

### Privileged to Serve

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements..... Albert St. Clair  
 Song Leader .....Paul Guy  
 Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

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

#### Presiding

\*Dwight Callens

#### Assisting

Randy Rives \* \* Dick Vinson  
 Byron Madison \* \* Bruce Clopton

Closing Prayer .....Jack Mears

#### Evening

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

Randy Rives \* \* Dick Vinson

Closing Prayer ..... Charles Dooley

#### Communion Preparation

Month of April.....Kathy & Joy St. Clair

Month of May.....NEED VOLUNTEER

### 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 34

Sunday Morning Worship 94

Sunday Evening Worship \*

Wednesday Bible Study \*

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,100.00

### Daily Bible Readers

March 27, 2016 ☺ \*

\* Figures Unavailable



April 3, 2016

Meridian Messenger Welcome Visitors!

## “You Are the Trophy”



Austin Delivering His Speech

Austin, my 11 year old son, was disappointed at not placing in his speech competition at Lads-to-Leaders. **He rocked his speech! He delivered it the best he had ever done. He felt really good about it. He enjoyed the lesson, put his heart out there, and felt like he would get a trophy.**

He understood it wasn't about the trophy, but he felt he had done a great job and delivered the speech well. He had worked so hard.

We were discussing this with him in the hotel room. **My parents were telling him how much better he did, than me, when I was his age.** How I was so nervous and shaky; they didn't even know if I would make it through the speech. Of course I never won a trophy or made it into the finalist category.

**It was at the completion of this story that my mom said this powerful line that captures the purpose and good of Lads-to-Leaders.**

*You are the trophy that has come from your dad doing it years ago. He never won a trophy, but from the seeds that were planted, you have come today participating in preaching the Bible, leading a song, and competing in Bible Bowl. If he would have won a trophy, it would be in an attic gathering dust, but you and your siblings are the trophy that have come and that is what matters!*

Sometimes Lads-to-Leaders gets a bad wrap because of its emphasis on competition, but **the competition is only to accomplish the purpose of training and motivating.** It is not the goal or end, but only a part of the process. **The real trophy is the product that comes!**

<http://www.joshketchum.com> – posted on Facebook by very proud dad, Josh Ketchum

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