

**Privileged to Serve**

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements..... Bruce Clopton  
 Song Leader .....Andy Duncan  
 Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

**Morning**

Scripture/Opening Prayer..... Byron Madison  
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding

\* Dwight Callens

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer .....Stan Raley

**Evening**

Opening Prayer..... Terry Dyer  
 Lord’s Supper

Charles Dooley \* \* Tim Beech

Closing Prayer .....Jack Mears

**Communion Preparation**

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

**Nursery Attendant; Backup**

September 17 .....Katie Agan; Angela Duncan  
 September 24 .....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	64
Sunday Evening Worship	23
Wednesday Bible Study	24

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,152.00
Hurricane Harvey/Houston	\$ 1,321.00

**Daily Bible Readers**

September 17, 2017 23 = 35.94% of attending  
 \*Figures Unavailable



September 24, 2017 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

**COMPLETING SECOND – AND ROUNDING FOR THIRD!**

On the first Sunday in September, Sabrina and I began our third year of working with the Lord’s church here in Meridian. Together, we have spent 30 years in service to the Lord; working with teenagers here in Mississippi and Louisiana for 24 of those years and for the past 6 years, preaching God’s Word. I have truly enjoyed sharing the Word of God with those who are not yet Christians and to those who are and who labor every day to be a shining example to those around them.

The Meridian church of Christ has been so supportive to us and we appreciate so much your prayers and the love you have shown us these past two years. We have such good leaders and God fearing men in Tom Fair and Andy Duncan. And even though Brother Dwight is not serving in that capacity any longer, he still maintains much of the work of a shepherd and is such a great leader and example. We are so very grateful to have the opportunity to work along-side men like these. It is a great honor and privilege and we strive to pray for each of you daily.

This church is also blessed to have men such as Al St. Clair, Randy Rives, Lamar King and Byron Madison to serve as deacons and servants. Each man is a hard worker being responsible for a particular area of work, here in the Meridian church. Whether it is teaching classes or physical labor, they put their hearts, minds and backs into their work doing it without complaint. And to Renée, who is so capable and dedicated in her work as our church secretary, much love and respect to you as you labor for the Lord.

Many of you have been so good to encourage me in the work here. Whether that is a compliment for a sermon preached or a class taught, or asking for a copy of a particular sermon or class material; each is encouraging. We also thank you for the cards and letters you have sent to encourage us. Many are so very kind, and some are so special, that I keep them tucked away in my ‘sock drawer’ so I can look at them ever so often when I’m feeling particularly down. They lift me up and keep me going! Our members are so special and I pray that each of you will become more dedicated and find a place to serve and that you will be more faithful in your attendance. Just you being here each Sunday is so encouraging to so many.

So again, we covet your continued prayers as we continue to work here, as we bask in your love and support. Please know that we love each of you deeply and it is our prayer that if you are not yet a child of God, that you will soon be baptized to have your sins washed away; and if you are a child of the Most High, it is my prayer that you will grow in your faith in Him and love for Him on a daily basis. Remember what Paul writes to us: “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:8

from the desk of: Bill Collins