

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Andy Duncan
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Lamar King

Assisting

Byron Madison * * Ralph Hubbard

Gene Hurst * * Jared Agan

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

Evening

Opening PrayerLamar King

Lord's Supper

Byron Madison * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of AprilAngela Duncan

Month of May..... Kitty Dooley

Nursery Attendant; Backup

April 29Lara King; Katie Agan

May 6 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Wednesday Evening - May 2, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Lamar King

Song Leader.....Jacob King

Devotional..... Randy Rives

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 38

Sunday Morning Worship 70

Sunday Evening Worship 29

Wednesday Bible Study 33

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,223.00

Daily Bible Readers

April 22, 2018 21 = 47.14% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



April 29, 2018 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

A Granite Foundation

Locals call it "The Rock." It was purchased in 1849 by Robert S. Gilmer. The story goes that Gilmer bought the property for farmland and was quite upset when he found a giant white rock on his land! So upset that he insisted the seller give him part of his money back! Though it turned out to be the largest opened-faced granite quarry in the world, it wound up costing Mr. Gilmer nothing.

There is a small but significant building on the property as you turn into the drive. Our "squad car" driver in the Mount Airy (North Carolina) tour told us of the history behind that structure. As the granite was mined from the ground, shaped, and shipped - laborious work all done, then, by hand - employees were hard to keep around. At the end of each day, they would look to bottles of liquor for comfort from their aches and pains. Drunkenness led to inferior work, late workers, and absenteeism. After several failed attempts by management to curb all of this, a new idea formed. A granite church building was erected on the corner of the property, within walking distance of the quarry. Services were held every Sunday morning, and prayer meetings were held every afternoon the other six days of the week. Employees were strongly encouraged to attend

Within a year the quality of the work improved dramatically. Employees were rarely absent and almost never late. The workplace became a much better place to be. Cooperation between workers and management increased. What was the secret to such dramatic change? The workers were introduced to the influence of God's word - and what an impact it had!

Paul told Timothy God's word is profitable (II Tim. 3:16-17). The Psalmist said it was a lamp and a light to guide his steps along life's pathway (119:105). We are told we should live by it (Mt. 4:4), and it should abide in us (John 15:7). We should long for it to grow (I Pet. 2:2), and we are blessed if we keep it (Psa. 1:1ff).

The open-faced mine is so large that astronauts can see the Mount Airy granite quarry from space! They say that there is enough granite under Mount Airy to continue mining for over 1000 years! However, even grander than that vein of rock is the rock those granite workers found in that little granite church building. At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that those who heard and built their lives on His words were building on a solid foundation (Mt. 7:24-25). The solid foundation we all need for our lives is God's word. May we study it, apply it, live it, and teach it. Moreover, may it, and it alone, be the authority for all we do.

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