

### Privileged to Serve

Guest Speaker.....Ray Reynolds  
 Announcements/Prayer.....Randy Rives  
 Song Leader.....Andy Duncan  
 Attendance.....Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer.....Ralph Hubbard  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Charles Dooley

#### Assisting

Dwight Callens \* \* Lamar King  
 Lloyd Smith \* \* Jared Agan

Closing Prayer.....Dick Vinson

#### Evening

Opening Prayer.....Lamar King

#### Lord's Supper

Dwight Callens \* \* Lamar King

Closing Prayer.....Rob Warren

#### Communion Preparation

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

Month of May.....King Family

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

April 28.....Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

May 5.....Lara King; Katie Agan

#### Wednesday Evening - May 1, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Terry Dyer

Song Leader.....Randy Rives

Devotional.....Rob Warren

### 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 16

Sunday Morning Worship 54

Sunday Evening Worship \*

Wednesday Bible Study 20

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,033.00

### Daily Bible Readers

April 21, 2019 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



April 28, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

## A Message to Senior Class of 2019 - What Is Your Identity?

In the world we live in today identity theft is a chronic problem. We are often the victims of cruel or negligent data breaches that steal our identity. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live your life with a false identity? That's what happened to Francisco Madariaga Quintela. Over 40 years ago his mother Sylvia was kidnapped by Argentine security forces. Her husband Abel last saw his pregnant wife being pushed into a Ford Falcon by army officers dressed as civilians as she walked to catch a train on January 17, 1977.

Sylvia was placed in one of the most notorious torture centers near Buenos Aires—Campo del Mayo. Surviving prisoners later revealed that the baby was taken away after birth and Sylvia disappeared in a short time. The baby was taken by a military intelligence officer and adopted as Alejandro Ramiro Gallo. The adoptive father was eventually put in prison for murder. When he was older, Alejandro's adoptive mother told him the truth about himself.

In the meantime his real father Abel had joined a group called *The Grandmothers of the Plaza del Mayo*—a group formed to help return children who had disappeared during the late '70's to their parents. One day Alejandro went to the group. After DNA testing a match was found and a meeting with his father—Abel—was arranged. Alejandro, after learning his real name was Francisco Madariaga Quintela, said, "For the first time, I know who I was. Who I am. . . Never again will I use this name. . . To have your identity is the most beautiful thing there is."

Maybe you need to know your identity. Who are you? Really? A strong sense of identity can take you through the toughest tests. It did for Jesus. Just after his baptism where his lineage was stamped with these words, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased," Jesus endured tests in the wilderness. Satan attacked his identity three times with the phrase, "If you are the Son of God . . ." Jesus knew who He was and He changed the world so that you can know who you are and have your world changed by your faith in Him.

During a news conference where Abel Madariaga told his story, we are told "his chest heaved" as he presented his own son to the world. Like a proud papa, God has presented His one and only Son to the world. He wants you to believe in him so that he can, with "chest heaving full of joy," present you as His child too. When Satan attacks you can stand firm. You can know that God will be right there beside you. Just as the Father declared He was pleased with Jesus, He will declare the same for you. You are His precious, chosen child.

My prayer is that God will bless our seniors here at Meridian. It has been a blessing to watch you grow up. Now it is time to discover your own identity. May God bless you and your future!

✠ Ray Reynolds ✠

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