

### Privileged to Serve

Preacher.....Bill Collins  
 Announcements.....Randy Rives  
 Song Leader.....Paul Guy  
 Attendance.....Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

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

Presiding

\* Tom Fair

Assisting

Dwight Callens \* Lloyd Smith

Gene Hurst \* Jared Agan

Closing Prayer.....Rob Warren

#### Evening

Opening Prayer.....Byron Madison

Lord's Supper

Dwight Callens \* Lloyd Smith

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

#### Communion Preparation

Month of June.....Linda Bullock

Month of July.....NEED VOLUNTEER

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

June 3.....Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

June 10.....Angela Duncan; Lara King

#### Wednesday Evening - June 6, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Rob Warren

Song Leader.....Lamar King

Devotional.....Jared Agan

### 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 19

Sunday Morning Worship 55

Sunday Evening Worship 17

Wednesday Bible Study 34

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,628.85

### Daily Bible Readers

May 27, 2018 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



June 3, 2018

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

## Cowboy Logic

I saw a sign the other day in a restaurant that caught my attention. The words "Cowboy Logic" were inscribed on it with the following description: "About half your troubles come from wanting your way. The other half comes from getting it."

It was such a simple yet very truthful sentiment.

As we read and study our Bibles, we discover that every human being suffers from the same spiritual problem that separates us from a loving Creator, sin (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 3:23, 6:23). James put it this way: "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death," (James 1:14-15).

Sin offends and hurts our relationship with God. James teaches us, however, that avoiding sin is more than following a check-list of what we should and should not do. Jesus also emphasized this in His Sermon on The Mount (Matthew 5). He taught us that the moral issues of murder, adultery, oath-making, and hating our enemies should be corrected on a deeper level. Jesus also put it this way: "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person," (Mark 7:20-23).

What is our heart's desire? Jesus taught us that we can determine the condition of our heart by knowing what we treasure or desire (Matthew 6:19ff). That desire then motivates the way we live.

If we find ourselves troubled, maybe it is time for us to consider that cowboy logic. Are we struggling because we want something we cannot, or should not, want? Do we find ourselves disappointed because when we get what we wanted it did not deliver what it promised? Sin's promise is tempting, but its pleasure is only temporary (Hebrews 11:25).

The Bible teaches us that when we focus on and set our desire correctly on Jesus and the heavenly promises, we can be content no matter what life brings (Philippians 4:11-13; Hebrews 12:1-2). So, let us set our affections and desires on the things that are above and be satisfied in the Lord (Colossians 3:1-2).

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