

Privileged to Serve

Preacher.....Bill Collins
 Announcements Dick Vinson
 Song Leader Andy Duncan
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening PrayerLamar King
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

Charles Dooley * * Tim Beech
 Jacob King * * Logan Miller

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Evening

Opening Prayer Tom Fair

Lord's Supper

Charles Dooley * * Tim Beech

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

Communion Preparation

Month of May..... Kitty Dooley

Month of JuneLinda Bullock

Nursery Attendant; Backup

May 27Lara King; Katie Agan

June 3 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Wednesday Evening – May 30, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Bill Collins

Song Leader.....Paul Guy

Devotional.....Byron Madison

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 29

Sunday Morning Worship 63

Sunday Evening Worship 25

Wednesday Bible Study 42

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,349.00

Daily Bible Readers

May 20, 2018 19 = 30.17% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



May 27, 2018

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

What Mean These Stones?

Joshua 4:19-24

God's people, under the leadership of Joshua, have just entered the land promised to their forefathers. Notice the events of the past: (a) 400 plus years of bondage in Egypt; (b) Moses had led Israel for some 40 years prior to his death in the land of Moab; and (c) the law of God had been given to the people of the exile from Egypt to Mt. Sinai (Exodus), to the people of the inheritance of Moab (Deuteronomy), at the Jordan River was crossed via dry land, and the children of Israel are now in the Promise Land — but what do they do first? Under the Lord's instruction, Joshua establishes a "memorial" by having each of the twelve men he had chosen to remove a stone from Jordan. These 12 stones were then placed as a memorial of their passing through the Jordan River.

Memorials are for the purpose of reminding us of certain events. They serve as valuable lessons to succeeding generations. Examples: (a) the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; (b) the Lincoln Memorial; (c) the Washington Monument; (d) Memorial Day; and (e) a spiritual memorial — The Lord's Supper. Later when those who saw the stones would ask, "What mean these stones?" — In asking, an important question will have been raised; in answering, some valuable lessons will be taught. What might have been some of the possible answers that were given?

What mean these stones? — These stones meant that God is a God of Providence. He cares for His people. He provides for His people. God made provisions for His people in the past: (a) Joseph to prepare the grain to preserve the Hebrew nation; (b) Moses rose up to be God's deliverer; (c) manna & quail provided in the wilderness; (d) a law to live by; (e) protection from their enemies; (f) His presence to guide them — Cloud and Pillar of Fire; (g) a new leader to succeed Moses; and (h) miraculous parting of the Jordan River. Even though time and time again the Lord provided for them, it was important that they be reminded of God's graciousness and God's provision for them. God continues to provide for His people under the Christian dispensation (Romans 8:28; 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 8:35-38) *God's providence is abundant today!*

What mean these stones? — These stones meant that each succeeding generation must be taught about God in Joshua 4:21-22. Why? Note Joshua 4:24. Some things should not be forgotten. Some things should always be remembered. Deuteronomy 6:1-9 teaches: (a) Moses charged the people to teach their children and grandchildren; (b) they must be taught God's law; and (c) that which is taught is to be taught the way God would want it taught — no addition or subtraction. The obligation to teach our children is enjoined on us today. In Ephesians 6:4 we read: if we do not teach our children the world *~continued inside~*

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