

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, July 29, 2026

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| Announcements .....   | Teddy Bodiford |
| Lead Singing .....    | BT Hobbs       |
| First Prayer .....    | Craig Harris   |
| Read Scripture.....   | Sawyer Tigner  |
| Dismissal Prayer..... | Jack Daniel    |

Sunday Morning, August 2, 2026

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| Announcements.....      | Teddy Bodiford  |
| Lead Singing.....       | Colin Middleton |
| First Prayer.....       | Jim Maxwell     |
| Read Scripture.....     | Gary Byers      |
| Preside at Table .....  | Ronny Cornelius |
| Serve Congregation..... |                 |
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| Dismissal Prayer.....   | Hunter Sheehan  |
| Nursery Attendant.....  | Janet Durham    |

Sunday Evening, August 2, 2026

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| Announcements.....     | Teddy Bodiford  |
| Lead Singing.....      | Colin Middleton |
| First Prayer.....      | Jeff Scott      |
| Read Scripture.....    | Tyson Hobbs     |
| Preside at Table ..... | Ronny Cornelius |
| Dismissal Prayer.....  | Bernie Hall     |

“Key Men” for August

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| Sunday AM (Open).....     | Brad Leslie  |
| Sunday AM (Close) .....   | Clint Scott  |
| Sunday PM (Open).....     | Craig Harris |
| Sunday PM (Close) .....   | Ben Hall     |
| Wednesday PM (Open) ..... | Don McAlpin  |
| Wednesday PM (Close)..... | Jim Maxwell  |

Coming Events

The Ripley, MS church of Christ will host a **Ladies Day** on Saturday, August 8. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Remember to visit our website: [m Middletoncoc.org](http://m Middletoncoc.org) where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

**Will Durham** is at home and improving after his recent out-patient surgery. **Linda McAlpin** is still in Cornerstone Rehab & Healthcare Center, room B10, but hopes to be home by August 6.

Community Matters

Keep Stephen Thompson, Rhonda Carver, JoAnn James, Brenda Smalley, Joe Ricketts, Les Shelby, Susie Sargent, Florence White, Bill Barkley, Maven Vaughn, June Somervell, Ralph Donaldson, Bonna Munn, Bonnie Callahan, Karl Warren in your prayers.

Prayer List

Betsy Lucas, Kathy Pulse, Gail Mills, Elaine Capshaw, Melinda Russell, Beverly Bodiford, Donna Shepherd, Joyce Shelby, Jan Webster, Mica Shelly, Bill Craft, Jerry McCord, Cathy Black, Jim Maxwell, Jeff Scott, Betty & Paige Gillon.

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

For The Record

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Mid-Week Bible Study.....   | 91  |
| Sunday School.....          | 83  |
| Sunday Morning Worship..... | 130 |
| Sunday Evening Worship..... | 92  |

Prayerfully consider your part in the above record

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday, August 2.....    | Isaiah 48-51 |
| Monday, August 3.....    | Isaiah 52-56 |
| Tuesday, August 4.....   | Isaiah 57-59 |
| Wednesday, August 5..... | Isaiah 60-63 |
| Thursday, August 6 ..... | Isaiah 64-66 |
| Friday, August 7.....    | Jeremiah 1-3 |
| Saturday, August 8.....  | Jeremiah 4-6 |

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

We will be hosting the **Tennessee Youth Series** this Thursday, July 30. If you are willing to help please see Rickey or Colin.

Sunday, August 2 will be our **Bible class Promotion Day** for all our young people.

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: spaghetti sauce and noodles. You can bring other items whenever you like.

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

*“A meek and quiet spirit is not a **weak** spirit. It is a **controlled** spirit which is not easily provoked.”*  
*“Happiness is inward and not outward. It does not depend on what we have, but on what we are.”*

Did God Foreordain That Adam and Eve Should Sin?

“Did God foreordain that Adam and Eve should sin? If so, why did He tell them not to sin? Did God have a secret will that Adam and Eve should sin and a revealed will that he should not sin? God told Adam plainly that he should not eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

If God had foreordained that Adam and Eve should sin, then Adam sinned that God’s eternal purpose should be carried out. Why did God tell Adam not to sin if He intended that he should? God gave Adam and Eve the choice to obey and live or to disobey and die. If God intended that Adam and Eve should sin, why was He grieved because he did sin?” *-E. M. Borden, Deceased*

Four Everyday Evangelism Tips

- 1. Look at other people as those for whom Jesus died.
- 2. Pray for three specific people *by name*, asking God to use you to draw them to Christ.
- 3. Tell them how being a Christian gives life meaning and purpose.
- 4. *Relax.* God is in charge.

## Which Would You Tear?

During the reign of King Josiah, the Book of the Law was found in the house of the Lord (2 Kgs. 22:8). The book was brought and read before the king (22:10). “When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law” (and realized that its commandments had not been kept), he “tore his clothes” (22:11), in grief and shame over the disobedience of God’s people.

Less than 20 years later, there was a new king on the throne named Jehoiakim. The Lord told Jeremiah to “take a scroll” and “write...all the words that I have spoken to you” (Jer. 36:1-2). The scroll was read “in the hearing of the king” (36:20-21), and after “three or four columns” had been read, “the king cut it with the scribe’s knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire” (36:23).

There are two reactions to God’s Word. It can grieve you to the point that you tear your own clothes (and heart) in repentance or it can convict you to the point that you tear it up to get rid of it. Which one are you?

-David Sproule

## Praying From A to Z

So often in his letters to his brethren, Paul would tell them that he was “praying always for you” (Col. 1:3), and “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers” (1 Thess. 1:2). He told Timothy, “without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day” (2 Tim. 1:3). He said something similar in nearly every letter.

Sometimes when someone asks us to pray for them, we might respond, “Well, that’s the least I can do.” But, in actuality, when you’re speaking to the Creator and Sustainer of all things about someone, there is nothing better that you can do! That’s not “the least”!

While having your own prayer list is a very good practice, may I encourage you to have another list? *What if you prayed through your church directory every week or every month?*

Take a few names or a few pages each day to your Father. It wouldn’t take long. What could be better? Maybe do the same thing with the contacts in your phone.

Pray each day from A to Z!