

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements.....Randy Rives
 Song Leader Tom Fair
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

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

Presiding

* Byron Madison

Assisting

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King
 Ralph Hubbard * * Gene Hurst

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Evening

Opening Prayer.....Jared Agan
 Lord's Supper

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King

Closing PrayerRandy Rives

Communion Preparation

Month of DecemberBeth Dyer
 Month of January..... Sandra Callens

Nursery Attendant; Backup

December 3 Lara King; Katie Agan
 December 10Katie 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	29
Sunday Morning Worship	59
Sunday Evening Worship	19
Wednesday Bible Study	32

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 1,651.00
Pine Vale Special 5 th Sunday	\$

Daily Bible Readers

November 26, 2017 17= 28.81% of attending
 *Figures Unavailable



December 3, 2017 ~ *Meridian Messenger* ~ *Welcome Visitors!*

Let's Not Despise Our Birthright

In Genesis 25:29-34 we have the account of Esau returning home from hunting and he was hungry. Jacob had cooked a pottage of lentils and Esau wanted some. Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day" (v. 31). Esau said, "What profit shall this birthright be to me?" (v. 32), "and he sold him his birthright unto Jacob" (v. 33), for a serving of lentils. Then we read, "Thus Esau despised his birthright" (v. 34).

Today some members of the Lord's church "are choked with the cares and riches and pleasures of this life" (Luke 8:14) and end up selling their eternal birthright of Heaven to Satan, just as Esau sold his to Jacob. The invitation to spend eternity in Heaven is despised just as Esau despised his birthright. But we are warned, "Let no one cheat you of your reward" (Colossians 2:18). The Bible says, "Do not be deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). We don't want to be like Esau and despise our eternal reward in Heaven for brief pleasures of sin in this short life. Those, who are not faithful to God, have chosen to be "cast into the lake of fire and brimstone" where "they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10). This is the choice they made because they have despised their birthright.

Let's not despise our birthright which, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). God will only give the birthright of Heaven to those who are "faithful until death" (Revelation 2:10).