

Privileged to Serve

Preaching To Be Announced
 Announcements Al St. Clair
 Song Leader Andy Duncan
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Randy Rives
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Charles Dooley

Assisting

Jared Agan* * Lloyd Smith

Dick Vinson * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer..... Dick Vinson

Evening

Opening PrayerByron Madison

Lord's Supper

Jared Agan * * Lloyd Smith

Closing Prayer.....Lamar King

Communion Preparation

Month of December Kitty Dooley

Month of January..... Kitty Dooley

Nursery Attendant; Backup

December 2 Angela Duncan; Lara King

December 9 .Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

Wednesday Evening – December 5, 2018

Prayer/Announcements.....Jared Agan

Song Leader..... Tom Fair

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 35

Sunday Morning Worship 56

Sunday Evening Worship 15

Wednesday Bible Study 25

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ *

Daily Bible Readers

November 25, 2018 * = % of attending

* Figures Unavailable



December 2, 2018 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

Proof-Text Preaching

What changes are transpiring today? We in the kingdom have moved from that time when our preachers gave the “proof- text,” and the church was known for having that kind of preaching, and denominational people spoke with some envy of it as they wished their own preachers would use more Bible. Yes, the move is underway, with voices being raised against using the Bible as a “proof-text.”

Underlying that spirit that says, “No proof-text preaching!” are attitudes about the Bible which really, when all is said and done, reveal a terrible attitude against the word of God. The murmurings go like this:

1. “Using the Bible as a book of law.” Let us all know that sin is identified by God as transgression of the law (1 John 3:4). If men sin, then men break the law of God. Law is in effect. The supreme law is that of God, and by the Word of God we are completely furnished unto every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17). If it is good to reject evil and to abide by the will of God, then the Bible so directs us. It is a book of law.

2. “Pronouncing anathema if you do not abide by the rules.” It was an inspired apostle, Paul who announced anathema upon those who would present to men anything other than the Gospel he had proclaimed (Gal. 1:6-9). It was also the same inspired apostle who pleaded that we must all walk by the same rule (Phil. 3:16). We find, in a late New Testament passage, that he who “transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God” (2 John 9). These are condemned because, in effect, they did not abide by the rules.

3. “The stress on obedience.” Amazing that any would offer any objection to the idea of obedience when inspiration tells us that Jesus became the author of eternal salvation to them that obey him (Heb. 5:9). And a great picture of the end of time shows men condemned eternally because they did not obey the Gospel of the Lord (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Indeed, these and similar objections are lame

and pitiful. And, they certainly reveal a tremendously poor attitude toward the Word of God, amounting, in the final analysis, to a poor attitude toward God himself. If I love God, I will love his word to me. If I respect him, I will respect his word. If I feel honor toward him, I will honor his word. It is as simple as that.

Bill Jackson (deceased) <http://seektheoldpaths.com/biblestudy.htm> December, 2016

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