

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

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

Preside
 * Byron Madison

Assist

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

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Evening

Opening Prayer.....Jacob King

Lord’s Supper

Terry Dyer * * Tommy Beech

Closing PrayerRandy Rives

Communion Preparation

Month of April.....Beth Dyer
 Month of MayKathy St. Clair

Nursery Attendants

April 9Angela Duncan & Lara King
 April 16Lara King & Glenda Rives

Service Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 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	29
Sunday Morning Worship	74
Sunday Evening Worship	26
Wednesday Bible Study	36

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ *

Daily Bible Readers

April 2, 2017 28 = 37.83% of attending
 *Figures Unavailable



April 9, 2017

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

LABELS

On the outside of an old fruit crate sitting in my office is a label: “Liberty Brand / Grown and Packed by Escondido Lemon Assn. / Escondido – Calif. / Sunkist.” I understand that these fruit crate labels today are collectors’ items, though this one has been damaged to the degree that it wouldn’t be all that valuable. Nevertheless that label had a purpose. It identified the original contents of that crate, the grower, packer, and the brand name of the distributor.

There are some people who do not like labels. Usually these are individuals who do not want to be characterized as subscribing to a particular point of view, though they do. I had a professor in college who refused to be identified by the label of his philosophy, though, that was his philosophy. A life certainly can’t be described in one word. However, I believe that he missed the point. A label isn’t supposed to tell you everything about a person’s life. It tells you what

is responsible for that person’s beliefs. My lemon crate label tells me who is responsible for the product. So also, certain labels tell us what is responsible for the beliefs and decisions made in an individual’s life. Let’s consider for a moment our lives as crates. What we have in our crates are our beliefs and decisions. What label would we put on our crate?

Some would have to put the label “hypocrite” on their crate. The outside of their crate appearing pure, but the inside being full of wickedness. This is what Jesus labeled some of the Pharisees in Matthew 23:27: “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.” Hypocrisy had become the characteristic that was most responsible for how these men lived their lives, and so they were labeled.

Some would have to put the label “lawless” on their crate. Seemingly there are more and more individuals in society today who behave as if there are no standards of decency and morality by which we must live. Jesus said about such individuals, “And... ~continued in side~