

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements.....Randy Rives
 Song LeaderPaul Guy
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Byron Madison
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding

* Charles Dooley

Assisting

Randy Rives * Tommy Beech
 Stan Raley * Gene Hurst

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Evening

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

Randy Rives * Tommy Beech

Closing Prayer Mike Cumberland

Communion Preparation

Month of October Cindy Harper

Month of November..... 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.

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 32

Sunday Morning Worship 70

Sunday Evening Worship 25

Wednesday Bible Study 30

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,092.52

Daily Bible Readers

Oct 2, 2016 18 = 25.71% of attendance

*Figures Unavailable



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The Bible Is NOT A Textbook

By: Jack Wilkie

If we’re being honest with ourselves, there is very little from our old textbooks that has stuck with us into adulthood. Funny posts are shared around Facebook and Twitter about how (sarcastically) glad we all are that we learned about parallelograms and that the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell rather than how to cook a meal or fill out our taxes. While it’s not all useless information, there was certainly a large amount of information that we subconsciously leave behind due to its lack of practical use in our lives.

We became skilled at taking the books, memorizing what we needed to for testing, and then filtering out all but the most pressing information over time. Sadly, we end up applying that same approach to a lot of things in life, sometimes even including the Bible. It’s very easy to turn Biblical knowledge into an academic pursuit. Every now and then we hear about some prominent leader being caught up in a web of sin despite preaching, writing, and studying the Bible daily for years, and we wonder – how can that happen? The same way it can happen to any of us. The Bible becomes something to be studied and known only rather than understood and applied.

Our relationship with the Bible has to extend beyond being an academic exercise. Textbooks rarely change us, but the Bible must. It’s all too easy to resist or ignore its influence on us, though. A few examples:

- Thousands of sermons are preached each year on Ephesians 5’s call for husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the church and wives to submit to their husbands. And yet thousands of Christian husbands and wives listen, go home, and live like they’ve already forgotten the answers that were just given for their struggling marriage.
- Countless articles, sermons, and classes focus on our need to love our neighbors as ourselves and love our enemies. We all can recite or paraphrase the relevant Bible verses. But how many times do we catch ourselves complaining about those people in our lives, tearing them down in front of others, or treating them poorly?
- Anybody who grew up attending Bible class regularly was probably asked to memorize the great commission verses in Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16. How easy is it to sweep those verses under the rug and pretend like we weren’t called to share the Gospel? ~continued inside~

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