

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements..... Terry Dyer
 Song LeaderAndy Duncan
 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 21.....Lara King; Glenda Rives
 May 28..... Glenda Rives; Sabrina Collins

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	29
Sunday Morning Worship	64
Sunday Evening Worship	24
Wednesday Bible Study	28

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 1,817.00
Pine Vale Special 5 th Sunday	\$

Daily Bible Readers

May 14, 2017 * = % of attending
 * Figures Unavailable



May 21, 2017 Meridian Messenger Welcome Visitors!

A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON AN OLD PROBLEM

One morning this summer, I arose early to go to the farm and spray weeds. It was about an hour and a half before sunrise. After putting on my work clothes and shoes, I grabbed my glasses and headed out the door. I took off driving and immediately I was confronted by near blindness. I had to get within about 30 feet of a road sign to read it—and you all know how big those things are. My first thought was, “Wow, somehow my eyesight deteriorated overnight. Is this what it is like to go blind?” When I stopped at Love’s to get something to drink, I reached up to my glasses to clean them. I didn’t have lenses in my glasses.

I could see, but not really. And that is exactly what Isaiah said as quoted by both Jesus and the apostles. “So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: “The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, saying, ‘GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY: “HEARING YOU WILL HEAR, AND SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND; AND SEEING YOU WILL SEE, AND NOT PERCEIVE; FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE GROWN DULL. THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM.” (Acts 28:25-27)

People see Jesus, but not really. Unless one looks at Jesus through the lenses of the Gospel, they end up seeing but not perceiving. People add their perceptions about the Son of God and maintain those perceptions in spite of over-whelming contradictory evidence from the Word of God.

For example, many see Jesus and perceive that all one has to do to go to Heaven is to give Jesus a verbal consent that he is the Son of God. However, when one looks through the lenses of the Word of God, it says “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21).

Seeing and perceiving are not the same. See through the lenses of the Gospel.

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