

Privileged to Serve

Preaching Tom Fair
 Announcements Bruce Clopton
 Song Leader Andy Duncan
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Tom Fair
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer Mike Cumberland

Evening

Opening Prayer Charles Dooley

Lord's Supper

Byron Madison * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer Rob Warren

Communion Preparation

Month of March Angela Duncan

Month of April Kathy St. Clair

Nursery Attendant; Backup

March 10 Lara King; Katie Agan

March 17 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Wednesday Evening - March 13, 2019

Prayer/Announcements Randy Rives

Song Leader Paul Guy

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 38

Sunday Morning Worship 59

Sunday Evening Worship 27

Wednesday Bible Study 21

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,287.00

Daily Bible Readers

March 3, 2019 * = % of attending

* Figures Unavailable



March 10, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

The Wrong Side of History . . .

Or the Wrong Side of God?

The last twenty to thirty years have seen gigantic shifts in social norms and behavior. Since these changes have taken place at the same time as technological progress, they have been attributed to the intelligent progress of mankind. The message is not subtle, if you do not agree with their views of sexual and moral “freedom,” you are unenlightened (read: ignorant, dumb, stupid). The mantra of these forces can be summed up in this way—“Follow us or you will be found to be on the wrong side of history!” Pronouncement of this phrase amounts to bullying of any and all who disagree.

The interesting part of this bullying tactic is that history has no right or wrong side. History is just the telling of the events that have happened, with the participants being seen as they were. Now, I know that the recorders of history have points of view and prejudice, but pure history contains the record of the past and the reader is left to analyze the results of the actions taken.

Ancient history is replete with the actions of men and women who conquered the “then-known-world.” The Egyptians are prominent in history and their story overshadows that of many nations of their time, but that does not mean that the Egyptians were morally superior to those nations. Likewise, the Assyrians, the greatly-feared conquerors of Old Testament times (see the books of Isaiah and Nahum) were not morally correct—they were blood-thirsty warriors who defeated many nations. History shows them as victors, but the same history, in light of morality, shows them as losers.

We must remember that our battle is not against “flesh and blood” (Ephesians 6: 12). This not only accounts for the non-physical nature of our warfare, but also for the fact that the measurements being used to proclaim victory or defeat are not valid in the sight of God.

Jesus and the first-century Christians lived during the time of the Roman Empire. History has much to say about that civilization, but the morality of the Romans was very low. It was during this time that Jesus said, “Therefore, render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21). It was also the time in which Peter said, “We must obey God rather than man” (Acts 5:29). All the bullying in the world does not make the cause right.

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