

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, April 15, 2026

AnnouncementsHunter Sheehan
 Lead SingingColin Middleton
 First Prayer Craig Harris
 Read Scripture.....Jack Daniel
 Dismissal Prayer.....Jim Maxwell

Sunday Morning, April 19, 2026

Announcements..... Hunter Sheehan
 Lead Singing.....Colin Middleton
 First Prayer.....Gary Byers
 Read Scripture.....Ronny Cornelius
 Preside at Table Rickey Tigner
 Serve Congregation.....
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 Dismissal Prayer..... Carl Gibson
 Nursery Attendant..... Pat Maxwell

Sunday Evening, April 19, 2026

Announcements..... Hunter Sheehan
 Lead Singing.....Colin Middleton
 First Prayer.....Teddy Bodiford
 Read Scripture..... Don McAlpin
 Preside at Table Rickey Tigner
 Dismissal Prayer.....Bryan Porterfield

“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.

The South Jackson church of Christ will have an **Area-Wide Singing** on Friday, April 24 beginning at 6:30pm.

The Henderson church of Christ will host an **Area-Wide Singing** on May 1 beginning at 6:30pm.

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.

Jim Maxwell will be undergoing treatments for cancer soon. Keep him and Pat in your prayers.

Community Matters

Keep Stephen Thompson, 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, Tresa Danley.

Remember our service men & women in your prayers.

Remember all our missionaries in your prayers.

For The Record

Mid-Week Bible Study 94
 Sunday School 101
 Sunday Morning Worship 151
 Sunday Evening Worship 96

Prayerfully consider your part in the above record

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, April 19..... 1 Kings 4-6
 Monday, April 20..... 1 Kings 7
 Tuesday, April 21..... 1 Kings 8
 Wednesday, April 22 1 Kings 9-10
 Thursday, April 23..... 1 Kings 11-12
 Friday, April 24 1 Kings 13-14
 Saturday, April 25..... 1 Kings 15-17

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.

“When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”
 Mark 8:34-37.

Don’t Get Caught Napping

On March 25, 2022, #2 Texas played #16 Texas Tech. The game went into extra innings after Texas Tech tied the game at four runs. In the bottom of the tenth inning, Aaron Nixon walked Kurt Wilson. After a walk and a sacrifice bunt, Wilson made it to third base. Nixon proceeded to strike out the next two batters. He had two strikes on the batter when Wilson stole home for the win.

How did Wilson steal home on a right-handed pitcher? Every time Nixon got a sign from the catcher, he would look at the ground for roughly three seconds. Nixon’s loss of focus allowed Wilson to rush home. Wilson was so prepared to steal home that Nixon looked up in time to see him slide across the plate. Three seconds looking at the ground earned Wilson a loss for the game.

How often do we lose focus on our spiritual walk with the Lord? It is so easy to get wrapped up with everything going on around us that we take our eyes off Jesus. Notice the encouragements given in the New Testament. “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:14-15 NKJV). “Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2). “Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life” (Jude 21). (Over...)

As those who follow Jesus, we must pay attention to our spiritual lives. We cannot allow the cares and the temptations of this world to hinder our daily walk with the Lord. We need to maintain our focus on the Savior and to strive to live according to His Word. If we try to go it alone, we may find ourselves lost when this life ends.

Let us be watchful over our lives and be prepared for the Lord's return.

Neither Protestant nor Catholic

It's pretty easy to see that this congregation or church is not Catholic. There is no Roman priest in charge of the parish or nuns to serve, no Vatican connection or leader status for the Pope, and no incense or infant baptisms in our worship and work. Since it is obvious we are not Catholics most will say we must be Protestants.

The assumption made is that Christians are either Catholic or Protestant. If you are not one you must be the other. But we are not Protestants either. We are not of the Protestant Reformation that protested the excesses of the Catholic Church and sought to reform it.

Beyond Catholic tradition and Protestant theology we're simply, Christians.

We understand that this sounds strange in a religious world complicated with so many denominations. If you ask a man today what he is religiously he doesn't say "I am a Christian." He says he is a Baptist or a Methodist or a Presbyterian or a Pentecostal.

In the New Testament followers of Jesus were content to be, simply, Christians (Acts 11:26).

Christ's people were described by God in several ways in the Scripture, long before Catholics and Protestants existed. To God they were His children (1 John 1:1-3). To Christ they were His disciples (John 8: 31-32). To each other they were brothers (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). And to the world they were simply, Christians (1 Peter 4:16).

We are not claiming to be the first denomination, the best denomination, the most conservative denomination, the non-denominational denomination, or a denomination at all! We simply follow the New Testament to be Christians, in the unity Christ called for (John 17:21) as an invitation to the world, there for all to see.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all," Eph. 6:4-6.