

### Privileged to Serve

Speaker .... Robert Martin,am; Will Geter,pm  
 Announcements/Prayer..... Terry Dyer  
 Song Leader ..... Andy Duncan  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Randy Rives  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Byron Madison

#### Assisting

Al St. Clair \* \* Lloyd Smith

Jared Agan \* \* Lamar King

Closing Prayer..... Stan Raley

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Joshua Rushing

#### Lord's Supper

Al St. Clair \* \* Lloyd Smith

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

#### Communion Preparation

Month of December ..... Sara Dooley

Month of January.....Brandie Madison

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

December 8 .Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

December 15 .....Lara King; Katie Agan

#### Wednesday Evening - December 11, 2019

Prayer/Announcements..... Randy Rives

Song Leader ..... Andy Duncan

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 32

Sunday Morning Worship 61

Sunday Evening Worship \*

Wednesday Bible Study 24

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,018.00

### Daily Bible Readers

December 1, 2019 \* = % of attending

\* Figures Unavailable



December 8, 2019 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!  
**An Overwhelming Need**

It was the day after Thanksgiving (aka, “Black Friday”), and I was channel-surfing, looking for something interesting along the lines of sports news. Although it was not necessarily my favorite, I stopped on a talk show that featured three men sitting behind microphones. One of the guys was the guest-host for the day and was taking the lead in discussions. Over a period of thirty to forty-five minutes I listened for a while, and then changed the channel. However, during the time I was listening, there were two or three times that this host brought up a subject that really struck me as unusual.

Before I share the subject, I must say that this young man appeared to be a rather brash and outspoken person. His dress and overall appearance seemed to bolster this impression. Thus, when he brought up the subject of this article, I was quite surprised. And, when he repeatedly emphasized it, I was dumbstruck.

Now to the subject—As the three men were talking sports, this young man paused and told everyone to remember the day—Black Friday—and be extra kind to people. He emphasized the reputation of the day and alluded to the unkind things that have been done in the course of people’s rush for bargains. Later in the program, he mentioned it again. This time he talked about being kind to people because just about everyone you meet is dealing with some type of serious problem. He went on to say that we can make a difference and help by just being kind in this season when life can be emotionally difficult.

Although the program continued for another hour or two, I had to get on with my day, and so I turned it off. However, I kept thinking back to the young man and his repeated pleas for kindness, and his emphasis of the overwhelming need to be kind to other people. Even though my impression of the young host of the program had not been great previously, I now look at him in a different way. I also wonder how much influence he had on his other listeners.

As I think back to that day, I smile as I think about how much the host sounded like a preacher in emphasizing kindness. As far as I know, he never mentioned the Bible, but his talking points were ones that Christ preached and practiced throughout his short life upon this earth. Kindness and respect toward others (Matthew 7:12) are foundational characteristics for anyone who would follow in his steps (1 Corinthians 11:1), and are overwhelmingly needed in our present age (Romans 12:1).

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