#### Privileged to Serve Preacher ......Bill Collins Announcements...... Bruce Clopton Song Leader ......Tom Fair Attendance ...... Terry Dyer/Jacob King Morning Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Dwight Callens Lord's Supper Presiding \*Byron Madison Assisting \* Charles Doolev Randy Rives Ralph Hubbard \* \* Jacob King Closing Prayer......Jack Mears Evening Opening Prayer......Byron Madison Lord's Supper Randy Rives \* \* Charles Dooley

Closing Prayer...... Charles Dooley

**Communion Preparation** 

Month of July......Brandie Madison

Month of August......Kitty Dooley

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		
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TOM FAIR(601) 681-8293		
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LAMAR KING(601) 604-2656 BUILDING/GROUNDS		
<b>Byron Madison</b> (601) 934-1213 Youth		
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ALBERT ST CLAIR(601) 626-7815		
Preacher		
<b>BILL COLLINS</b> (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	27
Sunday Morning Worship	88
Sunday Evening Worship	26
Wednesday Bible Study	*

#### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,932.00

#### Daily Bible Readers

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Welcome Visitors!

## "Freedom"

### (An Article for Independence Day)

Today is one of the most celebrated and most important holidays in our nation as we all take the opportunity to honor our country's origins. This is a day where we think back to our nation's beginning, and we take pride in the courage our forefathers had to declare independence and found a nation based on freedom and liberty. We, except for during tax season, are very patriotic people, and we will always be proud to be Americans whether it is during sporting events, times of national crisis, etc. Many of you even served our country in the military at various points in your lives. We are PROUD of our country.

I often times wonder if this pride transcends national pride and translates into being PROUD to be a Christian. The fact that we are covered in the blood of Christ unites us much more strongly than the bond we have as Americans, yet often times we do not wear the name Christian publically though we would never hesitate to call ourselves Americans.

We are free politically in this life because we are Americans, but we are free from sin eternally because we are washed in the blood of Christ (Gal. 5:1). This gives us our real liberty. So today I encourage us all to be proud of our country, but I also encourage us to be proud of the liberty we enjoy in Christ and be always ready to wear the name Christian in every aspect of our lives. We are free to worship because we are Americans, but we are free from sin and death because of God's grace shown through the blood of Christ.

Jeremy Green  $\sim (7/4/2010)$ 

http://broadstreetchurch.com/2011/01/20/freedom-an-article-for-independence-day/

