

Privileged to Serve

Guest PreacherPaul Franks
 *Magnolia Messenger*, Kosciusko, MS
 Announcements Randy Rives
 Song Leader Paul Guy
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Andy Duncan
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Lamar King

Assisting

Jacob King * Charles Dooley
 Dick Vinson * Al St. Clair

Closing Prayer.....Byron Madison

Evening

Opening Prayer Randy Rives

Lord's Supper

Jacob King * Charles Dooley

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Communion Preparation

Month of September Lara King

Month of October Cindy Harper

Nursery Attendant; Backup

September 23..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

September 30..... Angela Duncan, Lara King

Wednesday Evening – September 26, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Byron Madison

Song Leader..... Randy Rives

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 25

Sunday Morning Worship 49

Sunday Evening Worship 26

Wednesday Bible Study 27

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$1,984.00

Daily Bible Readers

September 16, 2018 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



September 23, 2018 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

WILL YOU RECEIVE OR REJECT?

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ~ John 1:11

In the immediate context, John is referring to the fact that Jesus was born a Jew, and his fellow Jews rejected him. However, the case could also be made that John is referring to the world in general (John 1:9-10), considering that Jesus created the world (John 1:3). Even closer to home, the New Testament teaches that Christians are spiritual Jews, God's chosen people of today (Rom. 2:28-29; Gal. 6:16). Do we as Christians not receive Jesus?

Will you receive or reject Him?

Consider this. The world rejected Jesus because they did not know him (John 1:10). Even his own family of Jews did not believe in him at first (John 7:5), most likely due to the familial familiarity which proverbially breeds contempt (cf. John 4:44). Some who claimed to follow him in truth rejected him because they desired more the praise of men (John 7:13; 9:22; 12:42-43). Others rejected him because they were more in love with their man-made traditions (John 9:13-16). Some rejected him because they were misinformed (John 7:40-43). When all was said and done, they rejected him because they loved the darkness more than light (John 3:19-20; 5:42-43).

What about us? Do we truly know Jesus? Can't say that we do if we hardly open our Bibles throughout the week. If we've been Christians for a while, does that familiarity with Jesus breed contempt so that we stop trying to know him like we should? Are we more concerned about what others think of us? Do we give more credence to creeds and the decisions of man-made councils than we do to the actual Word of God? Do we take as gospel the error of man-made doctrines instead of obeying the biblical gospel of Christ, and thus live our lives misinformed about his will and our salvation?

Do we love the darkness more than the light?

Does Jesus come to us, his children...and is he turned away?

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