

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Byron Madison
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Lamar King

Assisting

Charles Dooley * * Tommy Beech
 Stan Raley * * Jacob King

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Evening

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

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King
 Closing Prayer Mike Cumberland

Communion Preparation

Month of January.....Sabrina Collins
 Month of February Diane Beech

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

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 YOUTH

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 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	35
Sunday Morning Worship	66
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Wednesday Bible Study	41

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,375.65

Daily Bible Readers

January 1, 2017 18 = 27.27% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



January 8, 2017

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

Biblical New Year Resolutions

Another year passes and we are made aware of our most precious, fragile gift: time. Benjamin Franklin wrote "Dost thou love life? Then waste not time, for that is the stuff that life is made of." Our use of time determines success or failure. Surely it is fitting that we make some Biblical new year's resolutions to direct us into the future. Let us look at the word "resolutions" for this article.

R Let us resolve to stay in the RACE (Hebrews 12:1). In this race, we must be able to take it and not give up. Paul said, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run ..." (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). We need to get rid of everything that would slow us down or hold us back, or detour us from running the race of our Christian life. Stay in the race!

E Let us resolve to stop making EXCUSES (Luke 14:16 ff). A common practice among men is that of excuse-making for their failure to do their duty. Many in the churches take lightly the command to come together for worshipping God. So they make plans as these three did in (Luke 14:16 ff), and use excuses why couldn't assemble with the saints (Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 10:25). The Master was angry with the three, and all who would lightly considered His generous offer. Stop making excuses, and do your best!

S Let us resolve to be good SOLDIERS FOR CHRIST (2 Timothy 2:3). This army is made up of all volunteers. Our enlistment began when by faith (Hebrews 11:6) we repented (Luke 13:3) of our sins, confessed (Matthew 10:32-33) the name of our Commander in Chief (Hebrews 2:10) and was buried into Him for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-4; Galatians 3:27). As a result, one is in subjection to God's will, a member of the spiritual army of God. As soldiers in the Lord's army we need to "Fight the good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 6:12). Brethren, God has a right to expect godly living, cheerful giving, Bible reading, praying, loving and faithful attendance of worship services from His soldiers. After all we volunteered! We need to say as Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

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