

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements.....Al St. Clair
 Song LeaderAndy Duncan
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer..... Terry Dyer
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

Byron Madison * * Jared Agan
 Logan Miller * * Jacob King

Closing Prayer Mike Cumberland

Evening

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

Byron Madison * * Jared Agan

Closing Prayer Rob Warren

Communion Preparation

Month of January..... Sabrina Collins
 Month of February.....

Nursery Attendant; Backup

January 7..... Lara King; Katie Agan
 January 14 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) 227-1374
 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	21
Sunday Morning Worship	59
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Wednesday Bible Study	30

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,207.50
Contribution Prior Week	\$ 2,277.00
Pine Vale Special 5 th Sunday	\$

Daily Bible Readers

December 31, 2017 19 = 32.20% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



January 7, 2018 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

Enjoying the Heavenly Places in Christ

In Ephesians 1:3 Paul wrote these words, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." The Christian is a heavenly person. He is not "of this world."

Philippians 3:20 tells us that we are "citizens of heaven."

What does this mean to the Christian? It means that we do not let the things of this world, which is anti-God, dictate how we live. We have been called out of a kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Lord Jesus (Col. 1:2-14.). The Word of God is our constitution, especially the New Testament. We find in its pages how to live and act as "citizens of heaven," and enjoy all the blessings in Christ!

Jesus said that He came to give us the abundant life. We should desire all that the Godhead has for us. Paul told the Colossians that we should "seek the things that are above." We must, therefore, strive to conduct our lives with a heavenly emphasis. We need to renew our minds spiritually.

We have received these spiritual blessings so that we can praise God! The Lord has promised to equip us for service so that we can reach the lost and strengthen the saved. These blessings that we have as "citizens of heaven" are to help us grow daily in "the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."

We cannot live the Christian life by ourselves. We need the help of the Lord at all times. Satan is out there "as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." Because of that, we need the assurance that "greater is He who in you than he who is in the world."

Christians should seek everything God has for us so that we can be equipped to live for Him, always learning from the Word of God, and being active in His service while we look forward to the time when the Lord returns for His Church to take us home to the full reality of the Heavenly kingdom.

While we have been promised all the blessings today, one day we will enjoy them on a higher scale when we see Him face to face. If we avail ourselves of all that He has for us and use the blessings to bring glory to Him, we will "let our light shine for Him."