

**Privileged to Serve**

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements.....Al St. Clair  
 Song Leader ..... Tom Fair  
 Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

**Morning**

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Lamar King  
 Lord's Supper

Presiding  
 \* Tom Fair

Assisting

Charles Dooley \* \* Dick Vinson  
 Jacob King \* \* Corbin White

Closing Prayer .....Jack Mears

**Evening**

Opening Prayer ..... Byron Madison  
 Lord's Supper

Charles Dooley \* \* Dick Vinson

Closing Prayer .....Paul Guy

**Communion Preparation**

Month of January .....Jennifer Guy

Month of February ..... King Family

**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

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	39
Sunday Morning Worship	80
Sunday Evening Worship	38
Wednesday Bible Study	*

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,383.00

\* Figures Unavailable



January 3, 2016

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

**New Year's Resolutions**

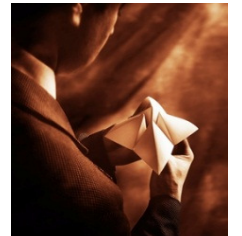
by: Rod Ellison

In many circles, New Year's Resolutions have become more of a joke than a serious attempt at changing behavior or life-style for the better. You will most likely recognize the scenario below because it has been around for some time. Nevertheless it still makes the point of how resolutions evolve to fit our current lifestyle, rather than transforming our lives for the better.

- 2006: I will get my weight down below 180.
- 2007: I will watch my calories until I get below 190.
- 2008: I will follow my new diet religiously until I get below 200.
- 2009: I will try to develop a realistic attitude about my weight.
- 2010: I will work out 5 days a week.
- 2011: I will work out 3 days a week.
- 2012: I will try to drive past a gym at least once a week.

While the scenario is humorous, it also serves to illustrate the futility of nebulous objectives; Christians need to stay away from such vague goals. Without fidelity of purpose, our lives become ships without rudders and are carried away by the currents in a sea of sin. That is why Paul reminds us that we are pursuing the greatest goal of all: "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14 NKJV)

I know many people who never make plans; they are content to leave everything to chance. However, as followers of Christ, we are doubly blessed because we know both our purpose and our goal. However, we must dedicate ourselves because our goal cannot be achieved by accident or coincidence.



~ continued inside ~

A weekly publication of the Meridian church of Christ

2229 Highway 19 North ~ PO Box 3476 ~ Meridian, MS 39303-3476 ~ Phone: (601) 482-5318

www.meridianchurchofchrist.org ~ Email: churchofchristme@bellsouth.net