

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements.....Al St. Clair
 Song Leader Tom Fair
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

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

Presiding

* Byron Madison

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer Rob Warren

Evening

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

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King

Closing Prayer Dwight Callens

Communion Preparation

Month of DecemberBeth Dyer
 Month of January..... Sabrina Collins

Nursery Attendant; Backup

December 31 Lara King; Katie Agan
 January 7..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Service Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study9:00 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	No Class Today
Sunday Morning Worship	61
Sunday Evening Worship	No Service
Wednesday Bible Study	16

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ *
Contribution Prior Week	\$ 2,579.00
Pine Vale Special 5 th Sunday	\$

Daily Bible Readers

December 24, 2017 * = % of attending
 *Figures Unavailable



December 31, 2017 ~ *Meridian Messenger* ~ *Welcome Visitors!*

Pressing Forward

Paul said in Phil. 3:13, “...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before...”

So, what are you planning on “forgetting” – leaving behind – as you enter the new year? Let me suggest that we should give our cares to God and leave them behind with Him. When we pray, we often take our needs to God and ask His help in dealing with them. Then what do we do? Instead of leaving them with Him, we take them back with us right after we finish praying.

We need to learn to leave things where they belong. If 2017 really is completed for you, then don’t you think you should learn to leave some things behind completely?

What are some of the things we need to leave behind? I think we can sum it up by saying anything in our lives that keeps us from fully focusing on the Lord should be left behind. Being a Christian means to always be going forward – “pressing toward the mark” as Paul said (Phil. 3:14).

Imagine a trapeze artist swinging from one trapeze to another, high above the ground with no net under him. As he reaches out to the next trapeze, what must he do? He must let go of the one he’s on. If he refuses to let go of the trapeze he’s on, will he ever be able to go to the next one? Of course not, and in the same way, we must let go of the old year before we can go purposefully into the new year.

You have a choice. You can go into the new year, taking everything with you, being dulled to the need of changing some things, or you can go into the new year trying your best to make sure the past is the past and the future is for God.

As we enter 2018, let us leave behind such things as resentment, worries, and failures, and other things which do us no good.

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