

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, May 27, 2026

AnnouncementsRickey Tigner
 Lead SingingGary Gill
 First Prayer Eddie Carter
 Read Scripture.....Don McAlpin
 Dismissal Prayer.....Bernie Hall

Sunday Morning, May 31, 2026

Announcements..... Rickey Tigner
 Lead Singing.....Gary Gill
 First Prayer.....Craig Harris
 Read Scripture..... Jon Kennedy
 Preside at Table Dick Shelton
 Serve Congregation.....
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 Dismissal Prayer..... Hunter Sheehan
 Nursery Attendant..... Melinda Russell

Sunday Evening, May 31, 2026

Announcements..... Rickey Tigner
 Lead Singing..... Young Men
 First Prayer..... Young Men
 Read Scripture..... Young Men
 Preside at Table Dick Shelton
 Dismissal Prayer..... Young Men

“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

Our **Vacation Bible School** will be Sunday-Wednesday evening, July 5-8! Be making plans now to attend and begin inviting others. Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

Dottie Cliff is now home from the hospital and is slowly improving. Keep her and Ronny in your prayers.
Joyce Shelby was able to be back with us last Sunday!
Linda McAlpin is in Cornerstone Rehab & Healthcare Center, room B10. 302 Alcorn Dr, Corinth, MS 38834.
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, Helen Coffman, Hazel Thornton, Kent Pulse, Adam Wallace in your prayers.

Prayer List

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.....93
 Sunday School.....91
 Sunday Morning Worship.....131
 Sunday Evening Worship.....82

Prayerfully consider your part in the above record

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, May 31.....Ezra 3-7
 Monday, June 1.....Ezra 8-10
 Tuesday, June 2.....Nehemiah 1-3
 Wednesday, June 3.....Nehemiah 4-6
 Thursday, June 4.....Nehemiah 7-8
 Friday, June 5.....Nehemiah 9-10
 Saturday, June 6.....Nehemiah 11-13

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

Be sure to be here this Sunday evening to support our **Young Men** as they lead our evening worship services.

Thank You to everyone who brought food or helped decorate for our Memorial Day supper. About 60 were able to attend and it was a great evening together!

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: Manwich or any items you would like to bring.

Remember to put your Bible questions in our **Question & Answer Box** on the wall in the lobby or put in any sermon ideas you may have!

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*,” *1 Cor. 10:13*.

The Most Influential Life

Tacitus, perhaps the greatest Roman historian born in the first century, speaks of Jesus. Josephus, a Jewish historian born in AD 37, tells of the crucifixion.

Historian Kenneth Scott Latourette said, “As the centuries pass, the evidence is accumulating that, measured by His effect on history, Jesus is the most influential life ever lived on this planet.”

A contemporary Bible scholar said that “the Encyclopedia Britannica uses 20,000 words in describing this person, Jesus. His description took more space than was given to Aristotle, Cicero, Alexander, Julius Caesar, Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed, or Napoleon.”

Ernest Renan said, “Jesus was the greatest religious genius that ever lived. His beauty is eternal, and his reign shall never end.

Jesus is in every respect unique, and nothing can be compared with him. All history is incomprehensible without Jesus Christ.”

“And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen,” Rev. 1:5-6.

The Chief of Sinners was Not Saved by Prayer

There is great power in prayer. Prayer can truly “avail much” (Jas. 5:16), but it cannot save an alien sinner from his sins. Consider the conversion of Saul of Tarsus.

Saul would later call himself the “chief” of “sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). Was he saved from his sins by praying? In Acts 9, Jesus appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus. Jesus told Saul to “go into the city, and you will

be told what you must do” (9:6). So, for “three days,” Saul was blind, he was fasting, and he was praying (9:9, 11). After three days of such intense prayer, was he saved? He was not! When the preacher Ananias came to him, he said, “Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (22:16).

Saul still had his sins, even after praying. In order to be saved from his sins, he had to be baptized—the act by which you call on the Lord to save you.

“The Sinner’s Prayer” is not found in the Bible, but a penitent believer being baptized is. Let’s point people to God’s plan to save, not man’s.

Confounding Those Who Hear

“Immediately” after Saul of Tarsus became a Christian, “he preached the Christ...that He is the Son of God” (Acts 9:20). This wasn’t just something that he went around saying to other people.

Verse 22 states, “Saul...confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.” Those who did not believe in the deity of Jesus were stirred, amazed and confounded – not that Saul was merely saying that Jesus is the Christ but because he was “proving” it. The evidence he had of Christ’s deity was “provable” and “confounding.”

One may be inclined to think that the apostle had access to more and greater proof that Jesus is the Christ than we do. The truth is that he did not! In fact, you have more and greater proof than Paul did, as you have the full and complete revelation of God.

The entirety of the Bible (with the Old and the New Testaments combined) provides overwhelming proof.

Get into the Bible. Use it to “prove” who Jesus is.
Let the Bible (not you) “confound” others!