

Privileged to Serve

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

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer
 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 24Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
 May 31Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening - May 27, 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	50
Sunday Evening Worship	cancelled
Wednesday Bible Study	cancelled

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,765.00

Daily Bible Readers

May 17, 2020 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



May 24, 2020 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

Nostalgia, Reconnecting & Forgiveness

One of the interesting, yet logical (when you ponder it) phenomena surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic is that of people longing to connect with people from their past. In many cases, they have done so by social media, phone calls, or by written correspondence. The persons involved may have been parents and children, ex-husbands and wives, or friends who had drifted apart.

Some of them have spent much of the quarantine time with each other— have met one another for a “social distance” visit in a backyard or park, talked on the phone, texted, or chatted on Facebook. Some relationships have been renewed that appear to be permanently repaired.

The process begins with an escape from the bad news of the current pandemic—maybe the sickness or death of someone we know. We think about the “old days” and wonder, “Whatever happened to so-and-so?” Or, maybe when an article details the death of someone who cannot be with family or friends because of their condition in an ICU, we are startled into thinking about relationships that could, and maybe should be still active. Maybe we begin to miss a friendship and wonder if that relationship can be renewed. Once the remembrance has begun, a search is made for a mailing address, phone number, or email address. Then, it is not too long past the obtaining of such information that a message is formed in the mind and the “water is tested,”—it is sent. Maybe the reconnecting begins immediately, with the relationship “picking up where it left off.” Or, maybe it took a while for the friends, or family to get used to one another again. Then, there is the possibility of a problem that halted the friendship in the first place—maybe a lie or betrayal, but “something.” If that was the case, additional steps must be taken. The problem must be addressed by both parties, and in order for the relationship to resume, forgiveness must take place, possibly on both sides. A neglected, but beautiful word is “reconcile”—to make friends again.

I recall at least two stories in the Bible where reconciliation took place after the passing of years. One involved the real-life situation of brothers, whose troubles began with favoritism by parents, but ended years later with an embrace in a field (Genesis 33:4-11). The other story was a parable told by our Lord, of a father and son—separated by a foolish choice, but reconnected by forgiveness (Luke 15:11-32).

Maybe you have your own story—and maybe it is time to reconnect..

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