

## Those to Serve

### Wednesday Evening, March 25, 2026

Announcements ..... Gary Byers  
 Lead Singing ..... BT Hobbs  
 First Prayer ..... Jim Maxwell  
 Read Scripture..... Sawyer Tigner  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Tyson Hobbs

### Sunday Morning, March 29, 2026

Announcements..... Gary Byers  
 Lead Singing..... BT Hobbs  
 First Prayer..... Rickey Tigner  
 Read Scripture..... Jon Kennedy  
 Preside at Table ..... Dick Shelton  
 Serve Congregation.....  
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 Dismissal Prayer..... Phil Webster  
 Nursery Attendant..... Lasha Hobbs

### Sunday Evening, March 29, 2026

Announcements..... Gary Byers  
 Lead Singing..... Young Men  
 First Prayer..... Young Men  
 Read Scripture..... Young Men  
 Preside at Table ..... Dick Shelton  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Young Men

### “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](http://middletoncoc.org) where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

### Family Matters

**Tresa Danley** is home and slowly improving as she continues to heal from her recent fall.  
**Samuel Porterfield** will have surgery on Monday, April 6.  
**Jim Maxwell** will begin treatments soon. Keep him and Pat in your prayers.

### Community Matters

Keep Ann Riggs Barkley, Rhonda Carver, JoAnn James, Beverly Martindale, Larry Lamberth, Joe Ricketts, Carol Ann Janca, Susie Sargent, Florence White in your prayers.

### Prayer List

Joyce Shelby, Gail Mills, Elaine Capshaw, Melinda Russell, Linda McAlpin, Betsy Lucas, Donna Shepherd, Samuel Porterfield, Dottie Hogan, 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 .....	101
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[Prayerfully consider your part in the above record](#)

### Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, March 29.....	1 Samuel 1-3
Monday, March 30.....	1 Samuel 4-7
Tuesday, March 31.....	1 Samuel 8-10
Wednesday, April 1 .....	1 Samuel 11-13
Thursday, April 2.....	1 Samuel 14-15
Friday, April 3 .....	1 Samuel 16-17
Saturday, April 4.....	1 Samuel 18-20

## 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.

“The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, But who can bear a broken spirit? The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge,” Proverbs 18:14-15.

## THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT

2 Corinthians 1:3, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.”

This has to be one of my favorite passages in the Bible and it is probably one of yours simply because we are a people who are easily discouraged. God is the God of ALL comfort and what an encouragement that is to us. When life is tiring, when we are struggling with our sin, when bills aren’t paid, when school is difficult, when work is exhausting, when our health is failing, when our loved ones are hurting, when the future is unsure, and when a good friend leaves, it is easy to be discouraged.

Discouragement is a thief. It can steal our energy, our zeal, our joy, our peace, and our contentment. If discouragement hangs around us long, its friends will soon join. Their names are fatigue, hopelessness, despair, self-pity, doubt, and bitterness.

Keeping our eyes on Jesus is the best way to be encouraged as He has promised to comfort us and surround us with compassion no matter what we are facing. 2 Corinthians 1:4, “Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”

When we are comforted by God, we need to remember God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.

## What Would You Write?

Sometimes we read articles and we think: “Well, I wouldn’t have said it that way. He/She should have said this. That really didn’t have as much impact as it could have or should have.” A very wise man told me nearly 30 years ago, “There are many editors and few authors.” So, if you are one that thinks “it should be said better” or “it could be said better,” then by all means, “Say it.”

But, for any written communication to be taken seriously from you, it must first be “read” in your life. That’s why Paul told early Christians, “You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men” (2 Cor. 3:2).

People are going to “read you” first before they “read your words.” If your life isn’t worth following, your words won’t be either.

Is there something your friends need to hear? Is there something your family members need to hear? Then write it (Heb. 13:22; 1 John 2:1). Write them a personal letter. If you’re on social media, use that to teach and encourage others.

To make an impact in the lives of others, what would you write?

## God Will Do What’s Right!

The Lord told Abraham that He was going to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their wickedness—specifically because of the sodomy/homosexuality that was being practiced inside those cities (Gen. 18:16-21; Jude 7).

Abraham pleaded with the Lord to spare the righteous in those cities and then he drew this conclusion about the Lord, “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (Gen. 18:25).

Abraham’s heart ached for the people, but He knew **first** of all that God was “the Judge of all the earth” and Abraham was not.

**Second**, whatever position the Lord took or action the Lord took, Abraham knew that it would be “right” (whether Abraham agreed or disagreed with it).

We live in a time when more and more people are living in open rebellion to the will of God. Let us remember that God is “the Judge,” and it is His unchanging Word that is our unchanging standard.

Thus, let us remember that God’s way is “right,” even if everyone does wrong.

*-David Sproule*