

### Privileged to Serve

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
Announcements.....Al St. Clair  
Song Leader .....Andy Duncan  
Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer..... Dwight Callens  
Lord's Supper

Presiding

\* Charles Dooley

Assisting

Lamar King \* \* Gene Hurst  
Ralph Hubbard \* \* Jared Agan

Closing Prayer ..... Rob Warren

#### Evening

Opening Prayer..... Byron Madison  
Lord's Supper

Lamar King \* \* Gene Hurst  
Closing Prayer .....Jack Mears

#### Communion Preparation

Month of October..... Cindy Harper  
Month of November..NEED VOLUNTEER

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

September 24 .....Angela Duncan; Lara King  
October 1 ..... 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	22
Sunday Morning Worship	81
Sunday Evening Worship	34
Wednesday Bible Study	25

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,556.00
Pine Vale Special 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	\$

### Daily Bible Readers

September 24, 2017 18 = 22.22% of attending  
\*Figures Unavailable



October 1, 2017 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

## People Pleasers

There are two types of people pleasers in the world. There are those who are simply kind, considerate, and compassionate. They bring joy and pleasure to those about them. These are the righteous who do their best not to offend others. However, the righteous do not sacrifice the truth simply to "not" offend someone. Any time we teach the truth firmly and boldly, someone will be offended. They are offended because they love the world more than God and more than righteousness.

We read in Matthew 15:12-14: "Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Jesus was the best preacher to ever live. He was the only perfect preacher! Yet he offended the scribes and Pharisees. I suggest unto you that they loved their traditions more than they loved God.

This brings us to the group that seeks to please men more than God. Paul said, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). Paul preached the gospel in order to **persuade** men, rather than to **please** men. He affirmed that one cannot be a servant of Christ by simply trying to please people instead of just teaching the truth. In the same epistle he said, "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16). Elders, as well as preachers, and all Christians, must seek to honor and please God first and foremost. May God help us all to love the truth enough to preach, teach, and practice it without the desire to be **"people pleasers!"**

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