

Privileged to Serve

Preaching.....Bill Collins
 Announcements..... Terry Dyer
 Song LeaderPaul Guy
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Bruce Clopton
 Lord’s Supper
 Randy Rives * * Byron Madison
 Corbin White * * Paul Allen
 Closing Prayer.....Stan Raley

Evening

Opening Prayer..... Byron Madison
 Lord’s Supper
 Randy Rives * * Byron Madison
 Closing Prayer..... Tom Fair

Communion to Shut-Ins

None at this time

Communion Preparation

Month of October..... Cindy Harper
 Month of November..... Sandy Vinson

Service Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study6:00 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	38
Sunday Morning Worship	75
Sunday Evening Worship	38
Wednesday Bible Study	39

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ *

* Figures Unavailable



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“Working Together”

It is hard to go through this life without learning how to work together with others. One is not free to do just what they want without consideration for others. We learn to do it with neighbors, co-workers, society in general. And, we need to learn how to do it within the church, individually and collectively.

About eighteen times in the New Testament, the church is referred to in the universal or general sense. It is the body of Christ and He is the head (Colossians 1:18, 24; Ephesians 1:20-23; 5:23). There is but one body (Ephesians 4:4). It is the Kingdom of God (Acts 8:12). It is the family or household of God (Ephesians 2:19; 1 Timothy 3:15). Jesus is the builder of the church (Matthew 16:18).

There are also individual congregations (Hebrews 10:24-26; Acts 11:26; 20:7). We have responsibilities to the individual congregation. As it is the body of Christ, we should strive to be sure that we (as a member of that body) are healthy and growing (2 Peter 3:18). Elders have a responsibility for the oversight of the congregation (Acts 20:28). We have a responsibility to submit to them (Hebrews 13:17). We have a responsibility to work together (Ephesians 4:16).

If there are individual congregations, then there are collective congregations around the world, and within our own area or own city. Paul wrote to the congregations in the Galatia region (Galatians 1:2). Paul told the Romans that the churches of Christ greeted them (Romans 16:16). John wrote to the seven churches which were in Asia (Revelation 1:4).

We have been called out of the ungodly world by the Gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14). We have been called into one body, the Lord’s church (Colossians 3:15). When we obey the Gospel of Christ, we are added by the Lord to His body (Acts 2:36-38, 41, 47; Mark 16:15-16). We need to strive together for the faith of the Gospel (Philippians 1:27).

The church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 3:8-11). The church (which means us individually and collectively) has the responsibility to take the truth, the gospel, into all the world (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). When the church was persecuted and scattered abroad in the first century, they went everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:4). So must we.

We are to be compassionate and help one another as the need arises (Acts 11:27-30; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Romans 15:25-29). We are to do good unto all men, especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10; James 1:27). If the love of God abides in us, we will be compassionate (1 John 3:17-18).

Something to think about!

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