

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Dick Vinson
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King

Gene Hurst * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Evening

Opening Prayer..... Byron Madison
 Lord's Supper

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King

Closing Prayer Terry Dyer

Communion Preparation

Month of MarchSara Dooley

Month of April.....Beth Dyer

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 19

Sunday Morning Worship 56

Sunday Evening Worship 21

Wednesday Bible Study 33

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,976.25

Daily Bible Readers

February 26, 2017 22 = 39.28% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



March 5, 2017

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

If Every Member Were Just Like Me

By R. W. McAlister

I daresay that all of us want the best congregation of the Lord's church possible - I sure do. So if that's the case, we need to understand that the betterment of the congregation begins with each of us. Ask yourself these questions:

If every member of this congregation were like me, what would our attendance be? We know that Hebrews 10:25 commands that we 'not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is,' so if every member were like me, how full would the pews be on Sunday or Wednesday or for a Gospel Meeting? Would I let any excuse - fatigue, mild headache, visiting family, civic meeting, rainy weather - even work - keep me from assembling with the saints? Or would I have the attitude of David, who said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD?" (Psalm 122:1).

If every member of this church were just like me, what would our contribution be? Would our treasury be overflowing, or would we be barely getting by financially? In I Cor. 16:2, the Bible says, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him..." All that God expects of any of us is that we give back to Him in accordance with how much He has given us. The least God ever accepted was 10% (Numbers 18:21-26), and the most was 100% (Luke 21:4). We can surely find a happy medium somewhere in between.

If every member of the congregation were like me, what would its influence be? Would it be like leaven? In Matthew 13:33, Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." The hidden yeast, although very small in measure, passes on its qualities to the flour until it's all leavened.

Would the church have the influence of salt? In Matthew 5:13, Jesus says, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" Salt acts like a preservative and prevents spoilage. If the followers of Christ fail to preserve and spread the Gospel as the salt of the earth, then we'll be of no use to the Lord and will be cast out and trampled underfoot!

If every member were just like me, what would our home influence be? Would we be faithfully married to one partner for life, as God intended (Eph. 5:31; Heb. 13:4)? Would we love and live peacefully with our spouse (Eph.5:28)? Would we love our kids and teach them the ways of the Lord (Eph. 6:4)?

If every member of this congregation were just like me, what would our saving influence be? Proverbs 11:30 teaches, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Is each individual a soul-winning member of the body of Christ? If we duck our heads and run out of the room when a religious discussion breaks out, can we truly say we're soul-winners for Jesus? Our Savior ... ~continued inside~

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