

**Privileged to Serve**

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements..... Terry Dyer  
 Song Leader .....Paul Guy  
 Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

**Morning**

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Lamar King  
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding  
 \* Tom Fair

Assisting

Randy Rives \*      \* Byron Madison  
 Jared Agan \*      \* Gene Hurst

Closing Prayer ..... Mike Cumberland

**Evening**

Opening Prayer.....Andy Duncan  
 Lord’s Supper

Randy Rives \*      \* Byron Madison

Closing Prayer .....Jared Agan

**Communion Preparation**

Month of February ..... Diane Beech

Month of March .....Sara Dooley

**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	36
Sunday Morning Worship	64
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Wednesday Bible Study	35

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week      \$ 2,075.00

**Daily Bible Readers**

February 12, 2017      \_ \* \_ = \_ \* \_% of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



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**What Biblical Principles Can We Learn from a Dog?**

What biblical principles can we learn from a dog you ask? Those of us who are dog “lovers” (my wife and I have a miniature dachshund), will tell you that there are several Bible principles we can learn from our canine companions by the characteristics they display toward us humans.



In this article, let us look at ten characteristics of the common dog and see what biblical principles we can learn from them.

1) **DOGS ARE FAITHFUL**

There have been dogs that have been physically (and mentally) abused and mistreated, yet remain faithful to their masters. We as Christians have a Master that we must be faithful to even though there will be times when we will (as the dog) have to endure physical or mental abuse from our fellow man.

Our Master indicated such when He said, “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 10:22). Christ states through the beloved John that we will have to endure trials and tribulations but if we are “faithful unto death”, our Master will give us “a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). Let us therefore learn from the common dog the biblical principle of faithfulness.

2) **DOGS ARE OBEDIENT**

When young dogs are properly trained, they are fully obedient to the commands their master gives them. In like manner Christians, when properly trained in Bible teaching, should be fully obedient to the commands of the Master (John 14:15; John 15:10,14; 1 John 1:3-5; 1 John 3:22-24).

3) **DOGS ARE LOVING**

Dogs are extremely loving even to the point of giving their life in order to save their master’s life. Stories have been repeatedly told of loving dogs giving their lives in rescuing their masters from certain death (i.e., drowning, freezing to death in extreme temperatures, heart attacks, attacks from other animals, violent people, etc.)

As loving servants of Christ, we have to be willing to give up our life (worldly gain and pleasures – Matthew 16:24-25; 1 John 2:15-17) for our Master as well ... ~continued inside~

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