

### Privileged to Serve

Preaching .....Irven Skinner  
 Announcements .....Terry Dyer  
 Song Leader ..... Tom Fair  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer .....Lamar King  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Byron Madison

#### Assisting

Gene Hurst \* \* Connor Fitzgerald  
 Charles Dooley \* \* Jacob King  
 Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

#### Evening

Opening Prayer ..... Andy Duncan

#### Lord's Supper

Gene Hurst \* \* Connor Fitzgerald  
 Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

#### Communion Preparation

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

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

November 18.....Lara King; Katie Agan  
 November 25..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

#### Tuesday Evening – November 20, 2018

Prayer/Announcements..... Andy Duncan  
 Song Leader.....Lamar King  
 Devotional..... Randy Rives

### 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

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|------------------------|----|
| Sunday Bible Class     | 22 |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 54 |
| Sunday Evening Worship | 35 |
| Wednesday Bible Study  | 23 |

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,095.00

### Daily Bible Readers

November 11, 2018 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



November 18, 2018 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

## Thankful for Thanksgiving

I have always loved Thanksgiving Day. Not just because I love Dallas Cowboys football, pumpkin pie and turkeys filled with dressing, but because it is a time to reflect and be thankful for all that God has given to me and my family. I know I'm not the only one who loves Thanksgiving.

Did you know that Thanksgiving is not just an American pastime? Other countries such as Brazil, Germany, Ghana, Nigeria and South Korea also have their thanksgivings. For instance, India celebrates a harvest festival in most regions throughout the country.

Canada celebrates a thanksgiving in October. The Chinese Festival of "Chung Ch'ui" is hallowed and on this day many in China eat moon cakes (small yellow cakes) to celebrate the harvest moon.

The Victory and Homeland Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in Croatia on August 5<sup>th</sup>. However, it is more than a Thanksgiving holiday. It is effectually a memorial to the day that the city of Knin was seized by the Croatian Army during the War of Independence. Prayers are offered for the nation on this day.

Lamas Day, was celebrated in the British Isles for many years, and still finds its way onto the religious calendar. On this day people would take a loaf of bread to their church meeting. The loaf was baked from the first harvest and shared with all. Now the U.K. keeps a Harvest Festival which is celebrated at the same time as our Thanksgiving, but goes beyond American traditions. They have all kinds of foods celebration dinners.

Thanksgiving celebrations are also not unique to the modern era. The cornucopia is traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. It comes from Greek mythology and was said to be a "horn of plenty" that was given by the Greek god Zeus. The horn was believed to magically produce an endless supply of anything desired by the one who owns the horn. And the ancient Egyptians had a thanksgiving feast in honor of Min, the god of harvest and fertility.

In the Bible we read of the Jewish feast of Sukkot (or the Feast of Booths/Tabernacles) that was observed during the harvest season. It is one of the three great pilgrimage festivals on which the Israelites would make a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem (also Passover and Pentecost). The pilgrims would campout in tents and tell stories of the time the Israelites spent in the wilderness awaiting entrance into the Promised Land.

What a wonderful blessing to have a day of thanksgiving each year! And how blessed we are that we live in a nation that allows this sacred and hallowed tradition. **Hebrews 12:28-29** says, "Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire."

I want to encourage you to not only be thankful one day a year but celebrate the greatness of our God with thanks every single day! God is good, all the time!

✠ Ray Reynolds ✠

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