

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements.....Al St. Clair
 Song LeaderPaul Guy
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening PrayerAndy Duncan
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Tom Fair

Assisting

Randy Rives * * Byron Madison

Jared Agan * * Gene Hurst

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Evening

Opening Prayer.....Randy Rives

Lord's Supper

Randy Rives * * Byron Madison

Closing Prayer Byron Madison

Communion Preparation

Month of February Diane Beech

Month of MarchSara Dooley

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 35

Sunday Morning Worship 93

Sunday Evening Worship 33

Wednesday Bible Study 27

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,280.00

Special: Pine Vale Building Fund \$ 1,661.00

Daily Bible Readers

January 29, 2017 27 = 29.03% of attending



February 5, 2017

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

The Church Is Souls In Fellowship

The sole business of the church is about souls (Matthew 16:24-27; cf. Psalm 49:6-8; Psalm 49:15). In fact, the church is souls in love with God and with one another (Matthew 22:36-40; cf. Romans 13:8-10; James 2:8).

The church is souls worshipping, weeping, and rejoicing together (1 Corinthians 14:15; 1 Corinthians 12:13-27). The church is looking up in praise, inward in penitence, outward in practice, and forward in promise (Hebrews 13:12-15; 2 Corinthians 7:4-11; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 10:12-25; Hebrews 12:22-24).

The church is hearts knit together whose spirits share together (Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:31-37; 2 Corinthians 8-9). The term "church" in the Greek literally means "assembly," indicating community and brotherhood. The Lord's church does not exist simply to "beautify" the neighborhood, but to "personify" brotherhood.

The church is not a physical building of brick or wood, but a **spiritual house of saved men and women in fellowship with God and with one another** (Ephesians 2:10-22; 1 Peter 2:5-10; Hebrews 3:4-6; Ephesians 5:23; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 1:1-3). A good illustration of the fellowship we should have with one another is that of the huge redwood trees in California. These trees are the largest and tallest living things on our planet. Some of them are 300 feet tall and over 2,500 years old.

One would think that a tree so large must have a tremendous root system that reaches down hundreds of feet into the earth, but that isn't the case. These trees grow in groves – very rarely do we see a tree off to itself. If we were to examine the redwood's root system, we would find that **all of the roots intertwine**. No tree is alone, for all of the trees support and protect one another. Each tree is important to all other trees in the grove.

Brethren, the church should be like these redwood trees – **souls intertwined with one another in fellowship** (Ephesians 4:11-16). Without Christ, the church is nothing (John 15:5; cf. Philippians 4:13). And without fellowship, the church is useless (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:15-17). As God's people, **we must fellowship one another**, in order to demonstrate the love of Christ to a world of folks lost in sin (John 13:34-35; 1 John 5:16-21; cf. Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).

If we are not willing to participate in godly fellowship here on earth with fellow Christians, none of us will ever see that heavenly realm, where eternal fellowship with God and Christ will exist (Revelation 21:1-3; cf. Revelation 3:20-22; John 14:1-3).

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