

Privileged to Serve

Preacher.....Bill Collins
 Announcements.....Bruce Clopton
 Song Leader.....Paul Guy
 Attendance.....Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

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

Presiding

* Tom Fair

Assisting

Dwight Callens * Lloyd Smith

Gene Hurst * Jared Agan

Closing Prayer..... Stan Raley

Evening

Opening Prayer.....Jared Agan

Lord's Supper

Dwight Callens * Lloyd Smith

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

Communion Preparation

Month of June.....Linda Bullock

Month of July.....Linda Collie

Nursery Attendant; Backup

June 17..... Glenda Rives; Sabrina Collins

June 24.....Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening - June 20, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Bill Collins

Song Leader..... Tom Fair

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 34

Sunday Morning Worship 78

Sunday Evening Worship 28

Wednesday Bible Study 31

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,566.00

Daily Bible Readers

June 10, 2018 14 = 17.95% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



June 17, 2018

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

Father's Day



As Americans everywhere pause to honor their fathers, on Father's Day, it is good to remind ourselves of its beginning.

The most widely accepted story on the origin of Father's Day comes from Spokane, Washington. Sonora Smart Dodd, who grew up without a mother, was looking for a way to publicly **recognize, thank and honor** her father who had raised six children single-handedly. She brought the idea to her minister and church members who embraced the idea and held the first Father's Day celebration on June 19, 1909.

The day as it was established was well meaning, but it is impossible to improve on Scripture. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. *"Honor your father and mother,"* which is the first commandment with promise: *"that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."* (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Because there is a link between honoring our parents and honoring God, we need to be aware of the unintended consequences of establishing one day to honor parents; people tend to forget the history that led to the establishment of this day of honor and begin to act as if it is the only day that they should or need to honor their parents.

We can also see how the law of unintended consequences can impact our relationship with God. For instance, if we are not careful, the term "Lord's Day" can come to mean Sunday is the only day that belongs to God and, therefore, is the only time we pause to worship, praise and honor Him. Left uncorrected, this concept can take root and lead one to falsely believe that God is pleased if we only pause once a week for an hour or two to honor Him.

When we were growing up my mom and dad were never big on mother's or father's days. They taught us that if we lived our lives as Christians we would naturally bring honor to them every day. Conversely, we were taught if we rejected our Christian faith, giving them cards, flowers or other presents to honor them on one specific day once a year, amounted to a hollow gesture.

Again, I believe this has application in our relationship with God; if we only pause once a week to honor him, our Sunday assembly can become a hollow gesture. As a community of faith we understand that we are created to honor God through lives of daily service. So, what does it mean to honor Him daily?

We honor God daily when we engage the culture: *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:13-16)

We honor God daily by loving Him and obeying His word: Jesus said, *"If you love me, keep my commandments."* (John 14:15)

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