

**Privileged to Serve**

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements..... Dwight Callens  
 Song Leader .....Paul Guy  
 Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

**Morning**

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Gene Hurst  
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding

\*Randy Rives

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer .....Stan Raley

**Evening**

Opening Prayer..... Lamar King  
 Lord’s Supper

Lamar King \* \* Charles Dooley

Closing Prayer .....Jack Mears

**Communion Preparation**

Month of May ..... Glenda Rives

Month of June..... Sandy Vinson

**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 43

Sunday Morning Worship 91

Sunday Evening Worship 42

Wednesday Bible Study 22

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,269.00

**Daily Bible Readers**

May 1, 2016 34 ☺

\* Figures Unavailable



May 15, 2016

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

**WHEN  
 GOD  
 SAYS**

**No!**

It may be when there is an untimely death in your family. Or you didn’t get the dream job. Or some other situation where it seems God has turned thumbs down on your whole life. Then again it may be related to some thwarted plan of yours to do noble work, such as going to the mission field. We may feel like God has singled us out. There are parents who don’t like the guy their daughter is engaged to marry. They plead with God and with her to find someone else. Now if she goes on and marries this man, will they accept God’s “No” or will they try to undermine the marriage? This is huge.

Some mature Christians are so totally devoted that they can say, “Yes, our hearts are broken; our lives will never be the same. We cannot understand why this is happening, but we are surrendering this to the hands of God and trusting His divine wisdom to see us through it.” On the other hand, some will become bitter even to the point of denying their faith.

So how do you respond when God says “No” to you, when your prayers are not answered and dreams become wishful thinking? Do you shake your fist at God, making yourself and everyone around you miserable? How you handle this says a lot about your spiritual maturity and even your common sense. God answers prayers in four ways: “Yes”, “No”, “Wait”, and, “*You must be kidding!*”

In Numbers chapter 20 we have the record of God saying “No” to Moses. He had the people encamped in the desert of Zin where there was no fresh water. They lashed out at him and said, “What were you thinking!...why did you bring us to this awful place? You are a terrible leader. We wish we had stayed in Egypt.” exasperated, Moses disobeyed God. He was told to speak to this rock and receive water. But he took his staff and struck the rock instead. God then told him that because of this disobedience he would not be allowed to lead these people into the promised land of Canaan. (Numbers 20:7-12)

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