

**Privileged to Serve**

Preaching..... Guest Speaker  
 Announcements..... Terry Dyer  
 Song Leader .....Bill Collins  
 Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

**Morning**

Scripture/Opening Prayer .....Paul Guy  
 Lord’s Supper  
 Lamar King \* \* Bruce Clopton  
 Dick Vinson \* \* Gene Hurst  
 Closing Prayer ..... Eugene White

**Evening**

Opening Prayer..... Lamar King  
 Lord’s Supper  
 Lamar King \* \* Bruce Clopton  
 Closing Prayer ..... Mike Cumberland

**Communion to Shut-Ins**

None at this time

**Communion Preparation**

Month of September..... Kathy St. Clair  
 Month of October..... Cindy Harper

**Service Times**

**SUNDAY**

Bible Study .....9:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.

**Elders**

**DWIGHT CALLENS**.....(601) 527-7149  
**TOM FAIR** ..... (601) 681-8293

**Deacons**

**ALBERT ST CLAIR** ..... (601) 626-7815

**Preacher**

**BILL COLLINS**..... (337) 515-2385

**Works Supported**

**Robert Martin**  
 &  
**Stacey Ferguson**  
 South Pacific Missions

**Pine Vale Children’s Home**  
 Corinth, Mississippi

**Attendance Last Week**

Sunday Bible Class	47
Sunday Morning Worship	90
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Wednesday Bible Study	55

**Contributions  
 & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week \$ \*  
 \*Figures Unavailable



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**“An Open Letter To The Church of Christ”**

✦ by Ben on September 23, 2015 in Christ & His Church ✦

Dear church of Christ,

I’ve been part of you for most of my life now. What drew me to you was everything the Bible says about you, and what Christ gave up in order to have you. You see – in a way I don’t fully understand – in some sense Christ gave up His equality with God the Father so that He could be married to you (Philippians 2:6-8). Why? Because your husband, Christ, is so obviously openly in love with you that sometimes, quite frankly, it makes me blush (Ephesians 5:25). In this old world full of wickedness and darkness, I was attracted to that beautiful love. I wanted to be a part of that.

Because Christ loves you, I love you. And there are some things I think you should remember because of what your husband was willing to do for you.

Don’t give up. He’s coming back.

2,000 years since we last saw Him in the flesh with our own eyes seems like a long time to us (2 Peter 3:8), but Christ could come back at any moment (Matthew 24:44). Don’t lose heart (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

He hand-picked you to be His bride long before the “foundation of the world” (Ephesians 1:4-5). And He picked you – not a different church – for reasons that were very dear to Him. He wrote about all the qualities He loves so much about you in those 27 books of His Last Will & Testament.

Just as a man loves the details about his wife – how she dresses, how she does her hair, how she interacts with others, how she treats her family – Christ cares about the details of His church. You see, He didn’t pick one of those fancy, highfalutin girls. He picked you because of your simplicity. He expects you to worship Him in a certain simple way (cf. John 4:24; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2). He expects you to love His family in a certain simple way (cf. John 13:35). He expects you to arrange yourself in a certain simple way (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). He expects you to simply be loyal to His wishes, not another man’s (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:12-13; John 17:20-21).

Don’t go back to being your old self. Don’t let your love for Him grow cold. Don’t try to be like all the other girls. Don’t try to be something you’re not.

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