

Privileged to Serve

Speaker Live Stream To Be Announced
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song Leader..... TBA
 Attendance.....Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening PrayerByron Madison
 Lord's Supper

- * Dwight Callens
- * Lloyd Smith
- Dick Vinson
- Jacob King

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Evening

Opening PrayerByron Madison
 Lord's Supper

- * Dwight Callens
- * Lloyd Smith

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Communion Preparation

Month of May.....Linda Collie
 Month of June Rachel Wilkerson

Nursery Attendant; Backup

May 3Lara King; Katie Agan
 May 10 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Wednesday Evening - May 6, 2020

Prayer/Announcements.....Byron Madison
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair
 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) 681-8298

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	cancelled
Sunday Morning Worship	4
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	49
Sunday Evening Worship	cancelled
Wednesday Bible Study	cancelled

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,790.00

Daily Bible Readers

April 26, 2020 * = *% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



May 3, 2020

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

The Conversion of Paul

By Ron Boatwright

In the book of Acts we have the account of the conversion of the apostle Paul. In Acts chapter 9, Paul is traveling on the road up to Damascus to persecute Christians. The Lord appears to Paul on the road and strikes him blind. In verse 6 Paul asks, "Lord what do you want me to do? Then the Lord said to him, Arise and go into the city, and you will be told **what you must do.**" The Lord did not tell Paul **what he must do**, but that someone in the city would tell him "**what you must do**".

Let's see now what Paul was **told what he must do**. In Acts chapter 22, a man named Ananias, came to Paul, taught him, and told him in Acts 22:16, "And now why are you waiting? Arise, and **be baptized and wash away your sins**, calling on the name of the Lord." Paul was not saved three days earlier while on the road to Damascus, as some people would like for us to believe. Paul up to this point was still lost, because he still had all his sins that needed to be washed away. Paul still had a sin problem. Obedience to the Lord's command to be baptized was necessary to wash away Paul's sins.

Paul was not told "to pray the sinners prayer and ask Jesus to come into his heart in order to be saved" as many falsely teach today. This is completely foreign to the scriptures. Forgiveness occurs in the mind of God and not on the basis of man's feeling in his heart. Only when we have done what **God** has said **that we MUST do**, will God forgive our sins. Man cannot devise his own plan as to how his sins are to be forgiven. Our sins have to be washed away in baptism, just as Paul's sins were. To be baptized for any reason other than for the remission of sins so one can be saved is to reject Christ. A person who has not been baptized for the purpose of having his sins washed away still has all of his sins and is still lost.

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