

Privileged to Serve

Speaker Andy Duncan
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Jacob King
 Lord's Supper

- * Randy Rives
- * Lamar King
- Ralph Hubbard
- Jared Agan

Closing Prayer..... Jack Mears

Evening

Opening Prayer Byron Madison
 Lord's Supper

- * Randy Rives
- * Lamar King

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Communion Preparation

Month of April Kathy St. Clair
 Month of May..... Linda Collie

Nursery Attendant; Backup

April 12 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
 April 19 Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening - April 15, 2020

Prayer/Announcements..... Byron Madison
 Song Leader..... Randy Rives
 Devotional..... Lamar King

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	cancelled
Sunday Morning Worship	3
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	44
Sunday Evening Worship	cancelled
Wednesday Bible Study	cancelled

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,840.00

Daily Bible Readers

April 5, 2020 * = *% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



April 12, 2020

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

Better Living

I receive catalogs and advertisements for an online learning site. I have listened to lectures from that company and was very pleased with the quality of learning that was available. I may buy a course or two more in the future, but I have no plans at this time. However, that does not keep the company from flooding my email inbox with special sales and announcements about new courses.

Recently I received a “flash” sale notice that a group of 176 courses would be on sale for two days only. The courses dealt with things like exercise, meditation, wine-tasting, beer-making, guitar lessons—things that the distributors of the course thought would appeal to their customers. As I went through the listing of available courses, I was disappointed to see that none of the courses involved the Bible—with the exception being a bundled offering of two courses on learning the languages of the Bible, Hebrew and Greek. Of course, other than basic Bible instruction in content, their regular (non-sale) offerings of biblical material are tainted with error from the teachers who teach their courses. So, it is just as well that their sale did not include those courses.

However, the sale did get me to thinking about better living and how the Bible does indeed help us live a better life. For example, the purpose of the book of Proverbs is, “to know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction is wise dealing, in righteousness, justice and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—...” (Proverbs 1:2-4). The proverbs would equip the reader with the skills to live a godly life that would be successful in navigating the difficult aspects of it. Happiness is not guaranteed, but one’s life will be made better by reading and following.

In commanding children to obey their parents, the Bible adds, “(this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land” (Ephesians 6:2, 3). This not to say that a obedient person will not die young, but that the commandment, if followed will not lead to a premature death because of rebelliousness.

The topic of exercise is actually mentioned by Paul in his first letter to Timothy: “for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come” (1 Timothy 4:8).

Finally, Peter reveals the results of pursuing a godly life: “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against them who do evil.”

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