

Privileged to Serve

Speaker TBA
 Announcements/Prayer..... TBA
 Song Leader..... TBA
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer TBA
 Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer.....

Evening

Opening Prayer
 Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer.....

Communion Preparation

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

Nursery Attendant; Backup

May 17 Angela Duncan; Lara King
 May 24Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

Wednesday Evening – May 20, 2020

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

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	54
Sunday Evening Worship	cancelled
Wednesday Bible Study	cancelled

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,615.00

Daily Bible Readers

May 10, 2020 * = *% of attending
 *Figures Unavailable



May 17, 2020

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

Loyal to the Mission

What is the Christian mission? When you visit many congregations' websites, you see a mission statement. These mission statements are to show that the congregation has a vision, most often based around bringing people to Jesus. When you visit our website, you see that our mission is focused around saving souls and building up Christ's body. To me, our Christian mission is three-fold: to love God, to serve God, and to seek the lost.

It is the duty of each Christian to remain unequivocally loyal to that mission through the entirety of the Christian journey. One of the greatest examples of this mission coming to fruition is seen in Daniel 3-4. In this book, we are introduced to the most powerful man in all the world at the time, King Nebuchadnezzar. In chapter 3, we see the king's arrogance in that he had a golden image of himself created and forced all people under his authority to bow down and worship him. This, of course, went fundamentally against everything a follower of God believed. In a great showing of loyalty to the mission and to God, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down. After their constant denial, Nebuchadnezzar decided to throw them into a fiery furnace. The men, in a great showing of faith, said to the king in Daniel 3:17-18, "If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

These three men provide an amazing example of what it looks like to have unwavering loyalty to God's mission. They could have saved their own lives by simply bowing down to the king, but out of ultimate respect for God, they stood. They were willing to risk their lives because of their love for God and their service to His cause. And ultimately, we see the fruits of their labor. When God delivered the men from the furnace, Nebuchadnezzar finally saw God for who He was, the Almighty, and praised Him.

It is my prayer that we, like these men, remain loyal to our Christian mission. It was because of the servants' loyalty to the mission that the most powerful man in the world saw the Almighty's true power.

Here is my challenge: Remain loyal to the mission and watch the way God can work in this world. God loves you, and so do I.

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