

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

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

Presiding

* Dwight Callens

Assisting

Charles Dooley * * Randy Rives
 Jared Agan * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer Rob Warren

Evening

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

Charles Dooley * * Randy Rives
 Closing Prayer Jack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of MayKathy St. Clair
 Month of June..... Linda Collie

Nursery Attendants

May 14.....Angela Duncan; Lara King
 May 21Lara King; Glenda Rives

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

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	28
Sunday Morning Worship	81
Sunday Evening Worship	23
Wednesday Bible Study	40

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,515.00
Pine Vale Special 5 th Sunday	\$ 1,615.00

Daily Bible Readers

May 7, 2017 23 = 28.40% of attending

* Figures Unavailable



May 14, 2017

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

In Search Of A Real Mother

Each has their own definition of mother or motherhood. No doubt they are all good and speak to the qualities of the great women of our lives. One profound and insightful explanation of a mother was given by *Tenneva Jordan*, "A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie."

One of the more familiar narratives in the Bible is where Solomon was called upon to determine the identity of the true mother. As you remember, one mother's child died and the other was alive. They both claimed the living child to be theirs. Solomon had sought the wisdom of God to govern His people (1 Kgs. 3). God must have answered his request. The two women were brought before him and he proposed to settle the dispute by cutting the living child in half and giving each woman half a child in an effort to satisfy both. When appealing to the instincts of a mother's love, the real mother forfeited her right to the child to

insure the child's life. A mother's love is a rally to the "call of duty." She will risk her own life to protect her offspring.

Love – describes the motive behind a mother's devotion. This is a love that looks to the best interests of the object of that love. This is the love that God has for His children (Rom. 5:8; 1 Jn. 4:10, 19). This love forfeits the last piece of pie, best cuts of meat, or even self-deprivation.

Discipline – is a part of the way a mother expresses her love. Is the pulling of the ear necessary? What about the thump on the head when a child turns mouthy? No restraint causes chaos and declares "hate" for her child (Prov. 13:24).

Wisdom – is a gift from above (Jas. 1:5) and usually comes by means of life's experiences. The very giving of birth to us reminded her that most of the blessings of life are found in the midst of struggle, pain and opposition. Mothers can provide a wealth of wisdom to all with whom she has to do if only given the privilege to benefit. Her wisdom and love came from heaven

Training – is "OJT" or "On the Job Training." It was mother who taught us to tie our shoe, read the Bible, to pray, eat right things, make our bed, to brush our teeth, and so many more worthwhile behaviors.

If your mother is still living, tell her of your love and say "thanks!" If your mother is dead, activate those principles for which she lived and died in your life and honor her in so doing. **Happy Mother's Day!**

Mike King



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