

**Privileged to Serve**

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements..... Terry Dyer  
 Song Leader .....Andy Duncan  
 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 .....Jack Mears

**Evening**

Opening Prayer..... Tom Fair  
 Lord’s Supper

Lamar King \*                      \* Jared Agan

Closing Prayer .....Jacob King

**Communion Preparation**

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

**Nursery Attendant; Backup**

August 27 .....Angela Duncan; Lara King  
 September 3.... 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	26
Sunday Morning Worship	74
Sunday Evening Worship	24
Wednesday Bible Study	27

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,184.00
Pine Vale Special 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	\$

**Daily Bible Readers**

August 20, 2017                      \* = % of attending  
 \*Figures Unavailable



*August 27, 2017    Meridian Messenger    Welcome Visitors!*

**The Bible is NOT a Textbook**

If we’re being honest with ourselves, there is very little from our old textbooks that stuck with us into adulthood. Funny posts are shared around Facebook and Twitter about how (sarcastically) glad we all are that we learned about parallelograms and that the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell rather than how to cook a meal or fill out our taxes. While it’s not all useless information, there was certainly a large amount of information that we subconsciously leave behind due to its lack of practical use in our lives.

We became skilled at taking the books, memorizing what we needed to for testing, and then filtering out all but the most pressing information over time. Sadly, we end up applying that same approach to a lot of things in life, sometimes even including the Bible. It’s very easy to turn Biblical knowledge into an academic pursuit. Every now and then we hear about some prominent leader being caught up in a web of sin despite preaching, writing, and studying the Bible daily for years, and we wonder – how can that happen? The same way it can happen to any of us. The Bible becomes something to be studied and known only rather than understood and applied.

Our relationship with the Bible has to extend beyond being an academic exercise. Textbooks rarely change us, but the Bible must. It’s all too easy to resist or ignore its influence on us, though. A few examples:

- Thousands of sermons are preached each year on Ephesians 5’s call for husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the church and wives to submit to their husbands. And yet thousands of Christian husbands and wives listen, go home, and live like they’ve already forgotten the answers that were just given for their struggling marriage.
- Countless articles, sermons, and classes focus on our need to love our neighbors as ourselves and love our enemies. We all can recite or paraphrase the relevant Bible verses. But how many times do we catch ourselves complaining about those people in our lives, tearing them down in front of others, or treating them poorly?~continued inside~