

### Privileged to Serve

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

#### Morning

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

Presiding

\* Byron Madison

Assisting

Lamar King \*                      \* Jared Agan  
Gene Hurst \*                      \* Jacob King

Closing Prayer ..... Rob Warren

#### Evening

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

Lamar King \*                      \* Jared Agan

Closing Prayer ..... Jack Mears

#### Communion Preparation

Month of August..... Linda Bullock  
Month of September ..... Brandie Madison

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

August 6..... Glenda Rives; Sabrina Collins  
August 13 ..... Lara King; Katie Agan

### 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	29
Wednesday Bible Study	21

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,121.00
Pine Vale Special 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	\$ 1,493.00

### Daily Bible Readers

July 30, 2017      17 = 27.42% of attending

\* Figures Unavailable



August 6, 2017      ~ Meridian Messenger ~      Welcome Visitors!

## Heat Exhaustion

Recently, a good friend went to the hospital because of heat exhaustion. He was dehydrated, extremely fatigued, cramping in the stomach, and vomiting. He described his bout with dehydration and heat exhaustion as one of the most miserable experiences of his life.

Jesus had a lot to say about a place that we think of as hotter than anything we experience on earth, even in the summers of Mississippi. The place called hell. He said it is “*prepared for the devil and his angels*” (Matthew 25:41; Notice: the devil is not ruling over this place, he is going to be punished there). But He also teaches us that anyone who is not righteous will go there (Matthew 25:41, 46). Perhaps in accommodating language (for our physical minds), it is described to us as “*everlasting fire*” (Matthew 25:41), “*everlasting punishment*” (Matthew 25:41), “*hell fire*” (Matthew 5:22), an inescapable condemnation (Matthew 23:33), “*where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched*” (Matthew 9:44). In parables, Jesus also described hell using the concept of “*outer darkness*” and a place where there will be “*weeping and gnashing of teeth*” (Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 25:30). For my friend, heat exhaustion was miserable, but it does not begin to compare with the miserableness of hell. Jesus uses the most miserable aspects of this life and attaches to it eternity. Dear friends, I don’t want to go there! I hope you feel the same.

Jesus came to “*seek and to save the lost*” (Luke 19:10). His desire is to save us from an eternity of “heat exhaustion.” His tremendous sacrifice brought about a plan that is truly simple (not easy). Continuing faith (Mark 16:16), a penitent heart (Acts 2:38), confession with the mouth (Acts 8:37), and immersion in water (Romans 6:3–4) grants an assurance of a reservation in heaven and avoidance of the heat exhaustion of hell. Notice that the Bible teaches a continuing faith. After baptism, we must continue to walk in the light (1 John 1:7). It does not mean we will be sinlessly perfect (see 1 John 1:7–2:2).

Thankfully, after a night in the hospital and a day to rest and re-hydrate, my friend was back to normal. However, after we pass from life on earth, there will be no chance to visit God’s hospital. Do not delay. The “*washing of water by the word*” (Ephesians 5:26) will prevent you from eternal heat exhaustion.

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