

**Privileged to Serve**

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements..... Byron Madison  
 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 \* \* Byron Madison

Closing Prayer ..... Eugene White

**Evening**

Opening Prayer .....Randy Rives  
 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

BUILDING/GROUNDS

**BYRON MADISON** .....(601) 934-1213

YOUTH

**RANDY RIVES** .....(601) 513-4785

EDUCATION & WORSHIP

**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	37
Sunday Morning Worship	78
Sunday Evening Worship	31
Wednesday Bible Study	35

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,283.00

\* Figures Unavailable



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**“Persistant & Passionate Prayer”**

To pray or not to pray was not a question King David struggled with. David wrote in Psalm 55:17, “*Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice.*”

Persistence was one of David’s goals when it came to prayer – is it one of ours? Do we even have a goal? When is the last time you prayed three times in one day? Was it last week when you attended all the services on Sunday? Was it on your way to see the doctor? Was it on your way to a job interview? Was it a day filled with turmoil, or a day of rest? Was it just “another” day? Which day was the last day that you talked with God at least three times, and why did you do it?

According to James 5:16, “*...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much.*” Would you say that fervent covers three times a day? Could it be more? Could it be less? Does it matter?

Numbers aside, I would suppose that whether you are talking about “showers of blessings” or just “plain rain”, James is pointing out the truth about prayer - it works when it’s used passionately!

Now, does that mean just because we ask for something fervently (whether it’s for us or for someone else) that the Father will agree with it? Not necessarily; there might be a reason that we don’t see as to why our prayer is not answered with a yes...at least for the moment.

Don’t forget that Jesus taught His people to make their way through life by praying passionately and persistently, even when the answer seems like a definite no (Luke 11:1-13).

Praying three times a day can keep a lot of things away from us or it can bring a lot to us. So keep in touch with God, and don’t be surprised when His blessings touch you.

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