

### Privileged to Serve

Preaching .....Ray Reynolds  
 Announcements .....Bruce Clopton  
 Song Leader ..... Andy Duncan  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Tom Fair  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Byron Madison

#### Assisting

Gene Hurst \* \* Connor Fitzgerald  
 Charles Dooley \* \* Jacob King  
 Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Charles Dooley

#### Lord's Supper

Gene Hurst \* \* Connor Fitzgerald  
 Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

#### Communion Preparation

Month of November .....Brandie Madison  
 Month of December ..... Kitty Dooley

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

November 11 Glenda Rives;Brandie Madison  
 November 18.....Lara King; Katie Agan

#### Wednesday Evening – November 14, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Randy Rives  
 Song Leader.....Jared Agan  
 Devotional.....Charles Dooley

### 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	29
Sunday Morning Worship	62
Sunday Evening Worship	19
Wednesday Bible Study	*

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,088.00

### Daily Bible Readers

November 4, 2018 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



November 11, 2018 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

## An explanation of Christ's Broken Body

**1 Corinthians 11:23-24:** "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He **BROKE** it and said, "Take, eat; this is [meaning "represents"] My body which is **BROKEN** for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

**John 19:31-37** reports that at the time of Christ's crucifixion, a soldier pierced His side with a spear. When other soldiers came to break the legs of Christ and the two robbers, they noticed that Christ had already died. Therefore, they did not break His legs. Verse 36 informs us that "these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, 'Not one of His bones shall be broken.'" This was a specific prophetic fulfillment of **Psalm 34:20** and a symbolic prophetic fulfillment of **Exodus 12:46** and **Numbers 34:20**.

It is important that we realize the different words used in the Greek for the English word, "broken." In **John 19:36**, the Greek word for "broken" [in the phrase, "Not one of His bones shall be broken"] is "suntribomai," meaning "to be wholly broken." Also, when we read that the soldiers came to break the legs of the crucified victims (in verses 32 and 33), the word is "katagnumi," meaning "to break down." Literally, we must understand that HIS BODY WAS BROKEN BUT HIS BONES WERE NOT CRUSHED.

The specific word for Christ's "broken" body, in **1 Corinthians 11:24**, is "klaomai," which is derived from the word "klaos," (just meaning, "to break"). "Klaos" is also used in **1 Corinthians 11:24** ("He broke" the bread), and in **1 Corinthians 10:16** ("The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"). The use of different Greek words shows that there is NO CONTRADICTION. Even though Christ's bones were not wholly broken or broken down, His body was clearly "broken" for us, which is signified by the "broken" Passover bread.

There is nothing biblically wrong with saying "Christ's broken body," in fact, it is absolutely scriptural. There is a danger in letting the pendulum swing to extremes over the use of this particular phrase. We need to remember that one of our sole purposes in the church is to edify, encourage, and instruct people in the whole counsel of God. Elimination of the phrase instead of an examination of the phrase could prove damaging since we are called to "give a defense" and stand up for the teachings of Holy Writ. Certainly, as Paul stated in his epistle, the broken body of Christ is a doctrinal fact and should be recognized as such. I hope this helps you in your further study and examination of the Holy Scriptures.