

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
Announcements.....Al St. Clair
Song LeaderAndy Duncan
Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

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

Presiding

* Dwight Callens

Assisting

Charles Dooley * * Tim Beech
Tommy Beech * * Dick Vinson

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Evening

Opening Prayer.....Jacob King
Lord's Supper

Charles Dooley * * Tim Beech
Closing Prayer Byron Madison

Communion Preparation

Month of September Brandie Madison
Month of October..... Cindy Harper

Nursery Attendant; Backup

September 3 Glenda Rives; Sabrina Collins
September 10 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	31
Sunday Morning Worship	58
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Wednesday Bible Study	30

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,064.77
Pine Vale Special 5 th Sunday	\$

Daily Bible Readers

August 27, 2017 17 = 29.31% of attending
*Figures Unavailable



September 3, 2017 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

PERSONS OF CONVICTION

A traveling preacher in pioneer days asked a backwoods woman if she had any religious convictions. She said, "Naw, nor my ole man neither. He was tried for hog stealin' once, but he warn't convicted."

Some people understand the word conviction about as much as this woman did. Yet conviction is the very heart of what motivates us to live the Christian life. Conviction is being convinced and really believing. It is the assurance and confidence of true Bible faith. What is faith? The essence of faith is conviction. It is being genuinely persuaded. The American Standard Version gives a good translation of Hebrews 11:11: "Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen."

Conviction drives a person to be baptized. When the eunuch asked about being baptized, Philip said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest" (Acts 8:37). If a person really believes in heaven and hell, how can he keep from obeying the gospel?

Conviction moves a Christian to stand up and defend the gospel. If a man really believes that God means What he says, he will not stay quiet when people abuse God's Word.

Conviction motivates a person to evangelize. If he really believes that his friends and relatives are bound for the place "Which bumeth with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8), he will do all he can to save them. Paul said, "As it is Written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak" (2 Cor. 4:13).

Conviction keeps a Christian faithful to the doctrine of Christ. It keeps him from being "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Eph. 4:14).

Conviction moves a person to give up sin. The conviction that he will stand before God will motivate him to live right more than all the wisdom human psychology can offer. Conviction keeps a man from sin. When Joseph was approached by Potiphar's Wife, his conviction in God kept him pure: "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Gen. 39:9).

Conviction is behind every area of genuine service to God. It moves us to attend all the services, give as we should, get involved in the work of the church, and order our lives after God's will. Do we wonder why people in the church don't act like they should? The answer is simple: there is a lack of conviction. The stronger the conviction, the greater the service.

God help us to "increase our faith" (Luke 17:5).

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