

Privileged to Serve

SpeakerRay Reynolds
 Announcements/Prayer.....Terry Dyer
 Song Leader..... Andy Duncan
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Randy Rives
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Dwight Callens

Assisting

Charles Dooley * * Ralph Hubbard
 Jacob King * * Byron Madison

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Evening

Opening Prayer Ralph Hubbard

Lord's Supper

Charles Dooley * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer..... Tom Fair

Communion Preparation

Month of August.....Linda Bullock

Month of September De'Lena Rushing

Nursery Attendant; Backup

August 4 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

August 11 Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening – August 7, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Terry Dyer

Song Leader..... Tom Fair

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 32

Sunday Morning Worship 19

Sunday Evening Worship 19

Wednesday Bible Study 25

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,173.00

Daily Bible Readers

July 28, 2019 * = % of attending

* Figures Unavailable



August 4, 2019 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!
The Saving Power of the Holy Spirit

Without the Holy Spirit of God, and the conviction He provides man through the Word of God, conversion is unlikely. Consider the story of the rich man and Lazarus in **Luke 16**. The statement Abraham makes to the rich man, after he begged Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to his family, is very telling. *"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'* (**Luke 16:27-31**)

What a story! Some of us might read this text and think of how sad it must've been for the rich man. However, Abraham does not leave him without hope. That's right... there is hope beyond the grave for lost. They have no hope, but there is hope for their loved ones still on the earth. Abraham reminds the rich man that his relatives still have the Holy Scriptures. When we read passages like **Romans 1:16, 10:14-17**, we become aware of the fact that without the Word of God, there is no gospel. Read **Psalms 119** and see all the benefits of the Word of God. It shows us the way! And, its Author must be commended (**II Timothy 3:16-17**).

There is no doubt that salvation depends upon faith in Christ and the steps taken to obtain salvation (read the conversions in Acts). We also know that righteousness is available only through Christ and judgment comes on those outside of Christ (read Ephesians). But how can people hear the gospel, or believe in the gospel, and avoid the judgment without the Word of God? God has revealed Himself to the entire world through His mighty works, but His word tells us what we need to do be saved!

Paul said, *"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"* But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, *"Lord, who has believed our report?"* So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (**Romans 10:14-17**). *~continued inside~*

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