

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, April 22, 2026

AnnouncementsJim Maxwell
 Lead SingingColin Middleton
 First Prayer Jon Kennedy
 Read Scripture.....Tyson Hobbs
 Dismissal Prayer..... Sawyer Tigner

Sunday Morning, April 26, 2026

Announcements.....Jim Maxwell
 Lead Singing.....Colin Middleton
 First Prayer.....Ronny Cornelius
 Read Scripture..... Craig Harris
 Preside at Table Teddy Bodiford
 Serve Congregation.....
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 Dismissal Prayer.....Phil Webster
 Nursery Attendant..... Laura Kennedy

Sunday Evening, April 26, 2026

Announcements.....Jim Maxwell
 Lead Singing.....Colin Middleton
 First Prayer..... Gary Gill
 Read Scripture..... Eddie Carter
 Preside at Table Teddy Bodiford
 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.

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

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jo Doss and family in the passing of our brother, George Doss. His memorial service was this past Friday.

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, Ann Ruth Barkley in your prayers.

Prayer List

Joyce Shelby, Jerry McCord, Gail Mills, Elaine Capshaw, Melinda Russell, Linda McAlpin, Betsy Lucas, Donna Shepherd, Samuel Porterfield, Jan Webster, Mica Shelly, Bill Craft, Tresa Danley.

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..... 103
 Sunday Morning Worship..... 150
 Sunday Evening Worship.....86

Prayerfully consider your part in the above record

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, April 26.....1 Kings 18-19
 Monday, April 27.....1 Kings 20-22
 Tuesday, April 28.....2 Kings 1-2
 Wednesday, April 29.....2 Kings 3-4
 Thursday, April 302 Kings 5-7
 Friday, May 12 Kings 8-9
 Saturday, May 2.....2 Kings 10-12

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

If you have a **Kindergartener or a senior** graduating High School, please email their picture to Jeff by May 5 for the bulletin.

Our **Vacation Bible School** will be Sunday-Wednesday evening, July 5-8! Be making plans now to attend and begin inviting others. We will have more news soon!

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!

Pantry Item Of The Week: chicken noodle soup or any items you would like to bring.

“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus,” Phil. 3:13-14.

Temptation: Jesus' and Ours

The account of Jesus' temptation by Satan is very important for us to study.

First, it teaches that He was subject to temptation, "in all points ... like as we are" (Hebrews 4:15). It is great to know that Jesus understands the things we face. Why? Because He has been there.

Second we learn that, though tempted, He "did no sin" (1 Peter 2:22). This gives us the satisfaction of having a perfect sacrifice for our sins -- and a greater gift than that has never been given.

But, again, studying the actual record of His temptation (Matthew 4:1-11) we learn how Jesus overcame His temptations. Each time Satan approached Him, Jesus replied, "It is written". His strength against temptation was the Scriptures, and it must be our strength as well.

Finally, consider a fact that is often overlooked. Matthew says "then the devil leaveth him" (4:11) and we might assume that now Jesus would need to deal with him no more. Not so! Luke says the devil "departed from him for a season" (4:13), or as one version has it, "he left him until an opportune time".

Our point is simply this: as long as Jesus walked upon the earth it was necessary for Him to resist Satan. Satan was looking for every "opportunity" to tempt Him. What does this tell us? It demonstrates that we can never let down our guard – that we must always be ready to "quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" (Eph. 6:16).

The Air That I Breathe (1 John 4:12)

Have you ever thought about all of the things we believe in but can't see? *The first thing that comes to my mind is oxygen.* You can't see it, smell it, or touch it, but take a deep breath and you know it's there. Spiritually speaking, God is like oxygen. *"No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us." (1 John 4:12)*

Just like oxygen, God is invisible, and by faith we believe that He exists and that He will reward people who diligently seek after Him. (*Heb. 11:6*)

We can't get along without oxygen. They say that after a half minute to three minutes of oxygen deprivation, one may lose consciousness. Could it be that when we decide to take a break from God that we may lose our spiritual awareness? After three minutes without oxygen, lasting brain damage can occur. Extended periods without prayer may very well permanently harm our spiritual health. Finally, after five minutes without oxygen, a person will probably die. The person who permanently cuts himself off from God will experience spiritual death. The sobering thing is that we're only five minutes away from death, how much more frightening is it when we're separated from the Lord, even for a short time?

What are You Bringing for Dinner?

Most of us likely eat much better than the average person in other parts of the world. But, is it really all about what's on the table? What if all we could bring to the table to eat was "herbs" or a "dry crust of bread"? That wouldn't be very good, would it?

Certainly, we would rather have a table full of festive dishes to fill our bellies full.

But, there's something more important at that table than what is ON it! Consider these two proverbs: "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, Than a fatted calf with hatred...Better is a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting with strife" (Prov. 15:17; 17:1).

Now, what is it that you bring to the dinner table? Do you bring strife or hatred, anger or bitterness? In that case, it doesn't matter at all what is ON the table! For the sake of our families, for the sake of our spouse, let us bring genuine "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" to the table (Gal. 5:22-23).

There is no better "fruit" on which and with which to feast!