

Privileged to Serve

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
Announcements.....Al St. Clair  
Song Leader .....Andy Duncan  
Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer..... Bruce Clopton  
Lord's Supper

Presiding  
\* Randy Rives

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

Closing Prayer ..... Rob Warren

Evening

Opening Prayer.....Randy Rives  
Lord's Supper

Terry Dyer \*      \* Byron Madison

Closing Prayer .....Jack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of July .....Sabrina Collins  
Month of August..... Linda Bullock

Nursery Attendant; Backup

July 23..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan  
July 30.....Angela Duncan; Lara King

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                      20  
Sunday Morning Worship                62  
Sunday Evening Worship                \*  
Wednesday Bible Study                 27

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week                \$ 2,119.85  
Pine Vale Special 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday        \$

Daily Bible Readers

July 16, 2017                18 = 29.03 of attending  
\*Figures Unavailable



July 23, 2017      ~ Meridian Messenger ~      Welcome Visitors!

## From Afghanistan

### Urgent, Urgent Request for Prayers

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Several weeks ago, Betty Choate sent the following report written by Katheryn Haddad. And, although it has been a while since the request was first made, we have chosen to print the plea to remind us that members of the Lord's church are, indeed, undergoing extreme persecution in certain parts of the world for simply preaching the gospel of Christ. Betty said that the brother mentioned fled to India four years ago when he was first threatened. She said, "He was with the church in New Delhi and that is how I knew of the family. He has kept in contact with me through these years and also texted me Friday night when this new threat was made known to him "We pray that all is well with our brother mentioned in this article. (alf)*

#### Thursday night, this message was received in the US from Afghanistan:

I will be in heaven with my Lord very soon. This night at 7 pm I received a warning call from government spies. He told me, "We know you are preaching and spreading Christianity in our country. You will pay heavy atonement."

John Mark (not his real name) was converted through World English Institute five years ago. Even though Christianity is illegal in Afghanistan, he urged over forty people to study with WEI.

Someone with the Taliban cornered him in an alley and demanded \$50,000 or prison for spreading Christianity. He and his family escaped to India, but he could not find work there. They returned to a different city in Afghanistan and remain free, probably because he pays them a weekly bribe.

Since then he has baptized his two older sons, and two other couples who were also WEI students. They worship in secret and whisper their songs so they do not get caught.

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