

Privileged to Serve

Guest PreacherRay Reynolds
 Announcements Al St. Clair
 Song Leader Andy Duncan
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Tom Fair
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Dwight Callens

Assisting

Lloyd Smith * * Ralph Hubbard

Randy Rives * * Jared Agan

Closing Prayer..... Dick Vinson

Evening

Opening PrayerByron Madison

Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of October Cindy Harper

Month of NovemberBrandie Madison

Nursery Attendant; Backup

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

October 21...Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

Wednesday Evening – October 17, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Paul Guy

Song Leader.....Jared Agan

Devotional..... Andy Duncan

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) 681-8298

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 24

Sunday Morning Worship 47

Sunday Evening Worship 26

Wednesday Bible Study 32

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,938.00

Daily Bible Readers

October 7, 2018 * = *% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



October 14, 2018 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

When we become a Christian we receive the free gift of God's grace. We are released from the burden of sin and set free from its bondage. However, we also become a slave of God. Following Jesus has its privileges AND its costs. **Luke 14:25-33** reveals: "Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."

The Cost of Service. Jesus' followers must serve Him before all others (**Luke 14:26**). Many people are not willing to serve Christ completely. Sometimes we are unwilling to consider passages like Matthew 6:33 and Matthew 16:24 when we become a Christian.

The Cost of Sacrifice. Jesus' followers must subordinate their own interests to the interests of Christ (**Luke 14:27**). This means that I have to be willing to give everything over to God. We must offer our lives and bodies to God as a personal sacrifice (**Romans 12:1-2**).

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