

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements..... Terry Dyer
 Song Leader (morning guest) Will Collins
 Song Leader (evening)Paul Guy
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Bruce Clopton
 Lord's Supper
 Charles Dooley * * Byron Madison
 Ethan Clopton * * Terry Dyer
 Closing PrayerJack Mears

Evening

Opening Prayer..... Dwight Callens
 Lord's Supper
 Charles Dooley * * Byron Madison
 Closing Prayer Terry Dyer

Communion to Shut-Ins

None at this time

Communion Preparation

Month of November Sandy Vinson
 Month of December Sara Dooley

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	44
Sunday Morning Worship	97
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Wednesday Bible Study	cancelled

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,845.82

* Figures Unavailable



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Black[est] Friday

There is one black Friday that was darker than all others.

“Black Friday.” Everything you see and hear this week seems to revolve around it. Originally the invention of enterprising retailers to achieve even greater sales numbers through seeking to “one up” everyone else by offering the deepest, greatest, and earliest morning discounts for the day after thanksgiving (traditionally the heaviest shopping day of the year anyway), this fanatical shopping craze has caught on like wildfire! Prior to the past few years wherein some car dealerships and retailers have recently diluted the process (while still seeking to attract consumers with the “Black Friday” tag of course) by offering so-called “Black Friday” deals and discounts throughout the hours, days, and even weeks leading up to it, some consumers had been known to actually line up and “camp out” in front of some stores in the past, in order to get in and get the best deals and deepest discounts the earliest. And quite frankly, some of the discounts and savings on some of those items were quite simply unimaginable!

But there is another “Black Friday” – indeed the very “Blackest Friday” of them all; the blackest, bleakest, most unbelievable Friday morning in all of human history – the one that every person on the planet should be far more aware of, far more involved with, and far more grateful for. Like the “Black Friday” we are so accustomed to, it too, began in the early, pre-dawn hours. But that is pretty much where any further similarities come to a screeching and very sudden stop.

On this bleak, black Friday pre-dawn morning, the very sinless, pure, perfect, and only begotten Son of the Living God, would be betrayed, arrested, and as the morning wore on, mocked, rejected, scourged, beaten, spat upon, and crucified. He would pay the ultimate price to purchase you and I back from the power of sin, satan, and death... (See: 1 Peter 1:17-21; Hebrews 2:14-16; and etc.). Within the context of that unimaginably horrific event, He, God in the very flesh, would utter phrases that should melt even the proudest and stoutest of lost sinners’ hearts...

“The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.” (John 12:23-28)

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