

Privileged to Serve

Speaker Tom Fair
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song Leader..... Andy Duncan
 Attendance.....Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer TBA
 Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer..... TBA

Evening

Opening Prayer TBA
 Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer..... TBA

Communion Preparation

Month of June Rachel Wilkerson
 Month of July..... NEED VOLUNTEER

Nursery Attendant; Backup

June 21Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
 June 28Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening – June 24, 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 In-House	35
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	32
Sunday Evening Worship In-House	13
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	17
Wednesday Bible Study	*

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,440.00

*Figures Unavailable



June 21, 2020

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

Turn Away For A While

There was no one with a greater and more pressing sense of urgency than Jesus. He was born at just the right time (Galatians 4:4) and even at a very young age, was aware of his purpose in life (Luke 2:49). As he moved through his life, he was very aware of the flow toward a definite time of accomplishment (John 2:4; 12:27; 17:1; 19:30). Throughout the period of ministry that we understand to be approximately three and a half years, Jesus was a man truly on a mission (John 4:34; 9:4).

However, in his brief, yet fruitful life of thirty-three years, there was also a sense of the need for pace and deliberation. The book of Mark mentions his early morning retreat to a quiet place for prayer (Mark 1:35). It is also in the book of Mark that we find a statement made by Jesus that applied both to his apostles and to himself. The apostles had been commissioned for evangelism within the nation of Israel and were returning from their labors. Jesus had suffered the loss of his loyal friend and ally, John the Baptist. The apostles needed the pause for reflection following work which would mingle acceptance and rejection of their message; their master needed the quietness of repose to reflect on the loss of a friend and the disappointments that are part of human life.

So he said, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). In that statement Jesus gave us both an example and approval of appropriate pause for rest in life.—for turning away from the fast pace and taking a break. Ironically, on this occasion, their intended retreat was cut short, if not completely preempted (Mark 6:33-35). However, there is evidence that Jesus and his apostles took regular breaks and refreshed their spirits (Mark 1:35; John 18:1, 2).

Therefore, it is not without scriptural precedent that we see the need to take breaks every once in a while, even in the midst of good work. It is also very clear that the circumstances of the year 2020 have been pressing upon most people. The constant threat of COVID-19 and the noise of social unrest bear down upon the minds and spirits of us all. The unrelenting news coverage and opinion-giving on television, in print, and on social media are clearly reasons for a Christian to physically pause and take a break. Whether it is individually or as a family, take the time to take a break. Turn off the television, the computer, tablets, and at least, minimize the use of your phone.

“For continued effectiveness, every worker must now and then stop and take a breath and relax a little.” (*The Gospel of Mark, An Expositional Commentary*, D. Edmund Hiebert) Amen!

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