

### Privileged to Serve

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
Announcements.....Randy Rives  
Song Leader .....Andy Duncan  
Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Tom Fair  
Lord's Supper

Presiding

\* Lamar King

Assisting

Charles Dooley \*      \* Tommy Beech

Stan Raley \*      \* Jacob King

Closing Prayer ..... Mike Cumberland

#### Evening

Opening Prayer.....Paul Guy

Lord's Supper

Charles Dooley \*      \* Lamar King

Closing Prayer .....Jack Mears

#### Communion Preparation

Month of January ..... Sabrina Collins

Month of February ..... Diane Beech

### 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

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 \*

Sunday Morning Worship N/A

Sunday Evening Worship \*

Wednesday Bible Study 45

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,375.65

### Daily Bible Readers

December 25, 2016 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



January 1, 2017

~ Meridian Messenger ~

Welcome Visitors!

## Running Out Of Time

The clock is ticking. The calendar is winding down. I'm running out of time. I made myself some promises about some important things in my life that I would accomplish by the end of this year. It's going to require me to buckle down, be incredibly disciplined, and live like every day and every decision matters supremely to the final outcome. There is no room for procrastination. While these issues are personal and spiritual, they also have reminded me that every single statement I made above could be said about my daily Christian life...at any point in my life.

Unfortunately, many of us have lost our sense of urgency in our Christian lives, especially our urgency about the Lord Jesus' imminent return. With that loss, our days are not filled with as much passion, expectation, intention, and hope as they should be. But don't take my word for it, hear the words of the great apostle Paul as he wrote to Roman Christians who needed to be reminded of the same thing: *"For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires"* (Romans 13:11-14).

For years, the following quotation has been used to motivate people to newer and higher achievements: "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." While this may be true, there is a truer promise for Christians: "Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first became believers: the night is far gone, the day is near."

We're not running out of time, we're running to God and all that He has waiting for us. So let's live with passion, anticipation, and a holy sense of urgency to do what is right.

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