

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements..... Lamar King
 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 PrayerJacob King

Evening

Opening Prayer..... Lamar King
 Lord’s Supper

Charles Dooley * * Tim Beech
 Closing PrayerJared Agan

Communion Preparation

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

Nursery Attendant; Backup

September 10 Lara King; Katie Agan
 September 17Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Service Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study6:00 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	14
Sunday Morning Worship	60
Sunday Evening Worship	18
Wednesday Bible Study	24

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 1,747.00
Hurricane Harvey/Houston	\$ 1,071.00

Daily Bible Readers

September 10, 2017 18 = 30% of attending
 *Figures Unavailable



September 17, 2017 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

What Did Jesus Give Up For Us?

We often talk about what all Jesus gave on our behalf, i.e. He gave His blood (Matt. 26:28; Acts 20:28). And it is right and good to focus on what Jesus gave. But I would like to focus for a few moments on the things Jesus gave up for us. The text in Phil. 2:5-8 gives us four of them to contemplate: “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:5-8).

JESUS GAVE UP HEAVEN’S GLORY. The Bible gives us glimpses of heaven only in words that we can understand (see Revelation 21:9-22:5). But in reality, it is a place that we cannot even begin to comprehend. It is filled with the glory of God (Acts 7:55). It is a place of great reward (Matthew 5:12). It is a place of blessedness and eternal peace and rest (Revelation 14:13). It is a place with no tears, sorrows, pain, or death (Revelation 21:4). And just think that Jesus gave up on all that (for a while) for us!

JESUS GAVE UP EARTHLY RICHES. When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, he offered Him the wealth of the world (Matthew 4:8). Jesus resisted this temptation. Think about it; Jesus could have ruled the physical earth, but He knew that would not have been right (see Matthew 16:26), for it would not have been a part of the Father’s will. He gave up on worldly pleasures and possessions for us!

JESUS GAVE UP HIS HUMAN WILL. Jesus was made like us, and as such, had free will, wishes, and desires (Heb. 2:17; 4:15). In fact, on that mournful night of His betrayal, He expressed His feelings and wishes to the Father. But He still yielded to the Father’s will (Matthew 26:37-39). Jesus was able to give up on His earthly desires to do the Father’s will on our behalf!

JESUS GAVE UP HIS LIFE. Jesus willingly bore our sins and laid down His life for us (John 10:17-18; 19:30; 1 Peter. 2:24). He gave up his life so that we could take the gospel and put it in our hearts. He was punished with our punishment. He died our death with us on His mind. He died so that we could live forevermore. He gave up His life for us!

Jesus has given up so much for us! And this should give us great cause to think – what have we given up for Him?

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