

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements..... Dwight Callens
 Song LeaderPaul Guy
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening PrayerAndy Duncan
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding

* Lamar King

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer Eugene White

Evening

Opening Prayer.....Randy Rives
 Lord’s Supper

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King
 Closing Prayer Byron Madison

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

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	27
Sunday Morning Worship	71
Sunday Evening Worship	25
Wednesday Bible Study	44

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,476.00
Contribution Prior Week	\$ 1,912.06

Daily Bible Readers

January 8, 2017 21 = 29.58% of attending



January 15, 2017

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

I’VE GOT TO START

You may actually know someone who has begun a sentence using the above words. The words that this preacher has heard used most often to complete this sentence are “exercising” and “eating right.” It appears that most of us have a sense of what it will take to improve our health.

The key to accomplishing the desired improvement is truly given in this statement. It is the word “start.” We may be playing mind games with ourselves when we utter these words, because if we never start, we will not have to continue the process. Perhaps we feel that we can handle the guilt better than the discipline.

What about spiritually? Have we not also heard someone (ourselves) say, “I’ve got to start studying my Bible regularly?” We believe what Jesus said about those who “*hunger and thirst after righteousness*” (Matthew 5:6), but we are still waiting to start.

What about the one who says, “I’ve got to start visiting like I should”? We believe what James wrote about “*pure religion*” consisting of visiting the “*fatherless and the widows in their affliction*” (James 1:27), but we just cannot seem to get started.

In reality, when we make these statements, we are taking the first step; i.e., admitting the personal need/responsibility. Now all we need to do is specify. Instead of repeating the “I’ve got to” part, say, “I will start (an activity) today at (a time).” Next, set a reminder and then START! Change for the better will become reality when we do. Paul exhorted, “*For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*” (2 Corinthians 6:2). Let’s get started today.

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