

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, April 1, 2026

AnnouncementsJon Kennedy
 Lead SingingColin Middleton
 First Prayer Gary Gill
 Read Scripture..... Rickey Tigner
 Dismissal Prayer.....Bernie Hall

Sunday Morning, April 5, 2026

Announcements..... Jon Kennedy
 Lead Singing.....Colin Middleton
 First Prayer.....Eddie Carter
 Read Scripture..... Gene Ross
 Preside at Table Rickey Tigner
 Serve Congregation.....
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 Dismissal Prayer..... Tyson Hobbs
 Nursery Attendant.....Cathy Cox

Sunday Evening, April 5, 2026

Announcements..... Jon Kennedy
 Lead Singing.....Colin Middleton
 First PrayerJeff Scott
 Read Scripture..... Gary Byers
 Preside at Table Rickey Tigner
 Dismissal Prayer.....Jack Gill

“Key Men” for April

Sunday AM (Open)..... Robert Bizzell
 Sunday AM (Close) Gary Byers
 Sunday PM (Open)..... William Durham
 Sunday PM (Close) Teddy Bodiford
 Wednesday PM (Open)..... Don McAlpin
 Wednesday PM (Close)..... Patrick Shook

Coming Events

The North Jackson church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on April 26-29 with Keith Parker preaching. See foyer board for more information. Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

George Doss is now on Hospice Care, please keep him and Jo in your prayers.
Tresa Danley is home and still improving as she continues to heal from her fall and surgery.
Samuel Porterfield will have surgery on Monday, April 6. Keep him in your prayers.
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, 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, Jan Webster, 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 90
 Sunday School 93
 Sunday Morning Worship 131
 Sunday Evening Worship 88

Prayerfully consider your part in the above record

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, April 5.....1 Samuel 21-24
 Monday, April 6.....1 Samuel 25-27
 Tuesday, April 7.....1 Samuel 28-31
 Wednesday, April 82 Samuel 1-3
 Thursday, April 9......2 Samuel 4-7
 Friday, April 102 Samuel 8-11
 Saturday, April 11.....2 Samuel 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

Our **Lads to Leaders** group will be going to Nashville for the annual convention this weekend. Keep our young people, mentors and parents in your prayers.

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.

“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the Lord,” Psalm 4:5.

The High Cost of Health Care

It is reported that our country has one of the highest costs of healthcare in the world. In 2022, U.S. healthcare spending reached \$4.3 trillion, which averages to about \$12,900 per person. Without health insurance, it is likely that most of us could not afford to be cared for and treated if we were to become injured or seriously ill.

When it comes to our spiritual lives, we all are in need of spiritual healthcare. The Preacher of Ecclesiastes stated, *For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.*” (Ecclesiastes 7:20) Romans 3:23 also says that *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*” In our sinful state, we need spiritual healing which can only come from God. However, forgiveness and salvation comes at a great price!

Our spiritual healthcare premium has been paid by the precious, innocent blood of Jesus Christ. *For He (God) made Him (Christ) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

The wonderful news is that God’s spiritual healthcare is available to all people everywhere. *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.*” (Titus 2:11) We must always remember the great cost of our spiritual healthcare and that we are forever indebted in His service.. *For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God s.”* (1 Corinthians 6:20)

“Truth Does Not Fear Investigation”

There's a good saying that brethren have used over the years to show our sincerity in what we practice and preach: "truth does not fear investigation." The idea is that if one is genuinely concerned about doing right, he'll not be afraid of someone else questioning what he does.

By frequent examinations and regular defenses one is constantly kept "in check." If by an "investigation" one's preaching and/or practice is proven true, great. If however it is proven to be false, there's a since in which this is also great, for now the sincere individual can make the necessary changes to get back on track and be right.

Unfortunately, not everyone is interested in truth. Some are content to go on in their error hoping no one will ever challenge them. If they are questioned, too many write it off as being "bothered" and ignore the "investigator." How sad!

Those fearful of investigation need reminding of what Peter wrote, "...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you..." (1 Pt. 3:15). When a person gets to the point where they cannot defend or give an answer for what they're doing, it's time to do something else.

While error may clam up, get aggravated and run from it - truth does not fear investigation. What about you?!

If Only There Was Someone

Like This In Your Life

Has anyone ever stood up for you? Did you ever have anyone who worked their hardest to look out for you and for your best interests? Have you ever known of someone who selflessly put you above themselves for no gain or credit or benefit to them? Have you ever hurt someone and yet that someone was still there for you and tried to do you good?

Has anyone ever, out of the blue, called to check on you, to express interest in your walk with the Lord and even told you that they were praying for you? Have you ever had anyone like this in your life?

Take this a step further. Do you know anyone who longs so desperately for you individually to go to heaven that they will plead your case to Jesus Himself on the day of judgment?

Is there anyone in your life who will even put their own eternity on the line for you?

Brethren, please take a moment and thank God for your elders, for your spiritual shepherds!

Everything asked above describes the work (and the heart) of God's shepherds!

Pray for them! Encourage them! Love them! Honor them! Follow them!

-David Sproule