

Privileged to Serve

Preacher..... Andy Duncan
 Announcements Bruce Clopton
 Song Leader Tom Fair
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Lamar King
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

Lloyd Smith * * Gene Hurst

Jared Agan * * Dwight Callens

Closing Prayer..... Andy Duncan

Evening

Opening Prayer Randy Rives

Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith * * Gene Hurst

Closing Prayer..... Mike Cumberland

Communion Preparation

Month of August..... Briget Smith

Month of September Lara King

Nursery Attendant; Backup

August 26 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

September 2..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening - August 29, 2018

Prayer/Announcements..... Randy Rives

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

Works Supported

Robert Martin

Stacey Ferguson

South Pacific Missions

Pine Vale Children's Home

Corinth, Mississippi

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Bible Class 31

Sunday Morning Worship 57

Sunday Evening Worship 29

Wednesday Bible Study 33

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$1,930.00

Daily Bible Readers

August 26, 2018 * = *% of attending

* Figures Unavailable



August 26, 2018 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

THE FRIGHTFULNESS OF RANDOM ACTIONS

A friend and I were in the car, leaving an event and moving slowly toward an intersection. We had to stop for a lengthy traffic light, and as we did so, we watched a frightening series of events unfold.

First, from the right of the road, we saw a scrawny black kitten run onto the road in front of us and behind a pickup truck. The truck remained still, but the kitten ran haphazardly under the back of the truck and close to the tires. As we watched, the kitten looked up and then climbed the inside wall of the back and disappeared up into the wheel-well! Just then, the light changed and truck began to roll. I held my breath as it moved on and came to a turn. The kitten stayed put and we continued to wonder about its fate. Just then, we saw a black “fur-ball” drop to the pavement, shake itself off and run to safety. Whew! Tragedy avoided.

As is so often the case, that attention-getting event caused me to think – What about people who meander about in life and just live randomly? They seem to wander from thing to thing in their lives, not really thinking about purpose or consequences of their actions. Like the kitten above, they seem to avoid catastrophe for the time being. But sooner or later, they will run out of random luck.

It is clear that we are of greater value than animals (Matthew 6:26), so we should know that God does not want us to live lives full of random and dangerous events like the one described above. He gave us good minds and the ability to think through situations. The longest chapter in the Bible, Psalm 119, pays tribute to God's word, the key to avoiding such actions. The whole Psalm provides wise counsel, but take special note of the following verses:

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word” (v 9)
 “I have stored your word. Your word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against you” (v 11)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (v 105)

May we live intentionally – according to God's intentions!

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