

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, April 29, 2026

AnnouncementsEddie Carter
 Lead SingingColin Middleton
 First Prayer Gary Gill
 Read Scripture.....Sawyer Tigner
 Dismissal Prayer..... Tyson Hobbs

Sunday Morning, May 3, 2026

Announcements..... Eddie Carter
 Lead Singing.....Gary Gill
 First Prayer.....Dick Shelton
 Read Scripture.....William Durham
 Preside at Table Ronny Cornelius
 Serve Congregation.....
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 Dismissal Prayer..... Hunter Sheehan
 Nursery Attendant.....Janet Durham

Sunday Evening, May 3, 2026

Announcements..... Eddie Carter
 Lead Singing..... Gary Gill
 First Prayer.....Jeff Scott
 Read Scripture.....Ben Hall
 Preside at Table Ronny Cornelius
 Dismissal Prayer..... Rickey Tigner

“Key Men” for May

Sunday AM (Open)..... Jon Kennedy
 Sunday AM (Close) Rickey Tigner
 Sunday PM (Open).....Brandon Tigner
 Sunday PM (Close) Ramsey Callahan
 Wednesday PM (Open)..... Gilbert Shelby
 Wednesday PM (Close).....Jonathan Hubbard

Coming Events

This Sunday night, May 3 will be our **Singing Night and Fellowship Meal** to honor birthdays & anniversaries for May. 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

Linda McAlpin recently fell and hurt her knee, she will undergo therapy for a few weeks as she heals.

Jim Maxwell is currently undergoing treatments for cancer. 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, Hazel Thornton 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.....94
 Sunday Morning Worship..... 138
 Sunday Evening Worship..... 84

Prayerfully consider your part in the above record

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, May 3.....2 Kings 13-14
 Monday, May 4.....2 Kings 15-16
 Tuesday, May 5.....2 Kings 17-18
 Wednesday, May 6.....2 Kings 19-21
 Thursday, May 72 Kings 22-24
 Friday, May 81 Chron. 1
 Saturday, May 9.....1 Chron. 2-4

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

David Bath has placed membership with us here at Middleton. Be sure to welcome him!

If you have a **Kindergartener or a senior** graduating High School, please email their picture to Jeff by the morning of May 3.

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: canned whole potatoes or any items you would like to bring.

“For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing,” 1 Thess. 5:9-11.

Getting 'Used To' Sin

I remember reading about the woman who wanted to get into her bathing suit early in the spring before there were any crowds of people around so she could "get used to" being so scantily clothed.

Folks "get used to" all kinds of sin - which simply shows the need to "take heed ...(and) exhort one another daily ... lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12-13).

Sin wears a mask. It tries to never show itself for what it really is.

It is tragic when people "get used to" that which degrades character and lowers moral standards. Instead of immodesty, however, the Bible commands "shamefacedness" - a word meaning "bound, or controlled by a sense or shame - modesty". A shame-fast person has a built-in sense or right or propriety that "binds" and forbids appearing in public carelessly or improperly clothed (1 Timothy 2:8-10).

Have you a sense of shame?

Don't set your self-respect standards below God's!

Facial Recognition Software is Anciently Old

We might think that facial recognition software is a rather new invention. And, in some respects, it might be, for purposes like police departments identifying suspects or for you to unlock your new phone. But, it's actually been around for a really, really, really long time.

3,500 years ago, God commanded the Israelites not to use their facial recognition software—that is, the software that was installed in some human minds at that time. Moses, in particular, was told, “You shall not show partiality in judgment” (Deut. 1:17; cf. Ex. 23:3; Deut. 16:19; Prov. 24:23).

Literally, the command was, “You shall not recognize faces.” In other words, justice was to be blind. It did not matter what “faces” stood before a judge, each one was to be received equally and fairly and without any kind of partiality of one over another.

How often today do we “recognize faces” and show partiality?

How often today do we determine how we will treat someone based upon “facial recognition software” that we have installed in our brains? Disable your facial recognition software today (Jas. 2:1, 9; 3:17)!

“So I Have Come Down to Deliver!”

How long had Israel been slaves in Egypt? Well, that depends on who you ask, but by the end of Exodus chapter 2, that generation of Israelites had not known any life except the one there in Egyptian slavery.

Do you think they had ever “groaned because of their bondage” before Exodus 2:23? No doubt they regularly groaned and cried out to God because of the daily trials they were facing. And, no doubt, those cries had been heard.

But the response from God was one of patiently waiting.

Then, the time came. They “groaned because of their bondage, and they cried out...So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant...And God looked upon the children of Israel...and God acknowledged them...And the Lord said, ‘I have surely seen the oppression...have heard their cry...I know their sorrows...So I have come down to deliver them” (Ex. 2:23-3:7).

I don't know what you're going through and how often you've cried out to God.

Just know this: **He hears, He cares and He will deliver. Trust Him. And trust His time.**