

## Those to Serve

### Wednesday Evening, April 8, 2026

Announcements ..... Craig Harris  
 Lead Singing ..... Colin Middleton  
 First Prayer ..... Dick Shelton  
 Read Scripture..... Jim Maxwell  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Sawyer Tigner

### Sunday Morning, April 12, 2026

Announcements..... Craig Harris  
 Lead Singing..... Colin Middleton  
 First Prayer..... Don McAlpin  
 Read Scripture..... Gary Gill  
 Preside at Table ..... Eddie Carter  
 Serve Congregation.....  
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 Dismissal Prayer..... Hunter Sheehan  
 Nursery Attendant..... Amy Mercer

### Sunday Evening, April 12, 2026

Announcements..... Craig Harris  
 Lead Singing..... Colin Middleton  
 First Prayer..... Ben Hall  
 Read Scripture..... Jack Gill  
 Preside at Table ..... Eddie Carter  
 Dismissal Prayer..... Tyson Hobbs

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

## Family Matters

**Eddie Carter** is doing well after his recent out patient surgery. **George Doss** is now on Hospice Care, please keep him and Jo in your prayers. **Tresa Danley** was able to be back with us this past Sunday as she continues to slowly improve. **Samuel Porterfield** is doing well after his surgery. Also **Bryan** is seeing an eye doctor after having shingles in his eye.

## Community Matters

Keep Ann Riggs Barkley, Rhonda Carver, JoAnn James, Beverly Martindale, Joe Ricketts, Les Shelby, 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, Jim Maxwell.

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

## For The Record

Mid-Week Bible Study .....	92
Sunday School .....	NA
Sunday Morning Worship .....	142
Sunday Evening Worship .....	80

**Prayerfully consider your part in the above record**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, April 12.....	2 Samuel 14-15
Monday, April 13.....	2 Samuel 16-17
Tuesday, April 14.....	2 Samuel 18-19
Wednesday, April 15 .....	2 Samuel 20-22
Thursday, April 16.....	2 Samuel 23-24
Friday, April 17 .....	1 Kings 1
Saturday, April 18.....	1 Kings 2-3

## 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 this Saturday 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.

*“I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
 I will tell of all Your marvelous works.  
 I will be glad and rejoice in You;  
 I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High,”* Psalm 9:1-2.

## Kicking the Tires

Can you imagine buying a used car ‘sight unseen’? No way! Before you invest your hard earned money you want to check it out. You'll want to take a test drive, look under the hood, scrutinize the maintenance record, and talk to the former owner. No one is going to trick you. No sir!! You simply wouldn't buy a used car without ‘kicking the tires’ first.

Now, let us ask you about something much more important than cars. Let us inquire about your religion. How did you reach the decision about where you worship? What standard did you use to decide which religious organization you would be a part of? If we could get everyone to be honest about it, we'd find that many have made this important choice without nearly as much investigation as they would put into buying a used car. And that's really a shame.

With your eternal soul at stake, you really need to make sure that the religious group you are part of is faithfully and accurately following God's word.

Do they use the Bible as their sole authority? Will all of their practices stand up to a thorough investigation? Does everything still look good, even after you've ‘kicked the tires’?

## Did Jesus Worry?

At the end of a Bible class on “Your Faith Can Overcome Worry,” a comment was made and question asked about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. As He anticipated the horrendous suffering that He was about to endure, was He worried about it? Did He violate His own instructions about “do not worry” (cf. Matt. 6:25, 31, 34; Phil. 4:6)?

There is no doubt that Jesus was “troubled,” “deeply distressed,” “exceedingly sorrowful,” “in agony” and shouting out with “vehement cries and tears” (Mark 14:33; Matt. 26:38-44; Luke 22:44; Heb. 5:7).

But, was He worrying about the hours ahead?

There is a difference between concerned anguish and fretful worry. Two things indicate that Jesus was not worrying: **First**, Jesus was trusting in His Father (“not My will, but Yours, be done,” Luke 22:42), and **second**, Jesus got up and did what needed to be done (“Rise, let us be going,” Matt. 26:46).

To avoid worry, follow Jesus’ example: Build your trust in your Father and get up and do what needs to be done.

## “He is Deserving of Death”

The trial of Jesus before the Jews was a complete charade, a mockery of anything called justice and an obvious effort to manipulate the outcome in favor of their twisted plot! As “many false witnesses came forward” to lie about Jesus, He “kept silent” (Matt. 26:60-63). Then, when Jesus affirmed His deity, the “court” came unglued and accused Him of “blasphemy” (26:63-65).

They pronounced their sentence: “He is deserving of death” (26:66).

*Deserving of death? For what?*

Here was a man who never committed a single sin (Heb. 4:15). And He’s deserving of death? Here was a man who “went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil” (Acts 10:38). And He’s deserving of death?

No! HE is NOT deserving of death! I am! My sin is MY sin, and I am deserving of its consequences (Rom. 6:23)!

But, He took it! He took MY sin (1 Pet. 2:24)! He took MY death (2 Cor. 5:14-21)! Thanks be to God!

May I give MY ALL to Him and never bring reproach on His name!  
-David Sproule