

### Privileged to Serve

Preaching .....Ray Reynolds  
 Announcements ..... Al St. Clair  
 Song Leader ..... Andy Duncan  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Dwight Callens  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Charles Dooley

#### Assisting

Jared Agan\*                      \* Lloyd Smith

Dick Vinson \*                      \* Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Lamar King

#### Lord's Supper

Jared Agan \*                      \* Lloyd Smith

Closing Prayer.....Jacob King

#### Communion Preparation

Month of December ..... Kitty Dooley

Month of January..... Kitty Dooley

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

December 30 ..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

January 6 .....Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

#### Wednesday Evening – January 2, 2019

Prayer/Announcements..... Tom Fair

Song Leader.....Lamar King

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                      33

Sunday Morning Worship                59

Sunday Evening Worship                \*

Wednesday Bible Study                 22

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week                \$ 2,175.00

### Daily Bible Readers

December 23, 2018                      \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



December 30, 2018      *Meridian Messenger*      Welcome Visitors!

## What Will You Do With The New?

Toward the end of the year, we begin to focus on the “new.” We enjoy giving and receiving “new” presents, and we look forward to the hope of a “new” year. A blank calendar page represents fresh opportunity, but what will we do with it?

Hezekiah was known as a man who received renewed opportunity from the Lord. A godly king, Hezekiah destroyed the idols in Judah (2 Kings 18:4) and trusted God (2 Kings 18:5-6).

When Assyria came knocking on the door threatening to destroy Jerusalem, Hezekiah prayed (2 Kings 19:15-19), and God spared Judah. When Hezekiah fell ill, and God told him that he would not survive, Hezekiah again went to the Lord in earnest prayer, and God extended his life by 15 years (2 Kings 20:1-6).

Two challenges in Hezekiah’s day were overcome by going to God in prayer. The nation now had renewed hope, and Hezekiah especially should have been filled with new enthusiasm for the future after God spared his life.

However, when a third challenge presents itself, Hezekiah seems to display resignation and selfishness. Isaiah reveals to him that Babylon would soon come and take away the wealth of Judah, as well as Hezekiah’s own descendants (2 Kings 20:16-18). Instead of meeting this challenge with more prayer, Hezekiah says, “The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good!” and “Will there not be peace and truth at least in my days?” (2 Kings 20:19). Hezekiah was given new opportunities, but he was content to live with his personal blessings, and gave no prayer for the future generations.

As Christians, we have been cleansed by the blood of Christ, and walk in newness of life. We’ve had our lives extended eternally! But what about the lost around us! What about future generations? Will we be content with our own salvation, and give no thought, prayer, or action for the salvation of others?

What will we do with the new?

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