Those to Serve

Wednesday Evening, October 21, 2026

Announcements .....Gilbert Shelby
Lead Singing .....Gary Byers
First Prayer .....Jim Maxwell
Read Scripture.....Sawyer Tigner
Dismissal Prayer.....Jeremy Hobbs

Sunday Morning, October 25, 2026

Announcements.....Gilbert Shelby
Lead Singing.....Gary Byers
First Prayer.....Ronny Cornelius
Read Scripture.....Craig Harris
Preside at Table .....Ben Hall
Serve Congregation.....
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Dismissal Prayer.....Carl Gibson
Nursery Attendant.....Laura Kennedy

Sunday Evening, October 25, 2026

Announcements.....Gilbert Shelby
Lead Singing.....Gary Byers
First Prayer.....Colin Middleton
Read Scripture.....Jack Daniel
Preside at Table .....Ben Hall
Dismissal Prayer.....Tyson Hobbs

"Key Men" for October

Sunday AM (Open).....Robert Bizzell
Sunday AM (Close) .....Eddie Carter
Sunday PM (Open).....William Durham
Sunday PM (Close) .....Gary Gill
Wednesday PM (Open).....Brian Tigner
Wednesday PM (Close).....Ronny Cornelius

Coming Events

Our annual **Trunk or Treat & Chili Supper** will be Sunday evening, November 1. **Be sure to invite others!**
Our **monthly Fellowship Meal for birthdays and anniversaries** will be on Sunday evening, November 8.
Remember to visit our website: middletoncoc.org where you can also view our weekly bulletin.

Family Matters

Patsy Bodiford is in Mississippi Care Center in Corinth, room 412. Keep her and Teddy in your prayers.
Jan Webster will have bladder surgery on November 11.

Community Matters

Keep Charles Gunn, Josie Mae Rich, Stephen Thompson, Rhonda Carver, JoAnn James, Bill Barkley, Maven Vaughn, Chiquita James, Bonna Munn, Lisa Dukes, Madison Parmely, Joe and Kathy Ricketts, Dewayne Danley, Tony Harris, Judy Sisco, Gwen Speck in your prayers.

Prayer List

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

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

For The Record

Mid-Week Bible Study.....80
Sunday School.....86
Sunday Morning Worship.....137
Sunday Evening Worship.....81

Prayerfully consider your part in the above record

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 25.....Luke 8
Monday, Oct. 26.....Luke 9
Tuesday, Oct. 27.....Luke 10-11
Wednesday, Oct. 28 .....Luke 12-13
Thursday, Oct. 29.....Luke 14-16
Friday, Oct. 30 .....Luke 17-18
Saturday, Oct. 31.....Luke 19-20

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

Our annual **Thanksgiving Day Meal** will be at 1pm in the annex. Everyone is invited! See Gary or Carol Gill with any questions.

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 chili. You can bring other items whenever you like.

The **Question & Answer Box** is on the wall in the foyer. Be sure to put in any questions or sermon ideas that you may have.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," Matt. 6: 19-21.

Will God Forgive Me? How Do I Forgive Myself?

Guilt has a way of clinging to us long after we have said we are sorry. We replay the words we wish we had not said, the choices we wish we had not made. Even when we believe God has forgiven us, we often struggle to extend that same grace to ourselves.

But Scripture is clear: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). God's forgiveness is not partial or hesitant— it is complete. When He forgives, He does not put us on probation. He removes our guilt "as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12). The harder part is learning to live in that forgiveness. Self-forgiveness is not about excusing what we did; it is about believing what God has done. When we refuse to forgive ourselves, we are saying His mercy is not enough. *But it is.* Christ's cross is proof that no sin is too deep for His grace. Forgiving yourself means accepting God's verdict instead of your own. It means replacing "I will never be free from this" with "I am redeemed." It is an act of faith—to trust that His word is truer than your feelings.

If God, who knows every hidden thought, has chosen to forgive you, then you can choose to walk in that freedom. Let His grace have the final word. *-Matt Wallin*

"Must Himself Be Friendly"

The wisdom of the book of Proverbs is so practical and it just makes sense. One such nugget of truth states, "A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (Prov. 18:24). How true is that? Someone who is not "friendly" does not have many "friends"!

Sometimes folks in the church will be upset because they don't have many friends in the church. Can I ask a question? How "friendly" have you been? Have you come to services early and stayed late to visit with folks? Have you reached out via text and phone to fellow members regularly to check on them and encourage them? Have you invited folks over to your house? Have you invited folks to go to lunch with you on Sunday after worship? Have you sought opportunities to serve your brethren?

What efforts have you made to be friendly and to make new friends in the church?

It's not fair to blame others for not being your friend if you are not first a friend to them. The church needs more friends! Will you be a friendly friend to others, starting today?

Do Not Hide From Helping

Have you ever seen a fellow Christian have a particular need and deflected your eyes away and thought, "Not my problem! Someone else can deal with this. I've got other things to do"?

Is that a big deal?

Consider first these instructions to the Jews long ago. "You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep going astray, and hide yourself from them...You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fall down along the road, and hide yourself from them" (Deut. 22:4). God's people were required to take action! Then, look at God's instructions to Christians in the New Testament:

"But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" (1 John 3:17).

The priest and Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan illustrate the Lord's condemnation of those who see a brother in need and "pass by" (Luke 10:30-32). The Lord's command is simple, "You must not hide yourself" (Deut. 22:3). Brethren, do not hide yourself from helping! *-David Sproule*