

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Dwight Callens
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding

*Randy Rives

Assisting

Lamar King * * Charles Dooley
 Ralph Hubbard * * Jacob King

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Evening

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

Lamar King * * Charles Dooley

Closing Prayer Charles Dooley

Communion Preparation

Month of May Glenda Rives

Month of June..... Sandy Vinson

Service Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study6:00 p.m.

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Preacher

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Works Supported

Robert Martin & Stacey Ferguson

South Pacific Missions

Pine Vale Children’s Home

Corinth, Mississippi

Attendance Last Week

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| Sunday Bible Class | 31 |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 80 |
| Sunday Evening Worship | * |
| Wednesday Bible Study | * |

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,036.00

Daily Bible Readers

April 24, 2016 21 ☺

* Figures Unavailable



May 1, 2016 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

“Who Needs Encouragement to Wait on Jesus?”

In the last post I wrote about Jesus being Lord, though our world is messed up!

In this post, I want to follow with a thought on who needs encouragement to wait on Jesus in hope!

The New Testament writers often encouraged us to wait on Jesus in hope. We get so wrapped up in our modern lives, that we tend to neglect longing and waiting on Jesus. Yet the NT says that Christians are to be waiting (Rom. 8:21-25; Gal. 5:5; 1 Thess. 1:10; Heb. 9:28; James 5:7; 2 Peter 3:12-14).

What people specifically need encouragement to wait in hope!

1. Those who need vindication! In Revelation 6:9-11, the souls martyred cry out “How long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Those who are victimized and ostracized because of their faith wait in hope for Christ’s vengeance. Our brethren undergoing persecution in Nigeria, Ukraine, and other countries today must wait in hope! Those that have been shamefully and unethically treated by friends or family must wait in hope for God’s vengeance. We are not to seek revenge, but wait on God’s retribution (Rom. 12:19-21).

2. Those who are suffering! So many faithful Christians are hurting. It may be cancer, which seems to affect so many families, or a rarer disease like ALS or MS. Suffering can be a great trial of faith and perseverance. When our mind and body deteriorate, we must wait on the Lord in hope!

3. Those who miss loved ones! But all suffering is not physical, much is also emotional and grief oriented. For those who are aching for a dear loved one who has gone on to the Lord’s side, they wait in hope! For parents who have buried young children, or the spouse who lost their best friend, they wait in hope. The years left on earth can seem like an eternity before that reunion, but our spiritual eyes tell us they are but a moment compared to the endless ages of eternity.

4. Those who long for Jesus! The New Testament writers spoke so much about anticipating and longing for Jesus’ return because of their great love for Him. They didn’t fear or dread His coming, but it was an anticipated event that would usher in heaven and complete fellowship with Christ. Jesus promised to return and take us to be with him so we could always be in His presence (John 14:1-4). Heaven is not so much about the what, but the who!

Are you a part of the “those” I just wrote about? If not, you should be!

Visit the Audio Resources Page to listen to a sermon on this theme called “Waiting on Jesus”

<http://www.joshketchum.com/who-needs-encouragement-to-wait-on-jesus/>

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