

Privileged to Serve	
Speaker ...	Andy Duncan (am); Tom Fair (pm)
Announcements/Prayer.....	Randy Rives
Song Leader.....	Tom F. (am); Andy D. (pm)
Attendance.....	
Morning	
Scripture/Opening Prayer	TBA
Lord's Supper	Randy Rives
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Closing Prayer.....	
Evening	
Opening Prayer	
Lord's Supper	
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Closing Prayer.....	
Communion Preparation	
Month of January.....	
Month of February	
Nursery Attendant; Backup	
January 2.....	
January 9.....	
Wednesday Evening – Wednesday 5, 2022	
Prayer/Announcements.....	
Song Leader.....	
Devotional.....	

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	
ANDY DUNCAN	(662) 416-2222
TOM FAIR	(601) 681-8293
Deacons	
LAMAR KING	(601) 604-2656
BUILDING/GROUNDS	
RANDY RIVES	(601) 513-4785
EDUCATION & WORSHIP	
ALBERT ST. CLAIR	(601) 626-7815
Works Supported	
Robert Martin	
Stacey Ferguson	
South Pacific Missions	
Pine Vale Children's Home	
Corinth, Mississippi	

Attendance Last Week	
Sunday Bible Class	cancelled
Sunday Morning Worship	43
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	1
Sunday Evening Worship	12
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	10
Wednesday Bible Study	16
Contributions & Other Income	
Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,374.00
* Figures Unavailable	

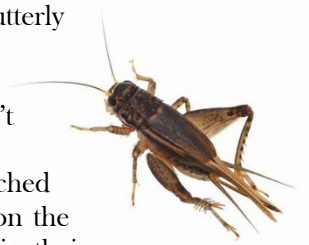


January 2, 2022 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

Listening For God's Voice

A Native American and his friend were in downtown New York City, walking near Times Square. It was during the noon lunch hour and the streets were filled with people. Cars were honking their horns, taxicabs were squealing around corners, sirens were wailing, and the sounds of the city were almost deafening. Suddenly, the Native American said, "I hear a cricket." His friend said, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all this noise!" "No, I'm sure of it," the Native American said, "I heard a cricket." That's crazy," said the friend.

The Native American listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the street to a big cement planter where some shrubs were growing. He looked into the bushes beneath the branches, and sure enough, there was a small cricket. His friend was utterly amazed. "That's incredible," said his friend. "You must have super-human ears!" "No," said the American Indian. "My ears are no different from yours. It all depends on what you're listening for." "But that can't be," said the friend. "I could never hear a cricket in all this noise."



"Yes you can", came the reply. "Here, let me show you." He reached into his pocket, pulled out a few coins, and discreetly dropped them on the sidewalk. And then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed that every person's head within twenty feet turned and looked to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs. "See what I mean?" asked the Native American. "It all depends on what's important to you, and what you're listening for."

What's important to us? What do we listen for? Are there times that we fail to listen to God, because we are focused on other things that are more important to us? Regarding the Jews, Jesus said, "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes that have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear." (Matthew 13:15-16; cf. Isaiah 6:9-10; Acts 28:26-27).

Brethren, amid the distractions of the world all around, may our ears always be open not only ready to listen for, but to hear and be obedient to God's voice as He speaks to us through His word (1 Samuel 3:9-10; cf. John 8:47; John 10:4; John 10:27; 1 John 4:6).