

Privileged to Serve

Preacher.....Bill Collins
 Announcements Dick Vinson
 Song Leader Paul Guy
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Andy Duncan
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Byron Madison

Assisting

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King

Dick Vinson * * Jacob King

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Evening

Opening PrayerByron Madison

Lord's Supper

Charles Dooley * * Lamar King

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Communion Preparation

Month of July.....Linda Collie

Month of August.....Briget Smith

Nursery Attendant; Backup

July 22Lara King; Katie Agan

July 29 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Wednesday Evening - July 29, 2018

Prayer/Announcements..... Tom Fair

Song Leader..... Andy Duncan

Devotional.....Bill Collins

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 26

Sunday Morning Worship 45

Sunday Evening Worship 20

Wednesday Bible Study 27

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,993.00

Daily Bible Readers

July 15, 2018 _ * _ = _ * _% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



July 22, 2018

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

PUFFER FISH FOOLISHNESS

It had better be the most delicious delicacy to every hit your taste buds because it very well might be your last. Even though this fish is about as aggressive as a snail, it contains an extremely dangerous toxin. In fact, it's 1,200 times more deadly than cyanide; a dose smaller than the head of a pin would be lethal. Chefs must undergo 2-3 years of training just to be qualified to prepare the dish. Sadly, nearly every year people die because of this risky meal. For many, it has literally become the last supper.

There is just something tantalizing about taking part in something potentially dangerous or forbidden. This isn't just with food; it's something we display in many risky categories, including sin. Sure, we have some natural, built in curiosity inside us. However, what we do with this curiosity is the major difference between wisdom and foolishness.

It's important to remember how precarious our curiosity can be. Just ask Adam and Eve how well that ended up for them (Genesis 3). Or ask David once he let himself ponder on Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11). If we aren't being careful, our curiosity can become a gateway to sin. Consider what James tells us about the source of sin, "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death" (1:14-15). When someone is "carried away" and "enticed," there a high likelihood that curiosity played a significant role.

There is nothing inherently wrong with being curious, but curiosity is sometimes used as a cop-out. We minimize the sin just because the person "was a little curious." At some point, wisdom needs to properly guide our curiosity. Bad decisions guided by curiosity are what we expect from children and cats. As for us, let's heed God's command and press on towards being mature and wise Christians (Hebrews 6:1).

Brett Petrillo ♦ The Encourager, July 22, 2018 ♦ Calvert City Church of Christ

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