

**Privileged to Serve**

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements..... Bruce Clopton  
 Song Leader .....Paul Guy  
 Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

**Morning**

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Shannon Finley  
 Lord's Supper

Presiding  
 \* Tom Fair

Assisting

Charles Dooley \* \* Dick Vinson  
 Jacob King \* \* Byron Madison

Closing Prayer ..... Mike Cumberland

**Evening**

Opening Prayer ..... Terry Dyer  
 Lord's Supper  
 Charles Dooley \* \* Dick Vinson  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tom Fair

**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	42
Sunday Morning Worship	78
Sunday Evening Worship	35
Wednesday Bible Study	38

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,178.92

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**“For Christ’s Sake”**

One of the basic attitudes of this generation seems to be “What’s in it for me?” The entire premise of the life of Christ, however, was living for the sake of others. Paul, in 2 Corinthians 8:9, reminds us that for our sakes Christ left the riches of Heaven for the poverty of earth. The word “sake” is an old Anglo-Saxon term, “sach,” meaning cause or lawsuit. When we do something for someone’s sake, we do it for his best interest. Because of what Christ has done for our sakes, we are motivated to live for his sake.

For Christ’s sake we are to forgive one another. Ephesians 4:32 reminds us that we forgive others as God, for Christ’s sake, has forgiven us. The lesson here is simple: we forgive others, not because they always deserve it, but for the sake of Christ.

For Christ’s sake we serve one another. Paul refers to himself as a servant for Jesus’ sake (2 Cor. 4:5). Sometimes our brothers and sisters are hard to serve. Sometimes we would prefer to promote our own welfare. But for Christ’s sake we will “bend down and wash their feet.”

For Christ’s sake we pray for one another. Paul urged the Romans to pray for him for Christ’s sake (Romans 15:30). We love one another only to the degree that we pray for one another. What a difference it would make in the Lord’s church if His people fervently prayed for one another.

Remember, the only life worth living is the one lived for the sake of Christ.

*Ron Stough*

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