

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements.....Randy Rives
 Song Leader Shannon Finley
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Byron Madison
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding

* Dwight Callens

Assisting

Lamar King * * Bruce Clopton
 Dick Vinson * * Gene Hurst

Closing Prayer Rob Warren

Evening

Opening Prayer Charles Dooley
 Lord’s Supper

Lamar King * * Bruce Clopton

Closing Prayer Jack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of December Sara Dooley

Month of January Jennifer Guy

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

LAMAR KING (601) 604-2656

BYRON MADISON (601) 934-1213

RANDY RIVES (601) 513-4785

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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 43

Sunday Morning Worship 88

Sunday Evening Worship 36

Wednesday Bible Study 46

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,295.00

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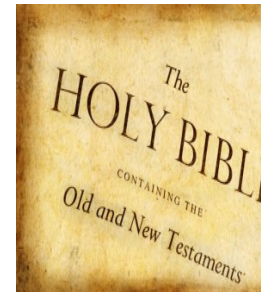


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Bible Direction

By: David Hersey

Do you spend time reading the Bible each day?



How often do we as 21st century Christians set down and read our Bibles? Do we let other people tell us what the Bible says and go with it, or do we read what God says in His word and let Him be the one who directs us in our daily walk? Jesus told a group of people who were challenging Him in Mark 7:6-10, “*These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 7 They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men. 8 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.*” 9 And he said to

them: “*You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!*” If Jesus condemned people in the first century for setting aside God’s rules then it only makes sense that we shouldn’t do that today.

Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*” Nothing we need to know is missing from God’s word. Since the word of God thoroughly equips us for every good work, then it only makes sense that we should get all of our instructions on living our lives from it and no other source. When we do this, we have assurance that we are not setting aside the teachings of God in favor of things that men say we must do.

And finally, Jesus taught in John 12:48 that “*There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.*” From just three verses of scripture from the God’s word, we see that if we reject God’s word in favor of men’s teachings, our worship is of no value to God; that God’s word contains everything we need to know and that it will be used to judge us when Jesus returns.

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