life itself may be scoffing the very idea of Christ’s return? Brother and sister, do we live each day with the reminder in our heads and the anticipation in our hearts that “today could be the day”?

Too many of us are living like today is not going to be the day, and because of His apparent “delay,” we can “do as we please.” May God help us to live each moment like Jesus “will find” us “doing” as He pleases (Matt. 24:43-51)!

How could he sleep?

Immerse yourself in this scene. Get the full picture in Acts 12. Peter was witnessing and personally experiencing the violent persecution that Herod Agrippa (“the king”) was bringing against Christians. Peter saw Herod kill his fellow apostle and friend, James, with the sword. He was seized by Herod’s henchmen, with plans to do the same to him as was done to

James. Peter was arrested, thrown in prison, guarded by sixteen soldiers and bound with two chains between two soldiers. What would you be doing in that prison cell? Where would your emotions be? How uncomfortable, miserable, traumatic and faith-draining would all of that be?

The night before Herod was about to sentence him, do you know what Peter was doing? What would you be doing? The record tells us, “that night Peter was sleeping” (Acts 12:6). Could you be sleeping?

Peter trusted unequivocally in the presence of God, and knowing “the Lord is my helper,” he determined, “I will not fear,” for after all, “What can man do to me?” (Heb. 13:5-6). Do we trust in the Lord so much that we can sleep in our worst trials? *-David Sproule*