

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Randy Rives
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Lamar King

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Evening

Opening PrayerByron Madison

Lord's Supper

Jacob King * Charles Dooley

Closing Prayer.....Jacob King

Communion Preparation

Month of September Lara King

Month of October Cindy Harper

Nursery Attendant; Backup

September 30..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

October 7.....Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

Wednesday Evening - October 3, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Charles Dooley

Song Leader..... Andy Duncan

Devotional.....Lamar King

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 23

Sunday Morning Worship 53

Sunday Evening Worship 27

Wednesday Bible Study 18

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$2,173.00

Daily Bible Readers

September 23, 2018 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



September 30, 2018 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAD

Have you ever read the story in Luke 16:19-31? We often debate over whether or not this was a literal account. When we focus on the matters of opinion we often miss the importance of a story. Especially this story. I heard a sermon from Steven Guy one time that addressed this question: "If the poor man Lazarus could have raised from the dead, what would he have preached?" Ask yourself that question. If you were Lazarus, what would you preach? I think his sermon would be one of revival! Here are some points that I believe he would make:

God Is So Good = Paradise Is a Place of Comfort - We often forget to remember that our God is Good. We need to recognize God's desire for His children (Genesis 1-2), His dedication to His children (John 3:16-17), and His direction for His children (James 1:17).

God Is So Just = Hades Is a Place of Torment - There are some great things we can learn about God's nature in this story. The most important characteristic displayed in this story is the justice of God. We can learn a lot about God's justice in the Scriptures. His justice is sure (Hebrews 2:1-3), His justice is patient (II Peter 3:9), His justice is severe (Romans 11:22). This may not seem comforting to you, but it should be.

God Is So Wronged = The Rich Man - We often forget about how we have wronged God by our sin and willful rebellion. God has to ask man, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3-4) because we have wandered far from Him. God says, "They have rejected me" (I Samuel 8:7) and we wonder why we feel so abandoned. God asks, "How often would I love and forgive?" (Hosea 1:11) but we think that God's grace is not sufficient. God asks, "Will a man rob God?" (Malachi 3:8) yet we think we can cheat God out of what is rightfully His.

God Is So Deserving = Lazarus - God is deserving of much more than we give Him. He is deserving because of His care (Exodus 3:7, Psalm 8, I Peter 5:7), His charity (John 3:16, Romans 5:6-8), and His cause (Haggai 1:7, John 4:35, Ephesians 2:8-10). We need to be less concerned about what God can do for us and more concerned about what we can do for God.

God Is So Clear = Us - God is clear about souls. God had to prove this to Jonah in Jonah 4:6-11. God is clear about talents. He has tried to tell us in stories like the one in Matthew 25:24-30. God is clear about restoration (Galatians 6:1-2, James 5:20, Revelation 2:4-5). God is clear about salvation. The chapter of Luke 15 could not show this any clearer. It is echoed throughout the book of Revelation that salvation is from God (Revelation 7:10, 12:10, 19:11). He has even made the terms of salvation clear to man (Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess, Be Baptized, Be Faithful).

What would you say if you were Lazarus? Rejoice because God is so good. Reconsider because God is so just. Repent because God is so wronged. Renew because God is so deserving. Reap because God is so clear. It is time for revival!!!

✦ Ray Reynolds ✦

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