

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements..... Lamar King
 Song LeaderAndy Duncan
 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.....Paul Guy
 Lord's Supper

Randy Rives * Tommy Beech

Closing Prayer Terry Dyer

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	53
Sunday Morning Worship	87
Sunday Evening Worship	43
Wednesday Bible Study	*

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,311.48

Daily Bible Readers

Oct 23, 2016 26 = 29.89% of attendance

*Figures Unavailable



October 30, 2016

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

Sharing Our Faith

Editor's Note: *I confess. In times past I have hesitated to use the expression "Sharing our Faith" for fear that human testimony may, for some, become a substitute for God's Word. It can be exceedingly dangerous to trust the testimonies of people rather than the plain and simple teachings of God's holy word. But, be that as it may, the idea of a Christian "sharing his/her faith" can be of great value. Why shouldn't we share with others what God has done and is doing in our lives? If we give diligence to learning and doing the will of God, why not share with others what we have learned and why we have, personally, placed our trust in Jesus Christ and in His plan for the salvation of the world? (alf) (Fall, 2016 Magnolia Messenger Newsletter)*

Why are we afraid to share our faith? Why do we not share with others what God is doing in our lives and about what Jesus means to us? Rejection is probably the number one reason we hold back. When we invite someone into conversation about Jesus Christ and they resist, it *isn't* a personal rejection. God opens hearts to His message. If we will share our faith we will discover people with open hearts. We will also discover people with closed hearts. Don't let that keep you from sharing your faith. If God has answered prayer in your life, tell people about it. If God has done something good in your life, tell someone what He has done. If you have faith in Jesus Christ, speak His name out loud to others. God will work!

Many hold back because of a "lack of knowledge" of God's word. You need to notice that in Scripture people didn't always have lots of knowledge of God's Word. The woman at the well in John 4 simply told neighbors that she met a man who knew all about her. These neighbors put their faith in Jesus based on her testimony. It can work the same way today. Chances are you will know more than the person you are sharing with. If you should discover someone who knows more of God's Word than you do, *allow them to encourage you with the Word of God.*



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