

### Privileged to Serve

Preacher..... Andy Duncan  
 Announcements ..... Al St. Clair  
 Song Leader ..... Tom Fair  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

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

Presiding

\* Randy Rives

Assisting

Lloyd Smith \* \* Gene Hurst

Jared Agan \* \* Dwight Callens

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Byron Madison

Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith \* \* Gene Hurst

Closing Prayer.....Byron Madison

#### Communion Preparation

Month of August.....Briget Smith

Month of September ..... Lara King

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

August 12.....Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

August 19.....Lara King; Katie Agan

#### Wednesday Evening - August 15, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Jacob King

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

### Works Supported

Robert Martin

Stacey Ferguson

South Pacific Missions

Pine Vale Children's Home

Corinth, Mississippi

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday Bible Class	30
Sunday Morning Worship	64
Sunday Evening Worship	35
Wednesday Bible Study	24

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$1,924.00

### Daily Bible Readers

August 5, 2018 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



August 12, 2018 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

## IF JESUS COULDN'T, COULD I?

Expectations have much to do with our contentment. One who places unrealistic expectations upon himself is generally discouraged, and feels as though he is a failure. I'm convinced that if a person had proper expectations, he would not be so soon moved to discouragement, depression, and despair. An obvious step to "reeling in" our expectations is to understand the fact that "if Jesus couldn't do something, we need to stop believing we can.

#### Consider:

- Jesus couldn't make His own family believe that He was the Son of God (John 7:1-6), so why then do we beat ourselves up for sometimes failing to do the same?
- Jesus couldn't avoid sadness and sorrow (Isaiah 53:5), so why do we sometimes act as though we expect life to be a bed of roses?
- Jesus couldn't go without rest (Mark 6:31), so why do we feel guilty if we aren't on the go 24/7?
- Jesus couldn't avoid making enemies (John 15:18), so why are we so surprised when people hate us for our faith?
- Jesus couldn't cause all men to repent (Matthew 23:37), so let's be content with our best efforts. We can't obey for others.
- Jesus couldn't even forgive all men of their sins, though He was willing (John 8:24; Luke 17:3), so why do we think we can forgive those who will not repent?

Maybe the first step to contentment is in shedding the guilt that comes from the unrealistic expectations we place upon ourselves. After all, if Jesus couldn't do it, why do we think we can?

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