

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements.....Randy Rives
 Song Leader Tom Fair
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Dwight Callens
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King
 Gene Hurst * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer Rob Warren

Evening

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

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King
 Closing Prayer Jacob King

Communion Preparation

Month of March Sara Dooley
 Month of April..... Beth Dyer

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
 ANDY DUNCAN (662) 416-2222
 TOM FAIR (601) 681-8293

Deacons

LAMAR KING (601) 604-2656
 BUILDING/GROUNDS
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 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	33
Sunday Morning Worship	63
Sunday Evening Worship	42
Wednesday Bible Study	28

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,148.00

Daily Bible Readers

March 12, 2017 27 = 42.86% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



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HOW DO WE GET WISDOM?

By Kevin Cauley

Here is a question that the Bible directly answers in scripture. In James 1:5, James writes, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” James states that if someone wants wisdom, that he may ask God and God will give him wisdom. James doesn’t, however, state “how” God gives wisdom; neither does James state that prayer is the ONLY way through which we can get wisdom. James simply says to ask for it if you lack it and God will do the giving. But how does God give wisdom?

In the past, God gave wisdom directly to those who were inspired. In Daniel 2:23, Daniel thanks God for the wisdom that God had miraculously given to Him. He says, “I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, **who hast given me wisdom and might**, and hast now made known unto me what we desired of thee; for thou hast made known unto us the king's matter.” Peter also tells us that God had inspired Paul with wisdom to write his epistles in 2 Peter 3:15, 16: “And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, **according to the wisdom given to him**, wrote unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.” God also gave Jesus great wisdom prompting some to ask from where such wisdom originated: “And when the sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, Whence hath this man these things? and, **What is the wisdom that is given unto this man**, and what mean such mighty works wrought by his hands?” (Mark 6:2). Paul also wrote concerning miraculous wisdom that was given by the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:8: “For to one is given through the Spirit **the word of wisdom**; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit.” With the cessation of miraculous gifts (1 Corinthians 13:8-10) also came the cessation of miraculous wisdom. Does God give wisdom directly today? One might just as well argue that God gives knowledge directly as he would that God gives wisdom directly today.

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