

**Privileged to Serve**

Preacher .....Bill Collins  
 Announcements.....Randy Rives  
 Song Leader .....Andy Duncan  
 Attendance ..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

**Morning**

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

Presiding

\* Charles Dooley

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer .....Jack Mears

**Evening**

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

Lamar King \* \* Gene Hurst

Closing Prayer ..... Dwight Callens

**Communion Preparation**

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

**Nursery Attendant; Backup**

October 8 ..... Lara King; Katie Agan  
 October 15 .....Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

**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	57
Sunday Evening Worship	25
Wednesday Bible Study	33

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,009.00
Pine Vale Special 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	\$

**Daily Bible Readers**

October 1, 2017 21 = 36.84% of attending  
 \*Figures Unavailable



October 8, 2017 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

**Obstruction of View**

"And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way" (Luke 19:2-4).

Have you ever wanted to see something really bad but couldn't because your view was obstructed? Several years ago I had the opportunity to see an Ohio State vs. Michigan football game live and in person. Unfortunately, the tickets I had purchased were in the nosebleed bisection of the Horseshoe, and I was only able to see half the field of play. No matter how I positioned myself in that seat, I could not see the action going on below me. Only the scoreboard and the roar of the crowd kept me informed as to who was winning and losing.

Luke, by pen of inspiration, depicts a man who had a desire to see Jesus but couldn't because his view was impeded. Isn't this true, even today? Many, like Zacchaeus, want to see and know Jesus but find it difficult because their vision is obstructed; that is, there seems to be something always standing between them and the Lord. Riches impede the vision of many (Mat. 19:21-22; 1 Tim. 6:10). For others their vision is obstructed by false teachers and the traditions of men (Col. 2:8; Matt. 15:13-14). Worldliness keeps many from truly seeing the Lord (2 Cor. 4:4). Time and or convenience constricts the vision of some (Acts 24:25).

What is keeping you from truly seeing and knowing Jesus? May we, like Zacchaeus, have a desire to seek Him above all else (Mat. 6:33). May we be willing to cast off all fears and climb to new heights, setting our affection on Him instead of on things here below (Col. 3:1-2)!