

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements.....Al St. Clair
 Song LeaderAndy Duncan
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Byron Madison
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King

Gene Hurst * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer Mike Cumberland

Evening

Opening Prayer..... Charles Dooley
 Lord’s Supper

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King

Closing Prayer Dwight Callens

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

ANDY DUNCAN..... (662) 416-2222

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 30

Sunday Morning Worship 58

Sunday Evening Worship *

Wednesday Bible Study 36

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,709.00

Daily Bible Readers

March 19, 2017 13 = 22.41% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



March 26, 2017

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

NO MORE EXCUSES!

We all know the common excuses people make at times when it pertains to the work of the church. If we were to list them in order of their most frequent use they would fall as follows:

I don’t have the time. ~ I don’t have the talent. ~ I don’t have the opportunity.

I would like to address one that I have heard more often than I would like: I don’t have the talent. Notice what the Bible says in 1 Peter 4:10-11, “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever.”

Notice some simple phrases in this passage of Scripture. “As each one has received a gift...” Peter understands something that we must as well. There are none within the church who do not possess some gift or talent that can be used. Peter does not say, “If one receives a gift...” He says, “each one has received a gift...” Therefore, everyone has something to offer. Moreover, Peter continues to say, “minister it to one another, as good stewards...” Since you have something to offer, God expects you to use it to minister, that is, to provide for either the physical or spiritual need of others.

So, the next time you think that you have nothing to offer to this congregation or any for that matter--think again! Everyone has a gift. Although some have the ability to minister to one’s spiritual needs, there are those who possess the gift to minister to one’s physical needs. Each and every talent and ability present within the church is vital; and when neglected to be utilized, the church suffers and is weakened. Therefore, let us conclude, no more excuses! Use the gifts God has graciously given to you, to not only build up and grow the church, but also to bring glory to an Almighty God to whom we owe everything! By all means, never discard or disregard your value to this congregation. You are necessary! You are needed!

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