

### Privileged to Serve

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

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... TBA  
 Lord's Supper

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

Closing Prayer..... TBA

#### Evening

Opening Prayer ..... Cancelled  
 Lord's Supper

- \* Randy Rives
- \* Lamar King

Closing Prayer..... Cancelled

#### Communion Preparation

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

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

April 26 ..... Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison  
 May 3 ..... Lara King; Katie Agan

#### Wednesday Evening - April 29, 2020

Prayer/Announcements..... Cancelled  
 Song Leader..... Cancelled  
 Devotional..... Cancelled

### 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	4
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	60
Sunday Evening Worship	cancelled
Wednesday Bible Study	cancelled

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,785.00

### Daily Bible Readers

April 19, 2020 \* = \*% of attending  
 \*Figures Unavailable



April 26, 2020 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

## The Times Are Never Certain

A phrase that has become familiar in the last several weeks is: "These uncertain times in which we live." Now, I know the routines to which we had become accustomed were lulling us into an illusion of certainty. I also the tendency of human nature (my nature) to expect things to continue in the pattern to which we have become accustomed for years. The steady climb of the stock market, the recent availability of jobs and the apparent control over most diseases, had brought American society to a feeling of smugness and confidence, if not invincibility. No wonder then, at the sense of shock and despair people felt when those things that had appeared to be certain, no longer were.

However, you only need to interview a few people to understand that, as certain as things may seem, there have always been many exceptions to the "rule." Ask the man running on the treadmill for cardiac rehab whether his life direction included the heart attack and bypass surgery he just had. Ask the woman, as she slowly walks out of the physician's office, where she has just heard the news that she has stage-4 cancer. Ask the family sitting in the funeral home, planning a funeral for a child they thought they would be watching graduate from high school. Ask the person lying in the hospital bed because of a bullet that was fired from the gun of an angry coworker or classmate. Ask the person who just lost their job (maybe their small business) because of the threat of a virus so small one has to have a microscope to see it—Ask them if life is certain. I am guessing that their answers will sound very much like, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for who you do not know what a day may bring (Proverbs 27:1).

Now, my point is not to be morbidly pessimistic, but to encourage us all to realize that "the times" have always been, and until this world ends, always will be uncertain. As James wrote, "yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes" (James 4:14).

As fragile human beings, easily affected by disease, accidents and other misfortunes, it behooves us to place our lives in the care of One who is "the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). As the old hymn says, "Time is filled with swift transition—Naught of earth unmoved shall stand—Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God's unchanging hand." (lyrics by Jenny Wilson)

If we are going to use the phrase with which we began, we should say, "In these uncertain times, we must hold to the One who is certain."

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