

**Privileged to Serve**

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements.....Randy Rives  
 Song Leader .....Andy Duncan  
 Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

**Morning**

Scripture/Opening Prayer..... Dwight Callens  
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding

\* Randy Rives

Assisting

Terry Dyer \*      \*Byron Madison  
 Stan Raley \*      \*Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer ..... Rob Warren

**Evening**

Opening Prayer..... Dwight Callens  
 Lord’s Supper

Terry Dyer \*      \* Byron Madison

Closing Prayer ..... Jack Mears

**Communion Preparation**

Month of July ..... Sabrina Collins  
 Month of August.....NEED VOLUNTEER

**Nursery Attendant; Backup**

June 2 ..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

July 9..... 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	24
Sunday Morning Worship	78
Sunday Evening Worship	25
Wednesday Bible Study	22

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week	\$ 1,703.00
Pine Vale Special 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	\$

**Daily Bible Readers**

June 25, 2017      21 = 26.92% of attending

\* Figures Unavailable



July 2, 2017      *Meridian Messenger*      Welcome Visitors!

**10 Actions to Avoid for a Better Marriage**

All of the problems that are listed among the top reasons for divorce could potentially be solved if people were willing to communicate with one another. In general, people are not as discordant in their views as one might expect in Christian counseling situations. In all types of communication, there are various things to consider and different factors that can influence how well people can communicate. Marriage is of no exception. For a while, let us consider some suggestions that might help people to communicate with their spouses and other people better.

*Avoid assigning nefarious motives to communications.* We must learn to be honest with one another and take each other at face value. 2 Corinthians 8:21 says, “Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.” While we may have an idea of what our spouse is thinking, we should avoid jumping to conclusions about what they are saying. We must allow others to fully express themselves and take them for what they say. On the flip side, telling lies in a marriage nearly makes it impossible to avoid assigning motives.

*Avoid making all communications and deeds negative in nature; especially when the intention is pure and good in nature.* Have you ever heard the old cliché “If you ever start to dislike something about someone, pretty soon you won’t like anything about them!” There is a modicum of truth to this statement. John 7.24 says, “Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.” If you are having a disagreement with someone, do not assume that all they have to offer is bad.

*Avoid dealing with multiple conflictual issues at one time.* When one attempts to offer all of his grievances at once, the person he is speaking with can become confused and overwhelmed. This can cloud the real issue of conflict under consideration. We should avoid being continually contentious in our communications. Proverbs 21:19 says, “It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.” This same principle is applied to men in Proverbs 26:21, which says, “As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.”

*Avoid pulling additional parties (i.e. children, in-laws, and friends) into conflictual situations.* Marriage is a leaving and cleaving institution. It is not healthy for a married person to work at making allies against their spouse in marital conflict; especially if that ally is a member of their family. This can result in more anger and embarrassment for the one who has a coalition formed against him. Matthew 19:5-6 says, “And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” The primary unit in a family is the husband and wife. No person should become an interloper in that God authorized union.

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