

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements.....Randy Rives
 Song LeaderAndy Duncan
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Tom Fair
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Byron Madison

Assisting

Terry Dyer * * Tommy Beech
 Jacob King * * Dick Vinson

Closing Prayer Mike Cumberland

Evening

Opening Prayer..... Terry Dyer
 Lord's Supper

Terry Dyer * * Jack Meyer

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of April.....Beth Dyer

Month of May.....Kathy St. Clair

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 35

Sunday Morning Worship 65

Sunday Evening Worship 27

Wednesday Bible Study 34

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,384.00

Daily Bible Readers

March 26, 2017 25 = 38.46% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



April 2, 2017

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

Abigail in the Bible

An Extraordinary Woman of Integrity

The story of **Abigail** (1 Samuel 25) is a story of one of the most faithful and honorable women mentioned in God's Word – definitely a woman of integrity! Let us learn well these lessons from Abigail in the Bible.

ABIGAIL'S FOOLISH HUSBAND NABAL

After the death of the prophet Samuel (vs. 1), David and his men moved into the wilderness of Paran just a few miles from the city of Carmel (1 Samuel 25:1-2). While in this region, David became acquainted with a man named Nabal whose name means "Fool" (marginal reading – 1 Samuel 25:25). The word signifies one who is "foolish, base, or villainous." It is also interesting to note that "he was of the house of Caleb." The name, "Caleb" signifies "a dog" or a man of a "churlish" (stingy or mean) disposition (1 Samuel 25:3). It is unfortunate that Abigail was married to such a man. David (through his servants) asked Nabal to provide some necessary sustenance (vs. 8) for him and his men but Nabal refused (1 Samuel 25:10-11). We can plainly see the bloated ego of this man in 1 Samuel 25:11 where the personal pronoun "I" or "my" is used seven times!

ABIGAIL'S CHARACTER ILLUSTRATED

Fortunately, one of David's servants told Nabal's wife concerning the insults that had been hurled at his fellow servants by Nabal (1 Samuel 25:14) even though David's men had protected Nabal's men and sheep from outside forces (1 Samuel 25:15-16). As soon as Abigail heard of her husband's insulting behavior toward David, she began to make preparations to make up for his foolish actions. Without telling her husband of her plan (1 Samuel 25:19), she and her servants prepared a large amount of food and drink and traveled to where David and his men were camped (1 Samuel 25:18-20). Abigail prevented certain disaster regarding herself and her family by humbling herself before David (1 Samuel 25:23-31). Abigail did an extraordinary thing when she took the blame for the sin of her...

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