

Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, September 16, 2026

Announcements	Jim Maxwell
Lead Singing	Gary Gill
First Prayer	Jon Kennedy
Read Scripture.....	Hunter Sheehan
Dismissal Prayer.....	Sawyer Tigner

Sunday Morning, September 20, 2026

Announcements.....	Jim Maxwell
Lead Singing.....	Gary Gill
First Prayer.....	Ronny Cornelius
Read Scripture.....	Teddy Bodiford
Preside at Table	Rickey Tigner
Serve Congregation.....	
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Dismissal Prayer.....	Phil Webster
Nursery Attendant.....	Heather Harris

Sunday Evening, September 20, 2026

Announcements.....	Jim Maxwell
Lead Singing.....	Gary Gill
First Prayer.....	Dick Shelton
Read Scripture.....	Colin Middleton
Preside at Table	Rickey Tigner
Dismissal Prayer.....	Bernie Hall

“Key Men” for September

Sunday AM (Open).....	Hunter Sheehan
Sunday AM (Close)	Brad Leslie
Sunday PM (Open).....	Bryan Porterfield
Sunday PM (Close)	Ramsey Callahan
Wednesday PM (Open)	Abe Jeter
Wednesday PM (Close).....	Patrick Shook

Coming Events

The Rogers Springs church of Christ will have their annual Homecoming on Sunday, October 4 beginning at 10 am. The Acton church of Christ is hosting a Teacher’s Workshop this Saturday, September 19. It is for teachers of all ages and registration begins at 8:30 am. Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

Bryan Porterfield is in North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. He is dealing with a knee infection and the flu.

Community Matters

Keep Josie Mae Rich, Mary Daniel, Stephen Thompson, Rhonda Carver, JoAnn James, Brenda Smalley, Bill Barkley, Maven Vaughn, Ralph Donaldson, Bonna Munn, Karl Warren, Madison Parmely, Joe And Kathy Ricketts in your prayers.

Prayer List

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

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.....	141
Sunday Evening Worship.....	211

Prayerfully consider your part in the above record

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 20.....	Hosea 1-5
Monday, Sept. 21.....	Hosea 6-10
Tuesday, Sept. 22.....	Hosea 11-14
Wednesday, Sept. 23.....	Joel; Amos 1-4
Thursday, Sept. 24	Amos 5-9
Friday, Sept. 25.....	Obadiah; Jonah 1-4
Saturday, Sept. 26.....	Micah 1-7

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

Thank you to Jon Kennedy for all his work getting our Church Directories ready! If you have not gotten one yet see Jon.

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 tomatoes. You can bring other items whenever you like.

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

“All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever Amen,”
Revelation 7:11-12.

Panama and Pine Vale News

The shoe boxes for the kids in Panama have a Spanish Plan of Salvation to put in the box. An instruction sheet that gives you ideas for what should be put in the box and a label to attach. Boxes will be due back by 10/1/26. Please sign out the # of boxes!

We have received the Fall Pantry Drive list from Pine Vale. The following is needed this year: paper towels, flavored rice, and canned beans (green beans, Lima, peas, pinto and etc.) If you choose you can give Bobo & Pat money and they will shop in bulk. Items need to be at the church building by 10/18/26.

We are also collecting eyeglasses, stuffed animals and water bottles for Panama. Please put in the designated boxes in the foyer!

Trust For The Journey

I do not know what still awaits,
Or what the morrow brings;
But with the glad salute of faith,
hail its open wings!

For this I know that in my Lord
shall all my needs be met;
And I can trust the heart of him
Who has not failed me yet.

All Is Vanity, Except This One Thing

Solomon was overwhelmed with being king of Israel, and the Lord wanted to get him started off on the right foot. The Lord asked Solomon, “What shall I give you?” (1 Kgs. 3:5). The king simply requested “a wise and understanding heart” (3:9, 12), and that is exactly what the all-powerful, all-wise, all-loving God gave to him.

Wisdom!

Near the end of his days, the man who possessed a heavenly dose of wisdom looked at life, and he concluded, “I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind” (Ecc. 1:14). Heavenly wisdom caused him to investigate ALL the works done under the sun—to look at everything done in life and everything supposedly meaningful in life. After investigating them ALL, he surmised, “ALL is vanity and grasping for the wind.”

When will we learn from Solomon?
When will we stop grasping after the meaningless things of this world?
When will we truly (not superficially!) realize that our “ALL” is to “fear God and keep His commandments” (12:13)?

That’s ALL that matters!

Do Not Speak Evil of One Another”

Talking about others behind their back seems almost like a sport or a competition today. We have to be intentional and paying close attention to our conversations to stop ourselves from doing it.

Can we look at this for a moment?

James 4:11 commands simply, “Do not speak evil of one another, brethren.” The same Greek word is used twice in First Peter of others who “speak against you” (2:12; 3:16). We truly hate it when people “speak against us,” don’t we? Why do we do it to others? Its noun form is translated “backbiters” or “slanderers” in Romans 1:30.

Do you know any backbiters? Are you one? King David asked God, “Who may dwell in Your holy hill?” (Psa. 15:1). In other words, “Who may go to heaven?” Among the answers in that psalm is this, “He who does not backbite with his tongue...nor does he take up a reproach against his friend” (15:3).

Speaking evil of someone behind their back may feel natural, since “everyone else is doing it.” But...it will cost you a home in heaven (cf. Matt. 12:36-37)!