

### Privileged to Serve

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

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Randy Rives  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Dwight Callens

#### Assisting

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

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Lamar King

#### Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith \* \* Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

#### Communion Preparation

Month of October ..... Cindy Harper

Month of November .....Brandie Madison

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

October 28.....Lara King; Katie Agan

November 4..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

#### Wednesday Evening – October 31, 2018

Prayer/Announcements..... Randy Rives

Song Leader.....Jared Agan

Devotional..... Tom Fair

### 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	62
Sunday Evening Worship	13
Wednesday Bible Study	31

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,989.00

### Daily Bible Readers

October 21, 2018 \* = \*% of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



October 28, 2018 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

## WHY DOGS LIVE LESS THAN HUMANS



Here's the surprising answer of a 6 year old child.

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that dogs' lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life — like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continued,

"Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay for as long as we do."

Live simply Love generously Care deeply Speak kindly

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- When your loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.
- Take naps.

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