

### Privileged to Serve

Guest Preacher .....Ray Reynolds  
 Announcements .....Bruce Clopton  
 Song Leader ..... Andy Duncan  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer .....Byron Madison  
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

\* Lamar King

Assisting

Jacob King \* Charles Dooley

Dick Vinson \* Al St. Clair

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

#### Evening

Opening Prayer ..... Andy Duncan

Lord's Supper

Jacob King \* Charles Dooley

Closing Prayer.....Randy Rives

#### Communion Preparation

Month of September .....Lara King

Month of October ..... Cindy Harper

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

September 9.Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

September 16.....Lara King; Katie Agan

**Wednesday Evening – September 12, 2018**

Prayer/Announcements.....Randy Rives

Song Leader.....Paul Guy

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

### Works Supported

Robert Martin

Stacey Ferguson

South Pacific Missions

Pine Vale Children's Home

Corinth, Mississippi

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday Bible Class	*
Sunday Morning Worship	58
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Wednesday Bible Study	27

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$2,087.00

### Daily Bible Readers

September 2, 2018 \* = \*% of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



September 9, 2018 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

## WHEN JESUS COMES KNOCKING

The knock came at the door of the inn. It was late. The innkeeper had been burning both ends of the candle. The census crowd had packed Bethlehem and he had finally locked the doors for the night. The inn was stuffed full. He finally beds down for the night when he hears a knock. He shuffled his feet through the dark and made his way to the door. Opening it with the slightest crack he peered out to see a young couple. Looking more closely he saw a young woman who was about to give birth to a child. He was tired. The rooms were full. It was late. And they didn't look very special. He had to decide whether he would find room for them or not. Was there room?

You and I have to make the same decision. John's rendition of the birth of Christ comes in a few short words: "The Word [logos] became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). Greek hearers understood the word "logos" as the representation of God. The essence of God was found in his Word. Hebrew readers perked up to John's message too. John writes: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." He ends the first sentence of his book with the phrase "in the beginning." They knew it as the words that began the first book of the Torah (Genesis 1:1).

John writes about new beginnings. John talks about God's very representation dwelling among us. He tells us that we have the same decision to make as the innkeeper. Will we find a place for Jesus in our lives or will we send him away?

Some send Jesus away because He looks too plain. There seems to be nothing special about Him. Don't make that mistake. He comes to common places like your home and common places like your heart.

Some send Jesus away because life is too crowded. Many demands and many deadlines. You're not sure if you have room for Him. He only comes to give you what He has already done. He desires to give you forgiveness.

Some send Jesus away because they think it's too late. They've already done too much that can't be forgiven. They've already gone too far away. They don't think its worth the effort. BUT... it's never too late. Not with the One who comes and makes His dwelling among us. You only need to open the door. When Jesus comes knocking... will you let Him in? Have a great week!

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