

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements..... Bruce Clopton
 Song Leader Tom Fair
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer.....Andy Duncan
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Charles Dooley

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer Rob Warren

Evening

Opening Prayer.....Andy Duncan
 Lord's Supper

Lamar King * * Gene Hurst

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of October..... Cindy Harper
 Month of November..... Glenda Rives

Nursery Attendant; Backup

October 22Angela Duncan; Lara King
 October 29 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	53
Sunday Evening Worship	17
Wednesday Bible Study	28

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 1,711.00
Pine Vale Special 5 th Sunday	\$

Daily Bible Readers

October 15, 2017 21 = 39.62% of attending
 *Figures Unavailable



October 22, 2017 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

Monday's SUN-day! Did You Watch The Eclipse?

"God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night"
 ~ Genesis 1:16 ~

Did you watch the eclipse? Back on Monday, August 21, 2017, many of us in North America were treated to an eclipse of the sun. Anyone within the path of totality was able to see one of nature's most awe-inspiring sights: **a total solar eclipse!** This path, where the moon completely covered the sun, stretched from Oregon to South Carolina. Getting a chance to see a total solar eclipse is rare. While this happens somewhere on earth once or twice a year, on average, the same spot on earth only gets to see a total solar eclipse every 375 years!

Watching here in Tunica, we only saw a 94% eclipse. As we watched, those in my group did note how amazing the sun must be that even at 6% it still gave off so much light. We also commented how exact the solar system runs that men were able to predict the eclipse to the very minute and track its path so accurately.

The sun certainly proclaims the intelligent design and creative power of God. As Dr. Cressy Morrison of the New York State Academy of Science pointed out, "We find that the sun is the one among thousands [of stars] which could make our sort of life possible on earth, its size, density, temperature and the character of its rays all must be right, and are right." The sun itself is truly a unique creation; It alone accounts for 99.86% of the mass in the solar system. It has a mass of around 330,000 times that of Earth. Over one million Earth's could fit inside the Sun. If you were to fill a hollow Sun with spherical Earths, somewhere around 960,000 would fit inside. The energy created by the Sun's core is nuclear fusion. This huge amount of energy is produced when four hydrogen nuclei are combined into one helium nucleus. The Sun is almost a perfect sphere. Considering the sheer size of the Sun, there is only a 10 km difference in its polar and equatorial diameters – this makes it the closest thing to a perfect sphere observed in nature.

The Psalmist praised the creative powers of God; "To Him who made the great lights, the Sun to rule the day, the moon and the stars to rule by night, For his lovingkindness is everlasting" (Psalms 136:7-9). As amazing as this is, there will come a day when the sun is not just eclipsed, but extinguished! In speaking of the second coming of "the son of Man" Jesus said, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven" (Matthew 24: 29). Our planet could not exist without the sun and its light and energy. So how will we survive in Heaven without it? Jesus let us know that the heavenly city "will have no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb (Revelation 21:23). As we think back let us be amazed by the "Monday SUN-day" and its solar eclipse, and be reminded of, and be ready for the day the sun is totally extinguished!

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