

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Gene Hurst
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding

*Byron Madison

Assisting

Randy Rives * * Charles Dooley
 Ralph Hubbard * * Jacob King

Closing PrayerStan Raley

Evening

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

Randy Rives * * Charles Dooley

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of July Brandie Madison

Month of August..... Kitty Dooley

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.

Elders

DWIGHT CALLENS (601) 527-7149

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Deacons

LAMAR KING (601) 604-2656

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BYRON MADISON (601) 934-1213

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RANDY RIVES (601) 513-4785

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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	13
Sunday Morning Worship	72
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Wednesday Bible Study	21

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,600.89

Daily Bible Readers

July 10, 2016 * = *% of attendance

*Figures Unavailable



July 17, 2016

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

“Can I Be Happy In Heaven?”

Many wonder, “How can we be happy in Heaven knowing that loved ones are being punished in Hell?” It drives some to Universalism. It drives some to Atheism. It drives some to believe we won’t know each other in Heaven. What’s the answer? Is it possible to be in Heaven and be happy knowing that one or more loved ones are languishing in Hell?

THE ANSWER IS NOT IN MAN’S SOLUTIONS

Universalism? Matthew 7:12-14 reads, “¹²Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. ¹³Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” Atheism? Psalm 14:1 reads, “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”

So, we just won’t know each other in Heaven. Doesn’t help on the happiness issue. Someone in this audience has lost a child. SIDS, stillborn, miscarriage, abortion. Could you be happy not knowing? 2 Samuel 12:23: “But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.” What about not knowing if the one who brought you to Christ was not there? Mentor, Bible teacher, preacher, apostle, Abraham, Adam, Enoch, Job, martyrs, etc. Doesn’t fit with what little we know about the Afterlife. Samuel appeared (1 Samuel 18:3-19); the thief on the cross (Luke 23: 42-43); the transfiguration in Luke 9:28-35; we will see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Luke 13:23-28).

SO HOW CAN I BE HAPPY?

Open your eyes to the Holiness of God (Isaiah 6:1-8; Exodus 15:11; Isaiah 59:1-2). Open your eyes to the vileness of man (Romans 2:10 ff; Genesis 8:21). Open your eyes to God’s grace: His book is the best seller of all time; His son is the most famous man of all time; His offer of salvation has been preached in every nation (Colossians 1:23). Open your eyes to the fact that if your loved one is lost it is because they rejected God’s gracious offer. It doesn’t matter how much they taught you about life, or how hard they worked, or that they fed the poor, or that they would never hurt anyone.

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