

### Privileged to Serve

Preacher.....Bill Collins  
 Announcements.....Bruce Clopton  
 Song Leader.....Andy Duncan  
 Attendance.....Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer.....Tom Fair  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Randy Rives

#### Assisting

Lloyd Smith \* \* Gene Hurst

Jared Agan \* \* Dwight Callens

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

#### Evening

Opening Prayer.....Randy Rives

#### Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith \* \* Gene Hurst

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

#### Communion Preparation

Month of August.....Briget Smith

Month of September.....Lara King

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

August 5.....Angela Duncan; Lara King

August 12.....Glenda Rives; Sabrina Collins

#### Wednesday Evening – August 8, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Randy Rives

Song Leader.....Jacob King

Devotional.....Rob Warren

### 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 24

Sunday Morning Worship 70

Sunday Evening Worship 21

Wednesday Bible Study 30

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,538.00

### Daily Bible Readers

July 29, 2018 15 = 21.43% of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



August 5, 2018

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

## SEVEN WAYS TO BE HAPPY

Often people make their own lives miserable and other people help them to find misery. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HAPPINESS:

**Trust in God:** The person who puts faith in God has a source of strength and delight that a non-believer cannot understand (see Proverbs 3:5; 16:20). If we fuss and stew about every-thing, it shows a lack of trust. Jesus told Martha that she was "troubled about many things."

Relish the Scriptures: See Psalm 1:1-2. Psalm 119:104 says, "How sweet are they words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." The Scriptures always shoot straight. Tax laws change, the weather changes, politics are ever changing, but God's Word never changes. (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.) The sacred pages give hope, comfort, and gladness to the lovers of the truth.

**Live Righteously:** "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about, be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart..." (Psa. 32:10-11). Titus 2:12 shows that clean living con-tributes to deep-rooted joy and contentment. People may mock you and deride you, but you possess something they do not have.

**Worship God with Regularity:** In Acts 20:6-7, the brethren traveled so they could worship with other Christians. In Acts 2, it describes the disciples as having all things in common among them: "great joy" and "praising God." David said, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord..." (Psa. 122:1). (See also Psalm 95:1; 96:9-11.) Worship is for the glory of God and the happiness of man.

**Keep a Clean Conscience:** (Acts 24:16; 1 Timothy 1:19; 2 Timothy 1:3) There can be no happiness when one violates his conscience. See Genesis 42:21: Joseph's brothers' consciences made them miserable.

**Learn Contentment:** The grass is not always greener on the other side. Some people continually fret and complain about the cost of living, their job, wife, husband, weather, politics, etc. Christians grumble. Philippians 4:11 states that a contented person is a happy individual. Without contentment, joy is only superficial.

**Stay Busy and Constructive:** Idleness breeds displeasure, restlessness, despondency, mischief. Happiness comes to him who works persistently, consistently, and diligently. See Romans 12:11. Effort expended and accomplishment materialized brings inward fulfillment. Beneficial work keeps the mind from thoughts that are negative and destructive. First Corinthians 15: 58 says, "...abounding in the work of the Lord."

How did Paul find joy? Paul found joy in seeing and hearing about other Christians doing good. Read Philippians chapters 1-3 and count the times you read the word "rejoice" or "joy."

"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:" Psalm 146:5

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