

### Privileged to Serve

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

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Andy Duncan  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Randy Rives

#### Assisting

Byron Madison \* \* Ralph Hubbard  
 Jacob King \* \* Al St. Clair

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Byron Madison

#### Lord's Supper

Byron Madison \* \* Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

#### Communion Preparation

Month of March .....Angela Duncan

Month of April ..... Kathy St. Clair

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

March 3.....Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

March 10.....Lara King; Katie Agan

#### Wednesday Evening - March 6, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Lamar King

Song Leader..... Tom Fair

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

Sunday Bible Class 25

Sunday Morning Worship 60

Sunday Evening Worship 22

Wednesday Bible Study 21

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,206.00

### Daily Bible Readers

February 24, 2019 \* = % of attending

\* Figures Unavailable



March 3, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAD

Ray Reynolds

Have you ever read the story in Luke 16:19-31? We often debate over whether or not this was a literal account. When we focus on the matters of opinion we often miss the importance of a story, especially this story. I heard a sermon from Steven Guy one time that addressed this question: "If the poor man Lazarus could have raised from the dead, what would he have preached?" Ask yourself that question. If you were Lazarus, what would you preach? I think his sermon would be one of revival! Here are some points that I believe he would make:

**God Is So Good = Paradise Is a Place of Comfort** - We often forget to remember that our God is Good. We need to recognize God's desire for His children (Genesis 1-2), His dedication to His children (John 3:16-17), and His direction for His children (James 1:17).

**God Is So Just = Hades Is a Place of Torment** - There are some great things we can learn about God's nature in this story. The most important characteristic displayed in this story is the justice of God. We can learn a lot about God's justice in the Scriptures. His justice is sure (Hebrews 2:1-3), His justice is patient (II Peter 3:9), His justice is severe (Romans 11:22). This may not seem comforting to you, but it should be.

**God Is So Wronged = The Rich Man** - We often forget about how we have wronged God by our sin and willful rebellion. God has to ask man, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3-4) because we have wandered far from Him. God says, "They have rejected me" (I Samuel 8:7) and we wonder why we feel so abandoned. God asks, "How often would I love and forgive?" (Hosea 1:11) but we think that God's grace is not sufficient. God asks, "Will a man rob God?" (Malachi 3:8) yet we think we can cheat God out of what is rightfully His.

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