

Privileged to Serve

PreachingRay Reynolds
 Announcements Randy Rives
 Song Leader Tom Fair
 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 PrayerByron Madison

Evening

Opening PrayerRandy Rives

Lord's Supper

Jared Agan * * Lloyd Smith

Closing PrayerJack Mears

Communion Preparation

Month of December Kitty Dooley

Month of January Kitty Dooley

Nursery Attendant; Backup

December 23 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

December 30 Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening – December 26, 2018

Prayer/Announcements Randy Rives

Song Leader Andy Duncan

Devotional Byron Madison

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 56

Sunday Evening Worship *

Wednesday Bible Study 39

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,939.00

Daily Bible Readers

December 16, 2018 * = % of attending

* Figures Unavailable



December 23, 2018 Meridian Messenger Welcome Visitors!

The Missing King

Michael O'Neill describes a painting by Adolph Menzel that is displayed in a Berlin art gallery. Menzel intended the painting to depict the German king, Frederick, surrounded by his host of generals. With painstaking care he painted all of the generals, leaving the perfect space to insert the king. However, he died before he could complete the project. As O'Neill said, "He left a painting—full of generals but no king."

We all have those people in our lives who are a lot like generals. It may be an overbearing boss or a demanding spouse. It could be a creditor, a team member, or even a spiritual mentor. They are always there with demands and seek immediate compliance. †

Yet, for many folks, the problem is less about the presence of the generals as it is the absence of "the king." When Jesus, the king of kings, is absent from our lives we have no central focus, no foundational stability, and no glue to hold the pieces of life together. Most of our anxiety, confusion, and frustration come because there is no one in charge of all of our generals.

Of course, the void in our lives does not have to remain. Jesus is available to take control in a positive and powerful way. Jesus offers this appeal to the Laodiceans in Revelation 3:20:

***"Behold I stand at the door and knock;
 if anyone hears My voice and opens the door,
 I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me."***

Neither Christ's ability nor His availability are in question. The problem is that many folks will not let Jesus into their lives to assume His rightful place in the center of the picture.

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