

**Privileged to Serve**

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements..... Bruce Clopton  
 Song Leader ..... Tom Fair  
 Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

**Morning**

Scripture/Opening Prayer.....Andy Duncan  
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

\* Byron Madison

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer .....Stan Raley

**Evening**

Opening Prayer.....Jared Agan

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 20 ..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan  
 August 27 ..... 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	31
Sunday Morning Worship	67
Sunday Evening Worship	24
Wednesday Bible Study	36

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,243.25
Pine Vale Special 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	\$

**Daily Bible Readers**

August 13, 2017    18 = 26.87% of attending  
 \*Figures Unavailable



*August 20, 2017    Meridian Messenger    Welcome Visitors!*

**God, Who Cannot Lie**

We live in a world of dishonesty. People lie for one reason or another. People will lie even when they have sworn to tell the truth. In some (for example, politicians) it is almost expected they will lie and sadly, accepted. It ought not to be true among Christians. It is not true about God. God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). There is hope and warning in the statement that God cannot lie.

Man needs to understand that God said what He meant and meant what He said. There is no partiality with God (Romans 2:11; 1 Peter 1:17). He is the judge of all the earth and He will do what is right (Genesis 18:25). All need the saving blood of Jesus Christ (Romans 3:23; 6:23). However, not all will accept that gift of God.

There is a day when God will deal out His vengeance on those who do not know God and those who do not obey our Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord" will enter Heaven (Matthew 7:21-23). There will be a resurrection unto damnation (John 5:28-29). It is then extremely important that we change before facing God in judgment that is impartial.

There is tremendous hope for the one who is a child of God to rest upon the promises of one who cannot lie. The child realizes the love God has bestowed upon us (1 John 3:1-2). Jesus is willing to give us rest (Matthew 11:28-30). God has promised never to leave us or to desert us (Hebrews 13:5-6).

As a child of God walks through this life he has the promise that God walks with him. There is no temptation that I face that God will not help me overcome (1 Corinthians 10:13). Whatever happens in life will work for good (Romans 8:28). Since God cannot lie, I will trust Him on how that will be accomplished, here or into eternity. When I stumble and fall, I have the promise that when I repent, God is faithful and just to forgive (1 John 1:7-9). When God forgives, He remembers the sin no more (Hebrews 10:17-18).

He is not ashamed to be called our God (Hebrews 11:16). He has promised us a crown of life (Revelation 2:10). To those who love the Lord, there is a crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8). There will be a time when we will be forever with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

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