

Privileged to Serve

Speaker TBA
 Announcements/Prayer.....
 Song Leader.....
 Attendance.....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 June Rachel Wilkerson
 Month of July.....NEED VOLUNTEER

Nursery Attendant; Backup

June 7 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
 June 14 Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening – June 10, 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) 681-8298

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	26
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	46
Sunday Evening Worship	12
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	29
Wednesday Bible Study	*

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 3,892.00

*Figures Unavailable



June 7, 2020

Meridian Messenger Welcome Visitors!

When We Come Back: Hospitality

*During this time of COVID-19 lockdowns we have a unique opportunity to refocus and learn what's really important. When the world gets back to a sense of normalcy, hopefully we'll all be looking to make some changes as a result of those lessons. Hospitality and the fellowship it brings are two things I hope we'll re-emphasize when we return. With that in mind, here's an excerpt from our new book, **Church Reset**.*

We live in an era where the house is totally closed off to the outside world. It is our escape, our sanctuary. All you have to do is contrast the design of houses built today and houses built 50 years ago. Not only do we not have front porches anymore, but the design has gone in the opposite direction. We live in fortresses where the living areas are being built downstairs or to the back of the house, walling us off from the world outside our front door. We then retreat inside these fortresses and connect with the outside world through social media, a terribly fake substitute for real life interaction. To love one another as Christ loved and to take the church outside of the building we're going to have to tear down those walls (um, metaphorically, of course).

It's not just that "be hospitable to one another" is a command (1 Peter 4:9), but it's also one of the ways we're expected to be devoted to one another in honor (Romans 12:10-13). It's so important to God that He doesn't want men to rise to leadership positions in the church if this practice isn't part of their lives (1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8). Why is it so important?

Because, when it comes to helping people grow in Christ, the kitchen table can be just as effective as the pulpit—possibly even more. It's in the informal setting of the home that we can share questions, help people learn at their own level and pace, and pray specific prayers together. It's where Jesus did much of His teaching. It's where discipleship has a chance to take off. And, it's a fantastic tool for evangelism. It gives us the opportunity to introduce people to the church as Jesus' people rather than as an organization for them to either like or dislike.

However, a few concerns arise whenever this topic is discussed.

"My house is never clean enough to have people over," some have said. It doesn't matter if your house is sparkling clean or if you're having one of those weeks where the laundry and dishes just won't ever end. Letting people in our imperfect houses is actually a great metaphor for how church life should work. We're letting each other see that our lives aren't ... ~continued inside~

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