

**Privileged to Serve**

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

**Morning**

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

Presiding

\* Dwight Callens

Assisting

Lamar King \* \* Ralph Hubbard  
 Gene Hurst \* \* Byron Madison

Closing Prayer ..... Rob Warren

**Evening**

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

Lamar King \* \* Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer ..... Jack Mears

**Communion Preparation**

Month of February.....Beth Dyer  
 Month of March .....Kathy St. Clair

**Nursery Attendant; Backup**

February 4 ..... Lara King; Katie Agan  
 February 11 .....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	56
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Wednesday Bible Study	*

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,426.00
Pine Vale Special 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	\$ N/A

**Daily Bible Readers**

January 28, 2018 \* = % of attending  
 \*Figures Unavailable



*February 4, 2018* ~ *Meridian Messenger* ~ *Welcome Visitors!*

**Wresting the Scriptures**

In 2 Peter 3:16, Paul warns us about wresting the scriptures: "As also in all his [Paul's] epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

The practice of wresting the Scripture is quite common. To "wrest" is to pervert, change, twist, torture or abuse the divine text. Many misuse the Bible to justify sinful actions by taking a passage out of its context or misapplying the Scripture. We should not be surprised that this happens, since Satan himself, who is knowledgeable of God's Word, seeks to pervert it. In Matthew 4, Satan tempted Jesus by using the Scriptures. "The devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Matthew 4:5-6). Satan, taking a passage out of context, tried to cause Jesus to sin.

Jesus corrected Satan by replying, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (Matthew 4:7). Jesus knew how to properly use the truth. The following three passages are some of the most abused in the New Testament:

1) **MATTHEW 7:1** This verse states, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." These words of Jesus were spoken during His sermon on the mount. Some take His words to mean you cannot judge another under any circumstances. However, one should read this passage in light of its context. The verses in Matthew 7:1-5 clearly teach that we are not to judge others by any standard, if we are not first willing to judge ourselves by it. Judgement in this context is speaking of hypocritical judgement and censorious judgement (judging without knowing all the facts). This type of judging is sinful. However, Jesus tells us to "judge righteous judgement" (John 7:24).

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