

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements.....Randy Rives
 Song LeaderAndy Duncan
 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.....Paul Guy
 Lord’s Supper

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King
 Closing Prayer Terry Dyer

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	41
Sunday Morning Worship	89
Sunday Evening Worship	29
Wednesday Bible Study	44

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,228.00

Daily Bible Readers

January 22, 2017 23 = 25.84% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



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Addicted to Chap Stick

I smile when I think about it. As a matter of fact, I am grinning while I am writing this. I had overheard some of the young people at church talking. No I was not eavesdropping on their conversation. They were talking loud enough for all around them to hear. One thing they said, though, did make me listen a little closer to what they were saying.

I heard one of them say something about me. They said that I must be addicted to Chap-stick. At first I thought what an odd thing to say. I wondered what made them come to such a conclusion. Then I realized, about the only time they see me is when we are at services together. So nearly every time they see me I am putting Chap-stick on my mouth. You see, I apply it to my lips before I get up to preach so that it will moisten them and keep those pesky “dry spit” globules, which are disgusting to look at and distracting to say the least, from forming in the corners of my mouth. But addicted to Chap-stick? Not hardly.

Such a charge is unfair because the only time I use the stuff is before or after I preach or teach a class. The rest of the week I never apply it. But what those young people were saying made me think about some timely lessons for all of us.

First, all of us must realize that people are watching us – even in the little things. We must be careful to conduct ourselves properly. Though I do not think I would cause someone else to become a “Chap-stick addict”, my influence and the power of my example, if erroneously exerted in other areas, might cause one to stumble. The apostle Paul said he would even abstain from lawful things if engaging in them would cause another to stumble so as to fall (1 Corinthians 8:13).

Secondly, we must all be careful not to jump to conclusions when we do not know all the facts. Some people who only see me at worship services, for example, might conclude that I always wear a coat and tie. But those who see me on a daily basis know that this is not the case.

We must never make any judgments about others until we know the facts. The Jews during the time of Jesus had done just that in regards to Him. They were ready to arrest and condemn Him early in His ministry. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews who had come to Him by night, was a voice of reason in the council. He asked this august group of scholars, “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?” (John 7:51).

Sadly, there are many, even some who claim to be Christians, who are quick to judge and condemn others without knowing the facts. Let us all use our influence for good and let us not judge others too quickly.

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