

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Charles Dooley
Lord's Supper

Presiding

- Andy Duncan

Assisting

Randy Rives * * Byron Madison
Jacob King * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer.....Stan Raley

Evening

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

Randy Rives * * Byron Madison
Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of SeptemberBeth Dyer
Month of October Cindy Harper

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
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	30
Sunday Morning Worship	73
Sunday Evening Worship	32
Wednesday Bible Study	33

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,341.00
Louisiana Flood Relief (8/28)	\$ 1,202.00

Daily Bible Readers

August 28, 201620 = 27.40% of attendance



September 4, 2016 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

LABOR DAY

According to the United States Department of Labor's website Labor Day, "is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country." Simply put it is intended to be a day of rest and recognition to the American workforce.

The Christian too has a Labor Day. One in which we will receive a rest and recognition for the faithful work we have done. When God completed his grand creation (Genesis 1-2) he rested on the seventh day and blessed and sanctified it as a day of rest. The Hebrew writer says that there remains a rest for the children of God. *"For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest..."* (Hebrews 4:10-11a).

Jesus calls us to this rest! *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls"* (Matthew 11:28-29). But the ultimate rest here has reference to the eternal "Labor Day" of God's children in his home. Sure Jesus took time to rest and relax while here on earth, but never was it for a protracted period. No in fact he said, *"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work"* (John 9:4).

Notice what the voice from heaven said unto John, *"Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'"* *"Yes,"* says the Spirit, *"that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them"* (Revelation 14:13). But also pay close attention to qualifying statement here *"...who die in the Lord..."* Those outside of Christ when death comes will not enter His rest nor will they ever know rest, no not for eternity!

So just how is this to be accomplished? You must hear the word of God for *"faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* (Romans 10:17). *"For we know that without faith it is impossible to please Him..."* (Hebrews 11:6). We must be willing to repent of a sinful life because God *"...now commands all men everywhere to repent"* (Acts 17:30). We must be willing to confess that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God (Matthew 10:32-33). But none of these things have yet to say, nor do they ever say, that they put us into Christ. So how is it that we get into Christ so that we may "die in the Lord?" Notice carefully the inspired scripture of Galatians 3:27, *"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."*

If you've not yet done these things, will you not do it now? God loves you and sent His Son to die for you so that you might have this opportunity. He wants you to rest with Him. And for those of us who are in Christ and long for that day of rest...Be Faithful!

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