

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer..... Dick Vinson
 Lord’s Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

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

Closing PrayerStan Raley

Evening

Opening Prayer..... Byron Madison
 Lord’s Supper

Byron Madison * * Jared Agan

Closing PrayerRob Warren

Communion Preparation

Month of January..... Sabrina Collins
 Month of February.....Beth Dyer

Nursery Attendant; Backup

January 21Angela Duncan; Lara King
 January 28 Glenda Rives; Sabrina Collins

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) 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	42
Sunday Morning Worship	58
Sunday Evening Worship	31
Wednesday Bible Study	28

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,075.00
Pine Vale Special 5 th Sunday	\$

Daily Bible Readers

January 14, 2018 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



January 21, 2018 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

The Right Way

Start up the off-ramp to get into the freeway, and you will be confronted with glaring red signs: Wrong Way. The highway department put those signs there for our protection. I have never heard anyone complain that such signs show the state is being narrow-minded or intolerant!

Samuel pledged to pray ceaselessly for his people and to teach them the right way; to do less would be sin (1 Samuel 12:23). Isaiah prophesied that the restored remnant of God’s people would once again hear faithful teachers saying, “This is the way, walk in it” (30:21). Peter wrote of false teachers who devastated the church as those who “have forsaken the right way” (2 Peter 2:15).

Most people today consider it arrogant to affirm that there is a “right way,” especially in religion or morals. They resent being told that anything is right or wrong, particularly if the basis of that determination is the Bible. Modern notions of toleration and acceptance demand that every person decide individually what is right or wrong; and every person’s decision is to be afforded equal validity. Virtually everything is considered a matter of opinion and individual judgment. The only absolute is that there are no absolutes! Tragically, this Humanistic philosophy has made serious inroads into the church.

We are far from the first people ever to have embraced these erroneous perceptions. Not long after Israel inherited the Promised Land of Canaan, the people forgot God and went their own ways. “Every man did what was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25). It was one of the darkest periods of that nation’s history.

Solomon correctly observed: “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes” (Proverbs 12:15a). Two chapters later he warned: “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (14:12).

God Himself put it this way: “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways . . . For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8, 9). God’s way is right, any and all human opinions to the contrary notwithstanding. May we say along with the psalmist of old, “Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way” (Psalm 119:128).

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” - Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

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