

### Privileged to Serve

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

#### Morning

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

#### Presiding

\* Dwight Callens

#### Assisting

Lloyd Smith \* \* Ralph Hubbard  
 Randy Rives \* \* Jared Agan

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Randy Rives

#### Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith \* \* Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

#### Communion Preparation

Month of October ..... Cindy Harper

Month of November .....Brandie Madison

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

October 7..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

October 14..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

#### Wednesday Evening – October 10, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Jared Agan

Song Leader.....Lamar King

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 25

Sunday Morning Worship 59

Sunday Evening Worship \*

Wednesday Bible Study 32

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,023.00

### Daily Bible Readers

September 30, 2018 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



October 7, 2018

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

## RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

One Sunday I was approached by a visitor that said, "When you did that meet and greet last week during your lesson, it was the first time someone spoke to me that day. Keep that up. It was great!" I know we are in a hurry and have a lot to do on Sunday morning. Most of us are getting into "worship mode" as we enter the sanctuary, but this is an area where we can NEVER improve too much. As a church family we should be on the lookout for ways to improve making our visitors feel welcome.

We need to think about how we engage people that enter our assemblies. I heard a lesson many years ago that offered the following suggestions:

**The 30 Second Rule** Most of our guests will make a judgment about us during the first 30 seconds after they enter the building. Greet others at the door with a handshake and friendly smile even if it's not your month to be an usher or a greeter. I love how our greeters meet people with a bulletin and a smile!

**The Front Door Rule** Help people find their classes or a seat in the auditorium. If they have trouble, they may not return. If you see someone looking confused ask them if they need assistance, especially if they are looking for the restroom or nursery.

**The Ten Foot Rule** Greet anyone with whom you are not familiar that comes within ten feet of you. Make eye contact; be friendly. Don't be embarrassed if they are members, we have a large auditorium and we don't always get to meet every member because of many seats and many exits.

**The Five Minute Rule** Take the first five minutes after services to seek out guests and greet them. Encourage them to return and thank them for being here. Introduce them to the elders, deacons, and ministers if possible.

**The Golden Rule** Remember what you like to see when you visit another congregation. Treat others the way you like to be treated.

Our attitude will often determine whether visitors will return or not. Most often, people will come back when they feel welcomed and appreciated. Let's work hard to make sure this always happens! Be a lighthouse! May God use us to reflect His light into the world!!!

◆ Ray Reynolds ◆

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