Privileged to Serve
PreacherBill Collins
Announcements Al St. Clair
Song Leader Tom Fair
Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King
Morning
Scripture/Opening PrayerPaul Guy
Lord's Supper
Presiding
* Byron Madison
Assisting
Charles Dooley * * Lamar King
Dick Vinson * * Jacob King
Closing PrayerMike Cumberland
Evening
Opening PrayerLamar King
Lord's Supper
Charles Dooley * * Lamar King
Closing PrayerJack Mears
Communion Preparation
Month of JulyLinda Collie
Month of AugustBriget Smith
Nursery Attendant; Backup
July 29 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
August 5 Angela Duncan; Lara King
Wednesday Evening - August 1, 2018
Prayer/AnnouncementsLamar King
Song LeaderAndy Duncan
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Service Times
SUNDAY
Bible Study9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study6:00 p.m.

Devotional.....Bill Collins

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Attendance Last Week Sunday Bible Class 37 Sunday Morning Worship 65 Sunday Evening Worship 19 Wednesday Bible Study 33 Contributions & Other Income Contribution Last Week \$ 2,490.00

Daily Bible Readers

17 = 26.15% of attending July 22, 2018 *Figures Unavailable

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Welcome Visitors!

GETTING INVOLVED MATTERS!!

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Byron R. Johnson of the Institute for Studies in Religion at Baylor University recently reviewed 766 studies demonstrating the protective and prosocial effects of religion on physical and mental health.

He found that involvement in religious activities (Bible study, prayer, worship at church, and Christian service) was linked to reduced levels of hypertension, greater longevity, reduced risk for depression, lower likelihood of promiscuity, less tendency to abuse drugs, reduced delinquency and criminal activity, greater happiness and well-being, increased self-esteem, and improved educational attainment. These are indeed remarkably positive outcomes linked to our religious involvement!

Active and faithful Christians, however, do not need a review of hundreds of studies to tell them what they already know from practicing the Christian life. Drawing close to God matters. God gives us hope in the Scriptures (Romans 15:4) and the peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:4-9). He meets our every need (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19). He gives us now all the spiritual blessings that are in the heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3) and assures us of home with Him in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-5). God's provision of all these things lavish upon us an abundant life (John 10:10). Consequently, we have a joy that is inexpressible and full of glory (1 Peter 1:8).

When God gives us something so good, we must not keep it to ourselves. We must share it with all who will receive it. This is why we preach the glorious gospel of Christ with joy and love. We want everyone to be saved and to know the Lord. We want them to have an inheritance in heaven.

Will you help us get the word out about In SEARCH of the Lord's Way? Will you generously remember us in your charitable giving? We need your support.

May the Lord be with you, Phil Sanders

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